



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

Dear StMCS Families,

It has been a wonderful week with all of our teachers and staff back, and it was great to see so many of you at Open House! We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and for the partnership we share in nurturing your children's faith, learning, and growth.

Today, our entire school staff will spend the day in prayer and reflection at our annual Staff Retreat with our parish staff. It is a beautiful opportunity to pause, pray, and prepare our hearts for the year ahead. Please note that the school office will be closed today so that our entire staff can participate in the retreat.

We are so excited to begin this new school year with you and your children! We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday and welcoming our students to the 2026–2027 school year at St. Michael Catholic School!

Peace,

Heidi Gallus, Ed.S.

Principal

Ben Sartori, M.A. Ed.

Assistant Principal

WEEKLY UPDATES

All School Weekly Updates



Important Notes:

- If you didn't turn in your empty Red Family Folder at Open House, please send that with your student on the first day of school. This folder is used to send home school-wide communication throughout the year. We have items to send home next Thursday, so please be watching for it.
- If you haven't completed your Jotform for your students, please fill that out before the first day of school.
- Men of StMCS are invited to attend a prayer vigil TONIGHT. There's more information below.
- You can purchase school uniforms [here](#).
- Please make sure your Virtus is up to date for volunteering.

Back-To-School Parking Lot Reminders:

To ensure the safety of ALL STUDENTS, please adhere to the following procedures:

School doors open at 7:15. Please have students remain in cars until 7:15

Parking Lot Drop-Off: Follow the enter/exit signs and one-way traffic flow, stopping at the drop-off cones for unloading. Please have students ready with backpacks in hand to make an efficient exit. If children need assistance to get out of a vehicle, parents are asked to park and help their children cross at the crosswalk aligned with the awning at Door B. Mr. Dave Kay, our custodian, is there to help.

First Street Drop-Off: Middle Level students may also be dropped off along the sidewalk on First Street. Students will enter through the gate and follow the path to Door D. Be aware that this is designated primarily for bus drop-off, and buses must have the right of way.

Review the [School Drop-Off Routine](#) and [School Pick-Up Routine](#) to ensure efficiency and safety for all.

Classes begin at 7:35, and students should be in their classrooms by that time. Students who arrive at school after the 7:35 bell must be accompanied by a parent who signs them in at the main office.

Pick-Up: Plan to arrive no later than 1:55 each day to pick up your children. Follow the directions of staff as you arrive. Please stay with your vehicle and wait for children to be dismissed. Also, please keep animals inside your vehicle. Students not picked up by 2:05 will be escorted to Kids Club, and a fee of \$15 per child will be assessed for the first ½ hour and \$10 per child for each ½ hour after that.

We will be closing the parking lot at 1:45 for dismissal for the first week. It always takes extra time to get everyone to buses.

SEPTEMBER 4 NO SCHOOL



NO SCHOOL REMINDER

Reminder that there is **no school on Friday, September 4.**

Kids Club will be available that day, and all students are welcome even if they do not normally attend the Kids Club Program. **Click the link below for more information and registration.**

[September 4 Kids Club](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION



Back-To-School Prayer Vigil - TONIGHT!

Men are invited to gather in prayer for our school community. Join us for a Prayer Vigil on **Thursday August 27 from 6-10PM**, as we **pray for protection over our school, students, and staff.**

Bring a chair and stay for five minutes, an hour, or the whole evening. **No RSVP needed.**

Contact Ben Sartori with any questions. bsartori@stmccatholicchurch.org

Join the St. Michael Catholic Church Youth Choir

Students in 4th grade and older are invited to **join the St. Michael Youth Choir**. We welcome anyone with a desire to **sing, build community, and serve the Lord through music.**

No prior musical experience is required, and friends are welcome to join at any time throughout the year. To **register** or learn more, visit stmccatholicchurch.org/music.

2026 Marathon

The 52nd **St. Michael Catholic School Marathon** is coming up on **October 3!** More information and details will be shared in the next couple weeks.

You can also check the Marathon page on our website for more details [here](#).

Ted Neitzke Parent Night - September 21

Join Ted Neitzke for an informative and engaging **90-minute parenting session** focused on supporting children through the academic, emotional, and social challenges of growing up.

September 21, 6:30-8PM at St. Michael Catholic School

Learn practical strategies to support your children at home, at school, and in their relationships, along with resources to help navigate different stages of development with greater confidence.

More information about the event [here](#).

[Register Here](#)

2026–2027 School Counseling Information:

At St. Michael Catholic School, we are **committed to partnering with families** to support the spiritual, emotional, and academic well-being of every child. Our **Student Services and Counseling Team** provides short-term, school-based counseling, consultation, and resources to help students thrive.

Please take a few minutes to review the important document below, which outlines our counseling services, referral process, and the supports available to students and families throughout the school year.

View the full 2026–2027 School Counseling Information [here](#).

[School Counseling Consent/Sign-Up Form](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Catechesis of the Good Shepard (CGS) invites children to explore these essential questions about God through a weekly, Montessori-based approach to faith formation.

Rooted in Scripture, the Church's liturgy, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori, CGS gives children the opportunity to slow down, reflect on God's love, and encounter their faith through hands-on materials in a peaceful community.

[CGS Information](#)

VOLUNTEER REMINDERS



Volunteer registration opened last Monday, but there are still volunteer opportunities available. Please **note the first bullet** below, as this is a new change for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please ensure that your Virtus is up to date before your shifts. If you're unsure of your Virtus status, please email Keri Schoen at kschoen@stmccatholicchurch.org with any questions.

YEARLY REQUIREMENT REMINDER:

- **One volunteer opportunity needs to be either with the Marathon OR Bids for Kids.**
- Each family is required to complete 10 hours throughout the school year between August - June (last day of school).
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