



A message from the Principal

St. Michael Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend together. We were blessed this past weekend with cooler temperatures and the change of seasons is right around the corner. I spent the weekend decorating and enjoying my time outdoors in the cooler weather.

Last week during our morning prayers, there was a common theme of generosity and gifts. I shared with the students easy ways to help us recognize God's generosity and the gifts He has given us. Start each day by thinking of three things that you are thankful for. Share them with your family over breakfast or in the car on the way to school. It can be any three things, but starting each day recognizing blessings that we have been given helps put us in a positive mindset for the day.

Another way to recognize God's generosity and gifts is to change the words "I have to" to the words "I get to". This is especially important when completing tasks that may not be our favorite things to do. For example, instead of saying "I have to do laundry", say "I get to do laundry" changes your whole mindset. Instead of it being a chore, look at it as a privilege. Not everyone gets to do laundry. Some people don't have their own clothes to wear or a washer or dryer to clean their clothes in. It still might not be your favorite chore to do, but looking at it in a different way makes you feel thankful that you have the ability to do what others can't.

Upcoming Dates

- Mass on Thursday, September 24th
- Friday September 25th
Diocesan Professional day
(No School for students)
- Weekend of September 26th & 27th is the
Celebration of Father's 10
year Ordination
Anniversary
- Monday, September 28th
We are honored to host
the first Diocesan School
Board meeting at St.
Michael Catholic School.
Dr. Monroe and other
special guests will be
visiting the school
- Tuesday, September 29th
Down Day for Alzheimer's
\$2.00 for pants
\$4.00 for pants & shirt of
choice
- Mass on Thursday,
October 1st
- Thursday, October 8th
@ 5:30pm BINGO in the
gym (open to school and
parish families) SignUp
Genius coming
Wednesday 9/23



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We have been in school for three weeks now. I'm sure some of the excitement of being back after so long has started to wear off as the early mornings become harder to get up and the homework becomes more frequent. However, we can hold onto that excitement of coming to school every day if we just remember "I get to come to school". These words are so powerful and important, especially today when not every child can say them. "I get to come to school every day to interact with my peers". "I get to come to school every day to learn from my teachers". "I get to come to school every day to grow academically and spiritually".

God's generosity and gifts are abundant in our life if only we keep our eyes and hearts open to recognizing them. Each day on my way to work, I thank God for the blessings that He continues to bestow upon St. Michael School. I am blessed that I get to be the principal here. Each staff member and student is a precious gift that I thank Him daily for.

I hope that you all have a wonderful week ahead. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. I thank you for your continued support and open, honest and positive communication thus far.

God Bless,

Michelle Vollman

Reminders

- Turn in lunch orders by noon Friday at the very latest each week.
- Athletes, please turn in your Booster fee (\$50) and Sports fee (\$50) to the office ASAP. Ms. Jackie will receipt it for you
- Dr. Wilkinson will be at the school to conduct physicals for our Athletes on Saturday, September 26th from 10 - 12. Please sign up for an appointment using SignUp Genius. Must have a completed physical to being practice the week of September 25th



Father Rossi's Column

Dear Saint Michael School families,

It is hard to believe we are already through our third week of school! I am so grateful to Ms. Vollman, our teachers, and staff for their hard work and team efforts! I was very blessed to welcome the school on Monday, 14 September, for a special Mass celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. On this special feast, the Church commemorates the reality that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that all those who believe in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life. As we heard in the First Reading, the Israelites complained against God and Moses. They were worn out from their journey in the desert. Complaining took their hearts away from God. This feast reminds us that when we are overwhelmed with the struggles in life, we only need to look to the Cross, on which hangs the Savior of the World. From the Cross of Jesus we draw strength to endure all difficulties because God is with us in our suffering. May the Lord bless you and your families.

In Christ, Fr. Rossi

A message from the CSO

It has been a wonderful start to the school year on campus and we are grateful for the support of our families. Working together and utilizing our safety protocols across the diocese has resulted in us not having any COVID cases originate from within our schools. We must continue to be proactive together as we navigate this year to keep our schools healthy and safe. Looking out for one another and for the greater good of our school communities, we strongly recommend that if any member of your household is possibly exposed to COVID-19 (for example, a college student returning from campus that had multiple outbreaks), that your other child(ren) quarantines and temporarily transitions to remote learning. The incubation period (the period between exposure to an infection and the appearance of first symptoms) is 2 to 14 days, but symptoms typically develop within 5 days. As many of our schools have multiple siblings across communities, this practice will help ensure that the majority of our populations will be able to remain in school. We recognize that remote learning during quarantine is a challenge for families.

However, this short-term practice outweighs the impact of an entire community facing the need to transition to an extended period of remote learning. Our school communities will continue to notify families of any positive cases directly from the school administration to ensure the accuracy of the information. Working together helps mitigate further spread, and sustains the safe learning environment of our schools. We thank you for your diligence and commitment, and please know any absences due to quarantine will not be counted as long as your child participates in distance learning. Through your sustained support, we will continue to be blessed with the ability to teach our children in our faith-filled Catholic classrooms

Virtue of the Week: Docility

The virtue of the week was Docility which means "willingness to be taught". What a wonderful virtue to practice in school! We discussed how this also means being receptive of feedback by someone who is correcting your work or your thinking and thanking them for rightful corrections. Practicing docility means listening to your teacher.