

St. Michael Swords News

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

Mother Seton Award

St. Michael Catholic School is pleased to honor Mrs. Cathy Divin as this year's Mother Seton Award recipient. Cathy was a teacher at SMCS for 23 years during which time she taught the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. She has made our school part of her family tradition as two of her grandchildren currently attend. Cathy helped initiate the youth ministry program for St. Michael parish and volunteers her time as a substitute teacher at the school. She has also helped with CCD, is a member of the Catholic Daughters, and is an ACTS team member and volunteer. She is a long-time cantor at St. Michael Church and helps direct song leaders for St. Michael School masses and Stations of the Cross. Her love for music was inspired by former principal, Sr. Laura Toman, who encouraged her to "Keep the music going!" Cathy's spirit for volunteerism is based on her mother's favorite hymn, "All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you!" Thank you, Cathy, for all you do for St. Michael School and our Catholic community!

Teacher and Staff Incentives

The SMCS School Advisory Council has approved tuition discounts for teachers and staff members of SMCS for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Full-time teachers will receive 25% off the year's tuition for their children. Part-time teachers and all staff will receive 15 % off the year's tuition.

PSIA State Meet

Good luck to the students qualifying for the PSIA State Meet this Saturday: Beau Anders, Patrick Baggerly, Chloe Brandt, Kortlyn Jahn, Gage Kainer, Emma Koeth, Dayson Mace, and Andie Melnar. Congratulations on all your hard work! We are proud of all of you!

***Friday, May 5th, is NOT
an Early Dismissal Day.***

After-school care will be available.

***Our annual band concert will be held on
Monday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the
Family Center Gym.***

***Tuesday, May 9th is a free dress day for
those celebrating a birthday in June.***

***Fifth grade students have Ag Safety Day at the
Colorado County Fairgrounds on
Wednesday, May 10th.***

***The eighth graders will receive the Bishop's Award
on Thursday, May 11th, at Our Lady of Victory
Cathedral beginning at 7:00 p.m.***

May Crowning

Our annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held next week, **Friday, May 12th**. Eighth graders and first graders will do the actual crowning. However, all students are asked to **bring live flowers** to present in the procession.

***The last day for AR testing is
Friday, May 12th.***

HSA Corner 5/4/23

Spring HSA Selling and Working Points will be updated by the end of this week. Please check your Google Sheet to see if you are missing any working shifts or selling dollars.

Golf Tournament is Saturday! There are still a few open shifts needing to be filled. There are also working shifts available for Gedenke next Saturday.

Payments for all spring selling dollars and working shifts not met will be due into the SMCS office no later than Monday, May 15th.

June Birthdays

Happy birthday to those celebrating a birthday in June:

6 – Mr. Julius Castillo
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12 – Hallie Helmcamp
13 – Mrs. Louise Barcak
13 – Jentry Schimcek
13 – Nolan Holik
15 – Dylan Moeller
15 – Wyatt Janecka
21 – Mrs. Sandra Muras
26 – Henry Janecka
28 – Dawson Brandt
29 – Trevor Bentley
30 – Kylen Grohmann

Those celebrating a birthday in June have a free dress day on Tuesday, May 9th.

Everyone is invited to join us as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Thursday during the Easter season. We begin at 2:40.

Altar Servers

Altar servers on Friday are Chloe Brandt, Nicholes Williams, Owen Berger, and Aiden Prichard-Jones.

Altar servers on Saturday are Hayes Kloesel and Wyatt Janecka.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are Sarah Berger, Owen Berger, and Frank Janecka.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are Gage Kainer, Tucker Janak, and Chloe Brandt.

Please remember to find a substitute if you cannot serve.

Please keep Deacon Luke Prihoda in your prayers as he nears his ordination to the priesthood. The ordination will take place on May 13th at OLV. He will celebrate his first mass as a priest on May 14th at St. Michael Church at 10:30 a.m.

We pray that Christ will bless and guide Deacon Luke and all those called to serve him as priests, deacons, sisters, and brother.

Don't forget the St. Michael HSA Golf Tournament which will be held on Saturday, May 6th!

Individual pictures for tennis, soccer, and softball will be taken on Monday, May 8th.

Students in grades 6-8 will participate in the diocesan schools tennis meet in Hallettsville on Wednesday May 10th.

Field Day

Thursday, May 11th is Field Day for grades Pre-K 3 through 8th. The competition begins at 9:00 a.m. on our St. Michael's field, weather permitting, or in our gym. Teams will be announced soon. Cafeteria services will be available for the students and staff that day. The menu consists of Pepperoni pizza, carrots with ranch, fruit, and ice cream cups.

Families are invited to join us for the field day events and cheer on your favorite team!

Last Week of School Schedule

--Monday, May 15th is a free dress day for those celebrating a birthday in July.

--Splashway is on Tuesday, May 16th. Students come to school that day at their regular time and will be dismissed at 9:00. You may leave Splashway at any time but please notify one of the teachers that you are leaving.

--Wednesday, May 17th is the last day for our Pre-K 3 students. They will dismiss at 3:00 that day. That night, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the eighth grade graduation mass and ceremony will be held.

--Thursday, May 18th begins with the Closing Ceremony for our Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten students. The ceremony begins at 8:00 a.m. in St. Michael Church. These students are dismissed immediately following the ceremony. After-school care will still be open for grades 1-4.

--Friday, May 19th is the last day of school for all of us this year! We will begin with mass at 8:00 a.m. immediately followed by the Awards ceremony. We will dismiss after the awards are handed out.

Monday, May 8th – Friday, May 12th is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! This is an opportunity for you to show our SMCS staff how much you appreciate all they do.