



# St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and is the season in which we prepare our hearts for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The forty days of Lent are an opportunity to enrich our daily lives and become closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Explaining Lent to children can be a challenge, but as preschool educators, we find kid-friendly ways to make the concepts and traditions of Lent meaningful to them. Prayers from the heart, acts of kindness, a Lenten Prayer Pot, Bible stories, Church Mornings, and our Ash Wednesday Service are just a few examples I'm sure you'll enjoy hearing about from your children.

During Lent, let us inspire each other to create special moments that allow our preschool community to be more like Jesus and grow closer to God.

Blessings,

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St. Michael Preschool will participate in the St. Jude Children's Hospital Trike-A-Thon. St. Jude is the largest childhood cancer research center in the world and is dedicated to treating catastrophic childhood diseases. Together we will raise funds for St. Jude and learn about bike safety along the way!

[CLICK HERE](#) to register your child for the fundraiser. Dates for St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon are below. On these dates, students should bring their bikes/trikes and helmets to school. More information will come home in your preschooler's school bag.

**Trike -A -Thon Dates:**

**March 25** - Kanga, Pooh, and Piglet

**March 26** - Clifford, Tigger and Penguin

**March 27** - Rabbit and Owl

## Important Dates

- **Class Pictures** – March 5 & 6
- **Ash Wednesday Service** – March 6 at 11 am
- **Online Parent Survey Due** – March 15
- **St. Joseph's Day** – Dads visit March 20-22
- **St. Jude Trike-a-Thon** – March 25-27
- **Church Morning** – April 10 & 11 at 10 am

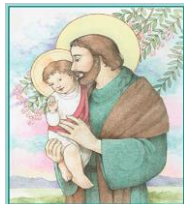
## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

The St. Joseph's Day celebrations with dads will be held **March 20 – 22** at **9:30 am**. Dads are invited to join their child for a classroom project and should plan to stay for about an hour. We are all very excited to have our dads here for a visit!

March 20 - Clifford, Tigger, Owl, and Rabbit

March 21 - Penguin

March 22 - Kanga, Pooh, and Piglet



## PRESCHOOL OFFICE NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS



We are happy to offer a convenient new way to pay. The preschool office is now accepting credit cards. Please note the fee of 50 cents per transaction, plus 3% processing fee with no minimum payment. Thank you for supporting our preschool!

## 2019-2020 REGISTRATION

Our registration period is complete. We have a limited number of spaces available in our 3's program and Developmental Kindergarten. We will continue to take applications throughout this school year.

If you have any interested friends, neighbors, or know of any new families to the area, please have them contact us for more information. Thank you!





## PARISH ATHLETICS

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### Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) to 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** March - May.

**Practice Locations:** Apex or Cary, you pick.

**Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K - \$60; K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergartners - 8<sup>th</sup> graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

### Spring T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary)

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (4-year-olds) to 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Dates:** April - June.

**Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic).

**Practice Locations:** Apex & Cary.

**Game Locations:** Most games in Apex, but some could be in Cary.

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays.

Kindergartners to 4<sup>th</sup> grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

**Format:** Pre-k & Kindergartners play T-ball and 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> graders play Machine-pitch.

## Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

**Grades:** Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Dates:** Sundays March 10<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup> (six weeks)

**Times:** K-2<sup>nd</sup>: 2-3 PM; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: 3-4 PM.

**Cost:** \$65.

**Details:** Parish Athletics Softcrosse is designed for beginners to intermediate players who want to learn the fundamentals of Lacrosse with a focus on stick skills, e.g., catching, throwing, ground balls and cradling. There are no hitting or stick checks, we use soft lax balls, and play without pads thus keeping the cost of player's equipment to a minimum. Age groups will practice together and scrimmage for an hour each.

**Required Equipment:** stick and mouth guard.

## Summer (Apex)

**Game On! Sports Camps:** June 17 - 21 (8am-noon); July 15 - 19 (8am-noon).

**Game On! Pre-k Camps:** June 17 - 21 (8:30-11:30am).

**Flag Football Camp:** June 24 & 25 (6-7:30pm).

**Softcrosse Camp:** June 24 - 27 (5:30-7pm); July 29 - Aug 1 (5:30-7pm).

**Summer Pickup Basketball:** June - August

