

# St. Michael Swords News

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## ***Catholic Schools Week***

Thank you to everyone who helped make Catholic Schools Week a great success!

### ***In Our Parish***

Thank you to our greeters, readers, and offertory participants at Saturday's mass. Thank you especially to all of the students who led the closing song. It was beautiful! The students also drew St. Michael for the prayer card that was given out at the mass. We will be sure to send each child's card home with them next week for you to have as a keepsake. Thank you to Mrs. Sandra Muras for putting the 300+ prayer cards together.

Thank you to the teachers and students for helping prepare for the Open House. We had a few alumni and parishioners come on Sunday following the masses.

Thank you also to all of you who came and helped at the Chicken Strip Dinner and to Kay Cantu for chairing the event.

### ***In Our Community***

Thank you to the HSA for sponsoring the Muffins for Moms on Monday.

The classes braved the chilly weather to go to local businesses to thank them for their support throughout the year. Several of our classes appeared on the business's websites.

Thank you to Deacon Luke Prihoda who spoke to all of the classes about vocations, particularly his calling to the priesthood. Deacon Luke will be ordained on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Family Rosary is a beautiful reminder of our connectedness through God, our Father, and Mary, our Mother. If you haven't seen it yet, it's on display in our cafeteria. Thank you to Mrs. Kristen Janecka for organizing this.

### ***In our Students***

Students traveled to various classrooms to read to younger students. Arts for Rural Texas presented singer-songwriter Joe McDermott for an entertaining sing-along that morning. In the afternoon, students gathered in the gym to play board games together. Thank you to Mrs. Sherry Pietsch for organizing the refreshments afterwards. The Potluck Supper was postponed due to the inclement weather and will be rescheduled.



*to be friendly, respectful, responsible  
and Christ-like*

### ***In Our Nation***

Students wrote letters to local, state, and national political leaders telling them about St. Michael Catholic School. In the afternoon, we gathered for a living patriotic rosary to pray for our nation. Thank you to Mrs. Sandra Muras for organizing this and to the fifth graders for leading the rosary.

### ***In Our Vocations***

Thank you to the HSA for sponsoring the Donuts for Dads on Thursday.

The eighth graders presented the Wax Museum Saints to the classes. Students also danced with the saints throughout the day. Grades 1-8 gathered in the afternoon for bingo while the early childhood had fun with a Bounce House.

### ***In Our Faculty and Volunteers***

Thank you to Le Petite Gourmet, Elizabeth Prichard-Jones, Rita Srubar, and Bryan Janak for presenting life skills classes in cooking, sewing, planting, and home repairs to the students.

Thank you also to the HSA for sponsoring lunch for the teachers.

**Please remember that we have early dismissal tomorrow, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### ***In Our Alumni***

All SMCS alumni will be recognized at the 5:30 mass this Saturday at St. Michael Church. The school will be open after mass for those who want to visit.

***There are so many of you to thank for helping us  
prepare for Catholic Schools Week  
and our accreditation visit next week.***

***Thank you also to those who helped in any way  
during Catholic Schools Week.***

***You are truly an inspiration and a  
model of service for your children  
and for all of us.***

***May God bless you!***

## **HSA Corner 2/2**

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our chicken strip dinner such a success! Final fundraising totals will be sent out within the next few weeks.

**Boozy Bingo** - sign-up genius will go out tonight. Tickets are due next Friday, February 10! While last minute ticket sales are available at the door, selling credits to families will only be given to tickets sold and turned in by next Friday. Our annual **SMCS Track Meet** will be held on Saturday, March 4. Sign-up genius will go out next Wednesday, February 8.

### ***February Birthdays***

Happy birthday to those celebrating a birthday in February:

- 5 – Aiden Prichard-Jones
- 8 – Steven Herzik
- 9 – Layne Schimcek
- 10 – Mrs. Stephanie Love
- 11 – Owen Hubenak
- 12 – Parker Helmcamp
- 14 – Isabelle Marek
- 16 – Trey Silcox
- 17 – Andie Melnar
- 19 – Kennedy Vanicek
- 20 – Evlynn Ulrich
- 22 – Mrs. Brandy Janak
- 25 – Lillie Herzik
- 28 – Macie Davis

### ***Academic Fair***

Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville is hosting an Academic Fair for students in grades 1-8 on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Students have already participated in Creative Writing or Ready Writing. Students in grades 2-8 will also participate in Written Spelling and Written Math. Students in grades 5-8 will also participate in Religion, Number Sense, Science, Social Studies, and Dictionary Skills. A schedule of contests was sent home previously. The first contest begins at 2:45. Concessions will be on sale benefitting the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund. Ribbons will be brought to the school and distributed the following week.

***Thank you to Bob and Rita Srubar for fixing the borders around the skirting on the Pre-K building. Thank you also to Heller Materials for donating the topsoil for this project.***

## ***Progress Reports***

Progress Reports are being sent home Tuesday. Please ask your child for them. Please sign them and return them to school Wednesday.

Our January Renaissance STAR test results are also going home Tuesday. You may keep these results.

### ***ACRE Testing***

Students in grades 5 and 8 will be given the ACRE assessment on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This national standardized test measures religious knowledge and attitude. The test will be given in their religion classes.

***We do not have parties for Valentines's Day, although some grades exchange valentines. Please check with your child's teacher.***

### ***Altar Servers***

Altar servers on Friday are Carson Klam, Dawson Brandt, Andie Melnar, and Kortlyn Jahn.

Altar servers on Saturday are Olivia Elstner, Emily Wied, and Tucker Janak.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are Frank Janecka, Chloe Brandt, and Gage Kainer.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are Hunter Shupak, Brandt Kahanek, and Layne Schimcek.

***Friday is the Feast of St. Blaise!  
Fr. Wayne will bless our throats following the mass on Friday.***

### ***Save the Date!***

Our Parent Ambassador Committee (PAC) is preparing for another special event to kick-off our early registration this year. Registration discounts for the 2023 – 2024 school year will apply for those who register on February 28, 2023.

Our theme this year is "Discovery Day - Sail Away with St. Michael: Discover the Treasures!"

### ***Turtle Wing Day***

An order form for a t-shirt from the Turtle Wing Foundation was sent home previously. These shirts may be worn to school on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to order was this past Wednesday. However, due to the weather, they will not be picked up until Friday. Please make checks payable to Turtle Wing Foundation.