



# St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

*I hope you enjoyed your holiday weekend. It's always a blessing to have time to slow down and share in the joy of family and friends.*

*Our teachers continue to enjoy getting to know your children and provide them with opportunities to explore their classroom and make new friends. Please encourage your child to share a favorite part of their day or tell you about a new friend they made.*

*Please take the time to read over this newsletter for important information and upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support!*

*Blessings,*

*Lisa Ciesla*

Preschool Director

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## Important Dates

- Sept. 11 & 12 – Lunch Program Begins
- Fri., Sept. 28 – **Preschool Closed** (Teacher Professional Development Day)
- **Roo's Pals – 2's Please Note:** Week of Sept. 10 begins 12:30 pm dismissal
- Preschool events are on our online calendar which can be linked to your own.

[Link to Preschool Calendar](#)



## Parking Lot Safety

Please continue to be mindful of the **one-way signs** in the Church parking lot. This one-way traffic flow is designed to ease traffic and keep both drivers and pedestrians safe. Please remember not to block our handicap access ramp in the back parking circle. Thank you!



## Vote Now for the 2019 Maggy Awards!

But don't delay – voting closes Sept. 28

AUG 29, 2018



Please help us get recognized by Cary Magazine as the best of the best in Western Wake County.

[Please vote for St. Michael Preschool here](#)

Be sure to click on **VOTE TODAY** and go to **#29** in the **survey** and type **St. Michael Preschool**. Please ask your family and friends to vote for us too! **Voting closes on September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your vote!

## Blackboard Connect – All Call System

St. Michael Preschool uses **Blackboard Connect**, a one call message service, to notify parents of school closings, emergencies, or other important preschool information.

You should have received a “test” phone call yesterday. Your child's *primary phone number* on record will be used for non-emergency **Blackboard Connect** broadcast messages (ex: weather closures or unexpected school closures). In case of an emergency during school hours, a **Blackboard Connect** broadcast message will be sent to all phone numbers on record.

If you did not receive a “test” call, or you would like to edit or add a phone number to the emergency call system (e.g., grandparent, nanny, additional work phone numbers) please email Michele at

[mlanuti@stm Cary.org](mailto:mlanuti@stm Cary.org)



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## Vision Screening

Good vision is important to your child's education. That's why a special



vision screening program, sponsored by Prevent Blindness, is being held in our preschool on **October 22 & 23, 2018**. The test takes less than one minute and is totally non-invasive to the child's eyes. The photo screener takes a photograph of the child's eyes while they simply watch flashing lights on a camera.

The significant benefit of photo screening is its ability to objectively screen for eye disorders during early childhood. This allows for early intervention and treatment of many conditions before they create irreversible damage, thereby giving a child the opportunity to develop good vision and a lifetime of normal sight.

A report on the results will be sent back to the preschool approximately one week after your child's eye test. You will receive a copy of your child's results. If any possible problems were found, your child should then see an eye doctor for an eye exam. We want your child to be healthy and get a good education, and we are proud to sponsor these vision screenings.

If you **do not** want your child to participate in the screening, please email me at [lciesla@stm Cary.org](mailto:lciesla@stm Cary.org) prior to the screening dates. If you have any questions about this program please call (919) 755-5044 or 1(800)543-7839, or visit [nc.preventblindness.org](http://nc.preventblindness.org).

## Social Media - Please follow us on...

**Twitter:** @stm preschoolnc

**Instagram:** @stm preschoolnc

**Pinterest:** /stmichaelcary/st-michael-preschool

**Facebook:** StMichael Cary - please friend this account and find a link to the Closed Group there.

**Post with #stmichaelpreschool and #stmichaelcary**



## Fire & Emergency Drills

We are required to have monthly fire drills. On September 20, we will practice our first drill with the children. We will also practice our lockdown procedure along with St. Michael School on September 27.



Prior to the drills, each class will talk about what will happen and what to expect. We will also take this opportunity to talk about people who can help while at school (teachers, Miss Lisa, Miss Michele, and anyone with a school badge).

## Independently Potty Trained

Parents, please remember that children three and older must be independently potty trained to attend our preschool. [Click here](#) to review our policy.

The following are a few popular books to help encourage your little one's potty progress: **Once Upon a Potty** by Alona Frankel, **A Potty for Me** by Karen Katz, **Everyone Poops** by Taro Gomi, **My Big Boy Potty & My Big Girl Potty** by Joanna Cole, **Pirate Potty & Princess Potty** by Samantha Berger.

[Click here](#) for potty training tips. There are also a variety of potty training videos for kids on YouTube.

## **National Grandparents Day Sunday, September 9, 2018**

