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BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL
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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

2019-2020 REGISTRATION UNDERWAY!
JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

OPEN HOUSE

St. Michael Campus
(2nd - 8th Grade)

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019

10:30 a.m. to Noon
6906 Chestnut Rd., Independence
216/524-6405

INFORMATION NIGHT

St. Basil Parish Education Center
(Preschool, Jr. Kdg., Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019

6:30 to 8 p.m.
8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville
440/717-0398



Before/After
School Care



Bus Transportation
from several communities



Foreign Language
beginning in preschool



1:1 Technology
Preschool - 8th grade



Art, Music,
and many
Extracurricular Clubs

all in a **Catholic, loving, safe** environment!



Preschool to
8th Grade



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January 2019



the MESSENGER

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL . . . LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE!

St. Michael School is a partnership between St. Michael Parish in Independence and St. Basil the Great Parish in Brecksville. Each student is a child of God, challenged daily to achieve academic excellence and taught to embrace the gospel message to make a difference in the world. "We are a Christ-centered community that strives to enhance lives through academic excellence in the

Roman Catholic tradition," said Principal Mrs. Margaret Campisi. "As a nationally recognized, Blue Ribbon Catholic school, St. Michael always works toward enriching school programs to help our students achieve both academically and, most importantly, spiritually. We are forming intentional disciples each and every day!"



INFORMATION NIGHT AND OPEN HOUSE

Parents interested in a Catholic elementary education for their children in Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade are welcome to attend an **Information Night on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 6:30-8 pm in the St. Basil Parish Education Center, 8700 Brecksville Road.**

On Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 10:30 am-noon, the main campus of St. Michael School, 6906 Chestnut Road, will hold an open house. School families, those interested in sending their child to St. Michael School, alumni, and parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be classroom tours, a sneak peak of the Drama Club's play, and performances by the Jazz Band, Choir, and Jump Rope Club. Families interested in receiving a personal tour of either campus can call Mrs. Margaret Campisi at 216/524-6405.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Re-registration Week and Sibling Registration at St. Michael School will be held the week of January 7, 2019.

New Student Registration Week begins Monday, January 21, from 9 am - 2 pm at both the main campus and the St. Basil campus. Students transferring from other schools in grades 1-8 are to register at the main campus. Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration is at the St. Basil campus.

"The reason for our success is the dedication of our teachers, their willingness to go the extra mile, and always strive to take the students to the next level. Our students are encouraged to try new adventures and never to back down from a challenge," said Campisi.

"Another reason for our success is our parents. Their dedication to our school, commitment to Catholic Education, and their willingness to work with the administration, teachers, and staff help create a partnership that is most valuable," continued Campisi. "Our goal is to have school graduates who are productive individuals, concerned about others, involved in their community, and who will make this world a better place by striving to share their faith with others by word and example."

Families interested in learning more about St. Michael School can visit www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com or follow the school on Facebook and Twitter.

Dear Friends of St. Michael School,

We are excited to present this "Messenger" newsletter to all of our school families, parishioners, and those families looking for the right school for their child.

There are so many wonderful opportunities that St. Michael School offers to students. We have the perfect blend of curriculum and faith-based activities, with a multitude of clubs, programs, sports, arts, and music. Our goal is to provide the most well-rounded educational experience you can find for your child.

Thank you to our friends and supporters as we strive to teach our students that God is so important in their lives. On behalf of Fr. John, Fr. Walt, and our teachers and staff, I would like to extend to you much happiness and good health in the New Year.

God's Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. Margaret Campisi, Principal

NEW SMS STEM CLUB A HUGE SUCCESS!



St. Michael School sixth, seventh and eighth graders interested in science, technology, engineering and math, have been working hard this year to plan many STEM activities for students in grades two through five. Our upper-class students are such great role models to our younger students.

Calendar

January:

- 3 Classes Resume
- 7 Sibling & Re-Registration Week Begins
- 11 End of 2nd quarter
- 13 Main Campus Open House
- 10:30am - 12 Noon
- 15 First Reconciliation
- 6:30pm, Church, Day School
- 16 Information Night
- 6:30pm, St. Basil Campus
- 21 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 New Registration Week

Jan 28-Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week

February:

- 1 Pre-4 Conferences - No School for Pre-4
- 11 Jump Rope for Heart week
- 18 No School - Presidents' Day
- 21 Pre-3 Conferences - No School for Pre-3
Drama Club Show
- 22 Drama Club Show

March:

- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 8 No School - Teacher In-Service
- 12-15 6th Grade Camp
- 15 3rd Quarter Ends
- 30 Angel Gala - Major Fundraiser

April:

- 19 No School - Good Friday
- 22-26 Easter Break
- 29 Classes Resume

May:

- 1 Jesus Day - Grade 2
- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 4 1st Communion - Day School, 10:00am
- 8 Band Concert - 6:30pm, Gym
- 9 Confirmation - 7:00pm, Church
- 14 Choral Concert - 6:30pm
- 22 8th Grade Clap Out - 11:00am
Kindergarten Celebration - 11:30am
8th Grade Graduation - 7:00pm
- 24 Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony
- 9:00am, Church
Last Day of School (Grades 1-7)
- 11:00am Dismissal

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- MATT AND MAGGIE LEIGH, SMS PARENTS OF A 5TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENT



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF MUSICALS

JOIN US FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2019

PETER PAN JR.

('18) MIRROR IMAGE
('17) OZ!
('16) THE WILD WILD WILDEST WEST
('15) ANNIE, JR.

2015

PRINCESS WHATSOEVER ('14)
KOKONUT KAPERS ('13)
FLAPPER! ('12)
SOUND OF MUSIC ('11)
NIGHT AT THE WAX MUSEUM ('10)

2010

('09) THE NIFTY FIFTIES
('08) WILLIE WONKA JR.
('07) HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
('06) YOU AIN'T NOTHING BUT A WEREWOLF
('05) LADY PIRATES OF CAPTAIN BREE

2005

WRANGLER RANCH ('04)
GROOVY ('03)
KILROY WAS HERE ('02)
KOKONUT KAPERS ('01)
HOOLAHOOPS AND HALOS (2000)

2000

PETER PAN, JR!

Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, visit the nursery of the Darling children late one night and, with a sprinkle of pixie dust, begin a magical journey across the stars that none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime, the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, a fierce Indian tribe, a band of bungling pirates and, of course, the villainous Captain Hook. Peter Pan, Jr. is the perfect show for the child in all of us who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up. Peter Pan, Jr. is a Musical Theatre International production.

**Thurs., Feb. 21 & Fri., Feb. 22, 2019 at 7 pm
Independence Middle School Auditorium**

Directed by: SMS alumnae Laura and Jennifer DiGeronimo

Choreographer/Teacher: Judy Lasecki

Music Director: SMS alumnus Gregory Paparizos

Advisor/Teacher: Adam Cottos

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

To purchase tickets, call Kristen at 216-225-1106
or drama.club@stmichaelschoolinfo.com

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ANGEL gala

Please Join Us
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

- JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE -

This year's Gala, at Embassy Suites on Rockside Road, will include dinner, dancing, auction items, sideboards, fund a need, a Distinguished Alumni Award and more! All to support St. Michael School!

FORMAL INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN JANUARY.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available.

Auction items are being accepted.

Email us at gala@stmichaelschoolinfo.com for more information

Stay updated by visiting our website at www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com/gala

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL TEACHER TAKES HER CLASS AROUND THE WORLD

Diane Patterson, a third-grade teacher at St. Michael School, is involving her students in projects with classes around the world. One project Patterson's third graders are working on is Global Read Aloud.



This project entails selecting a book from the Global Read Aloud website, then Patterson makes connections with teachers around the world through social media. This year the third graders are reading "A Boy Called Bat" by Elana K. Arnold, which the main character in the book is a young boy with autism.

Once connections are made, the teachers decide on the same book chapters to read aloud to their students over the course of six weeks. Students then respond to various prompts and get to meet other students around the world through Skype to discuss the various topics in the book.

Although the project is rewarding, there is a lot of preparation required to make it the most beneficial for the students. "Doing the Global Read Aloud is always fun, but exhausting. It takes a lot of 'behind the scenes' planning to get all the connections together," said Patterson.

So far Patterson's third graders did a mystery Skype call with a class from Pennsylvania where they asked each other yes and no questions to try

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to figure out each other's locations. They sent out postcards to all 50 states, Canada, and Hong Kong as well as exchanged information through email with a class from New Zealand. They also participated in weekly discussions with classes across the United States and Canada to share their responses and predictions about the book.

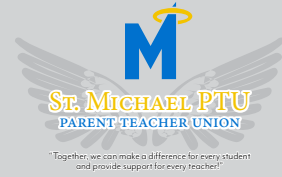
Other classes shared emails and postcards with Patterson's class, too. One class who contacted them had a third grader with autism create a video to explain the accommodations he needs in order to be able to learn and do the same things Patterson's class is doing. "So in addition to our usual vocabulary and comprehension reading skills, we are developing collaborative communication skills and social/emotional real world acceptance/ tolerance skills, too," said Patterson.

The class built a bulletin board to stick their postcards on from around the country. Their goal is to collect postcards from all 50 states by the end of the six-week period.

GPA'S AND GOOD REPORT CARDS ARE ALWAYS IMPORTANT, BUT WHAT IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR CHILDREN LEAVING OUR SCHOOL AND ENTERING THE WORLD OF HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND THE WORKFORCE ARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN CRITICAL THINKING, COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, CREATIVITY, WORK ETHIC, AND STRONG CATHOLIC VALUES. THAT IS THE ENVIRONMENT WE CREATE HERE AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPONSORED BY: ST. MICHAEL PTU



The St. Michael PTU, is grateful for the generosity and support shown by its members, and the school community as a whole, throughout the school year. The funds raised through our activities have been used to support teachers and students in the form of technology, classroom upgrades, teacher grants, student scholarships, playground equipment, field trips, assemblies, and more. Please join us at one of our events in 2019! We look forward to seeing you!

JANUARY

Jan 5 Cleveland Monsters Game
Jan 10 \$1 Dress Down Day
Jan 11 Father-Daughter Bowling

FEBRUARY

Feb 2 Mother-Son Dance

MARCH

Mar 5 \$1 Dress Down Day
Mar 15 PTU Nominations Open
Mar 16 Parent-Child Paint Event
Mar 21 General Meeting @ TBD

APRIL

Apr 5 PTU Elections
Apr 12 PTU Election Results
Apr 13 Family Bingo

MAY

May 16 \$1 Dress Down Day
May 23 Hot Dog Lunch

You can always find out up to date information online at WWW.STMICHAELSCHOOLINFO.COM/PTU.

BLUE ANGELS ON A MISSION TO LET OUR LIGHT SHINE

The eighth grade class went out into the community on October 31 to rake leaves in several yards. They delivered banana bread and apple cider to the homeowners. They enjoyed their time despite the rain! We are so blessed to have such compassionate students, staff and families! Many parents came to help, too.



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- BRYAN KOLAR, SMS DAD OF A THIRD AND FIFTH GRADER

GRANDPARENTS DAY

On November 9, the St. Basil Campus celebrated Grandparents Day. Grandparents from Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade joined their grandchildren for Mass and refreshments.



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL HONORS OUR VETERANS

On Tuesday, November 6, a special Mass and breakfast were held to honor local veterans. Students lined the halls of the first floor waving flags and clapping for the veterans as they proceeded down the red, white and blue decorated hall to the cafeteria. During the breakfast, three students (Audrey Malcuit, Landon Jatsek and Ava Ward) read their award-winning essays as part of The Northeast Ohio Foundation for Patriotism (NEOPAT) contest. Each of the three students won a \$500 scholarship that will be applied toward their tuition. Eighth graders also had the opportunity to visit with the veterans one-on-one to learn about their experiences serving our country. The veterans especially enjoyed voting for their favorite decorated classroom door on the first floor of the school.

"We truly enjoy holding this event for our veterans each year," said St. Michael School Principal Margaret Campisi, "It is a great way to teach our students to be thankful for the freedoms we have and to be especially thankful for those veterans who have fought for that freedom."

