



St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

The Advent Season begins tomorrow and marks a new year of the Liturgical Calendar. As a family, these four weeks leading to the birth of Jesus at Christmas offer special moments to prepare, reflect, and celebrate our faith.

What is so beautiful about celebrating Jesus' birth with children is how they help us approach this season with joy, hope, and wonder.

I encourage you to spend time creating shared traditions with your family that also add depth to your spiritual life- attending weekly Mass, adopting a Jesse Tree child in need, making your own Advent Wreath, and using an Advent Calendar, all meaningful shared experiences that live our faith and create lasting memories.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him...Romans 15:13

Advent blessings,

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Adventure Camp

Limited spots remain in our super fun Adventure Camps. These camps are offered to **preschoolers 3 years and older**. Camps will occur **one Thursday and Friday per month**. [Register here](#) or in our preschool office.

- **Thurs., Dec. 6 – Inventor's Workshop**
- **Fri., Dec. 7 – Scrap Exchange**



Important Dates

- December 6 – Storytime w/Santa 6:30-7:30 pm
- December 6 & 7 – Adventure Camp
- December 17-19 – Christmas Programs
- December 20 – January 1 – **Preschool Closed** for Christmas Vacation
- January 2 – Preschool Reopens





You Are Invited to
Storytime with Santa

Thursday, December 6
6:30-7:30 pm
St. Michael Preschool



Please stop by our Christmas Open House and enjoy a visit with Santa, have some milk & cookies (decorate your own - yum!), listen to a holiday story read by an elf, and create a festive Christmas craft!

Start your holiday season with fun, friends, and the big guy himself... Santa!

Create a new tradition with your family.
 We can't wait to see you there!

**This is a free family event*



Christmas Programs

Please join us for our annual Christmas Sing-along celebrations.

Monday, Dec. 17 - Piglet, Pooh, Kanga: 11:30 am in the Church followed by 12:00 pm in the Parish Center for refreshments.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 – Penguin: 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room top floor of preschool building where refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Clifford, Rabbit, Owl, Tigger: 11:30 am in the Church followed by 12:00 pm in the Parish Center for refreshments.

2018 Jolly Elf Trail Run

The 13th annual Jolly Elf Trail Run to benefit St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School will take place on **Saturday, December 8** at **WakeMed Soccer Park** in Cary.

- 1.25 mile starts at 8:15 am
- 5K begins at 9:00 am
- Kids' Dash at 10:15 am



The St. Michael School Jolly Elf Trail Run is also the last event in the fifteen-race Second Empire Grand Prix Series. Runners who participate in these races accumulate points and are awarded money and prizes at an awards banquet held at the Second Empire Restaurant in January. [Click here](#) for more information about the event.

UPDATED INCLEMENT



WEATHER POLICY

Closings and Delays: Our new policy is to **assess conditions on St. Michael Campus and the local area to determine closings or delays at the preschool.** We understand this

may not always reflect weather conditions in your area or follow the Wake County School closings or delays, so please use your discretion when bringing your child to school.

Parents will be informed of school closings and delays via our all call communication system through the primary phone, text message, and email provided. If this information needs to be updated at this time, please let the preschool office know.

On delayed openings, Early Arrival and Lunch Programs are canceled and children bring a lunch and attend from 11:00-1:00 pm. This later dismissal time may interfere with younger children's nap schedules, so again, please use your best judgment in sending your preschooler on these days.

ILLNESS POLICY

To protect the health and well-being of all the children, please keep your child home if any of the following conditions exist:



- **Frequent and productive coughing and sneezing.**
- **A runny nose requiring constant wiping or accompanied by green drainage.**
- **Fever or vomiting. Children should be kept home for 24 hours after his/her temperature is normal and vomiting has ceased.**

St. Michael Preschool Art Show

The St. Michael Preschool teachers and School Improvement Committee are hard at work planning what is sure to be a fun event for the entire family.

The **Art Show** is our school's largest fundraiser and will take place on **February 7, 2019**. We are asking that on behalf of your family business, you prayerfully consider sponsoring a raffle basket or item(s) for raffle. In the past, lovely donations have come from Kings Bowling, Starpath Dance Academy, and Netsports for which we are so grateful.

The proceeds from the Art Show Raffle will be used solely to enhance our preschool programs, instructional materials, and cultural arts. We take pride in knowing that all donations will directly and positively impact the students' educational and spiritual experiences at St. Michael Preschool.

We can provide you with a Donor Procurement Form that may be completed and returned with any tax-deductible donated item(s). If you have any questions or would like more information about the St. Michael Preschool Art Show Raffle, please email me at lciesla@stm Cary.org.

On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, we thank you in advance for your consideration.

