



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

Dear StMCS Families,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of a beautiful and challenging truth: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13–16). These words are not just encouragement—they are an invitation to live our faith boldly and visibly, in big moments and small, ordinary ones.

At St. Michael Catholic School, we are blessed to see this Gospel lived out each day. We see it in students who choose kindness, in teachers who nurture both minds and hearts, and in families who partner with us in forming children grounded in faith, character, and academic excellence. Together, we strive to ensure that the light Christ has placed within each child is not hidden, but strengthened and shared—so that all may see God's goodness at work among us.

May this Gospel encourage us to pause and reflect on how Christ's light is shining through our school community. Thank you for your continued partnership in nurturing students who are grounded in faith and inspired to share God's love with the world.

With gratitude and blessings,

Heidi Gallus

Principal

WEEKLY UPDATES

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K-1 Music Program -- Tomorrow!

Our K–1 students are excited to present ***Too Much Noise!***, an Eastern European folktale retold through lively narration, movement, and original music, **tomorrow (Friday) at 1:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Hall at St. Michael Catholic Church**. As a family tries to solve their "noisy house" by adding animals—each bringing their own sounds—students joyfully explore rhythm, storytelling, and expressive singing. In the end, the tale gently reminds us about gratitude, perspective, and finding joy in simplicity.

No P.M. Bussing February 12

There is NO AFTERNOON BUSSING for our students on Thursday, February 12 due to STMA elementary schools having early dismissal. If you are only picking up a middle level student, you may pick up on 1st Street SE between the preschool and main school building. If this is your plan, please communicate it with your middle level child(ren) that morning. There will be additional parking spots available in our lot that afternoon. Please be attentive to staff who will be assisting with this process. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we navigate this unique day.

Catholic Schools Raffle

We are 30% of the way to our \$15,000 goal. Tomorrow (Fri. Feb. 6 by 2 pm) is the deadline to turn in 20 sold tickets to earn an invitation to a special breakfast with the Principal. Reminder: 100% of ticket sales come right back to us at StMCS!

K-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences Reminder

Teachers look forward to connect with you at K-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 19 & Tuesday, February 24 from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Sign up on Sycamore: [Instructions](#).

Kids Club

Kids Club registration has officially opened! If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend Kids Club this summer or for the 2026–2027 school year, please take a moment to complete registration using the links below.

- Summer Kids Club: <https://form.jotform.com/253283979056167>
- 2026-2027 School Year: <https://form.jotform.com/253284725480158>

Registration is also open for Kids Club for the **March 6 No School Day**: <https://form.jotform.com/260345682784163>

Respect Life Bingo

There's still time to register for Respect Life Bingo on February 13! Registration is due tomorrow, 2/6. Information and registration can be found [here](#).

Math Specialist Update:

Our Math Specialist, Mrs. Nikki Gibbs, will be welcoming her second baby in the near future! During her maternity leave, we are grateful to have continued support for our Math Lab. Mrs. Mary Amery will be supporting the Math Specialist role on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, while Mrs. Jackie Wright will provide coverage on Tuesdays. We're excited to have Mrs. Mary Amery and Mrs. Jackie Wright supporting our students' math learning during this special time for Mrs. Gibbs.

Parking Lot Drop-Off Reminder

Our morning drop-off procedures are designed to be as efficient and safe as possible. Please review the following reminders:

- Once the line comes to a stop and you are alongside a yellow drop-off cone, your child(ren) should exit the vehicle. Please do not wait until reaching the front of the line.
- Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles while in the drop-off line.
- Students should be ready to exit promptly with backpacks and belongings in hand.
- If your child needs assistance exiting the vehicle, please park and walk them across using the crosswalk aligned with Door B's awning.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in keeping morning drop-off safe, smooth, and respectful of everyone's time.

Attendance Reminder

As a reminder, up to 5 vacation days per year are excused. Any additional days are considered unexcused, which means students may miss important learning, discussions, or activities that cannot be fully made up, and any work that can't be made up will receive a zero. This might include class participation points, group work, etc. For work that can be made up, students are generally given one day per day missed to complete it. Thank you for partnering with us to support your children's growth, presence, and engagement in their learning.

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the donation of 26 new basketballs to our school! The Knights are also hosting a free throw contest for our 3rd-8th grade students this week.



RECLAIMING
Sundays

RECOVER SUNDAY AS A DAY
FOR THE LORD AND FAMILY



February Reclaiming Sundays: No/Low-Tech Sundays

"We know that heavy screen use can really start giving children messages about who they are and their identity that isn't of the Lord."

In February's video of our Reclaiming Sundays series, Catholic educators and parents Jim and Alison Dahلمان highlight their role as their children's primary educators and their efforts to preserve the Lord's Day for their family, sans screens. Let's reclaim Sundays for the Lord and our families.

[Access the Resources](#)

RESOURCES

Quick Access Links



MAIN OFFICE

- [Online attendance form](#)
- [Scrip order form](#) - next order due 2/6
- [2025-26 School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Roster 2025-26](#)



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