

St. Michael Swords News

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Sail Away With St. Michael

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be held March 1st – March 31st. To help get registration started, our Parent Ambassador Committee (PAC) is presenting our annual *Discovery Day* as a registration kick-off event. Our theme this year is *Sail Away With St. Michael: Discover Our Treasure!* There will be pirates, parrots, and treasure galore!

Families with children new to our school are invited to bring their Pre-Kindergarten aged child from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. to spend time with the current classes and their teachers. Then, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., *Discovery Day* continues for ALL of our families, current and prospective, from PreK 3 through 8th grade with our *Treasure Hunt*. Informational sessions will be held on various topics including our religious education program, academics and curriculum, athletics and extracurricular, and more. No matter what grade your child is in, this is a chance to learn more about our school program. The Pre-K and Kindergarten will be open and there will be a craft center set up for children to create while parents register. H.S.A. officers will be available to explain the point system and accept H.S.A. fees. Of course, there will be refreshments for everyone. Once you have visited all of the sessions, registration will be set up in the library. **Everyone who registers that evening will receive a 10% discount on your \$225 per child registration fee! In addition, everyone who registers and completes all sessions will be in a drawing for \$200 applied to your 2023 – 2024 tuition.**

Registration paperwork is being sent home today to give you time to fill it out before you come on February 28, 2023. **If you know of someone new to our school and need a registration packet for them, please let us know. If you refer a new family to our school, and that family remains for the entire year, you receive a \$100 discount to your May 2024 tuition.**

PSIA District Meet

St. Michael Catholic School will participate in the PSIA District Meet at Cross Lutheran School in New Braunfels, this Saturday, February 25th. Students will participate in several events. Those placing first in their event qualify for the PSIA State Meet held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on May 6th. Thank you to those teachers and parents who have volunteered to help grade or judge that day. Graders, judges, and Contest Directors or Assistants: Be sure to check in at the Tab Room as soon as you get there so they know you have arrived. You will be sent information tomorrow for the contest you are helping with. You will also receive your child's updated schedule. Ms. Roeder is waiting for Cross Lutheran to update all their information. Cross Lutheran is located at 2171 E. Common St, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Parents, take your students to the school cafeteria/gym to wait for the events. Students will be taken to their contests from there. Good luck to all of our participants!

HSA Corner 2/23

Chicken Strip Dinner – final totals are in, and our profit from the dinner was \$10,353.04. Thank you to everyone for making it a successful event!

SMCS Track Meet – is next Saturday. We still have a few shifts left, as well as junior high student service hour shifts.

Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser - all orders are due Thursday, March 9th. Please turn in your paper form, even if you don't sell anything, so we know there are no orders. All online orders count as well, so share the link and our school fundraiser ID# 409092 on social media!

The last Safe Environment class for this school year is tonight, February 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. Call the school office to register.

First Sunday of Lent

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent get us thinking about sin and temptation. The first reading recounts the story of how Adam and Eve turned away from God. The psalm is a repentant appeal to the goodness of God. The second reading reminds us that even though we are sinners, we are saved through the obedience of Jesus Christ. And the gospel tells us how Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and resisted the temptations of Satan.

The temptations in the desert can be considered in different ways. Some have offered that they represent the temptations of thinking that we will never want (bread), we will never suffer (the angels will rescue you), and we will control our destiny (we can gain what we desire).

The remedy is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving frees us to give away our goods, trusting that God will provide for our needs. Fasting unites our suffering with the suffering of others. And prayer helps us place our destiny in God's hands.

The 1st Sunday of Lent is also a good time to remember that we have some superheroes called saints on our side. We can ask them to pray for us when we feel like giving into temptation.

Altar Servers

Altar servers on Saturday are Heston Pesak, Layne Schimcek, and Gage Kainer.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are Frank Janecka, Tucker Janak, and Cade Wessels.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are Dawson Brandt, Chloe Brandt, and a CCD student.

Please remember to find a replacement if you are not able to serve.

I apologize for last week's mix-up. I believe I have it correct this time.

The eighth graders will lead us in the Stations of the Cross this Friday at 2:40. Everyone is invited to join us for this Lenten devotional.

SMCS students received Rice Bowls yesterday to help collect their almsgiving during the forty days of Lent. These are not due until after Easter. The money collected is sent to our diocese which then distributes it to Catholic Relief Services locally, nationally, and internationally.

SMCS is participating in the Sacred Heart track meet on Monday, February 27th.

Bishop's Award

Eighth graders are reminded that service hours and the Personal Profile required for the Bishop's Award are due Wednesday, March 1st.

Washington Trip 2025

Even though this year's seventh and eighth graders are counting down the days for this year's trip, it's time for the current fifth and sixth graders to start preparing for their 2025 trip. The initial meeting for this group of parents will be on Tuesday, March 7th, at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Michael Family Center Cafeteria. If you are unable to attend but intend to go on the trip, please let Ms. Roeder know.

Our junior high students will be demonstrating their scientific expertise on Science Night, Thursday, March 9th, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in our gym. Everyone is invited.

Bishop Brendan Cahill will celebrate mass for our students on Friday, March 10th. He will then visit with our students throughout the day.

We will have early dismissal on Friday, March 3rd, for our monthly faculty meeting. There will be no after-school care that day.

Wednesday, March 8th, is the end of this third nine-week grading period. Report cards will go home March 10th.

The March calendar, menu, and payment form are being sent home today.