



St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

On Oct. 4th, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. I was reminded of his words - "For it is in giving that we receive." On behalf of our preschool teachers, I want to thank you for all your "giving" so far this school year. Thank you for making playdough, sending in-class snacks, volunteering in the classroom, participating in Church Morning, and sending in supplies and/or teacher wish list items. Your generosity and support are sincerely appreciated, and we are grateful for your commitment to your child's Catholic preschool education. Our ongoing partnership will make for the most rewarding year for your child and family.

Fall blessings,

Lisa Ciesla

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Important Dates

- **Picture Days** - Oct. 15, 16, 17
- **Fall Festival** - October 29 & 30
- **Preschool Closed** - October 31
- **Preschool Closed** - November 1



The staff at St. Michael the Archangel invite parents and children (preschool - elementary school-aged) to join us for our Parish Family Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 19th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Activities include:

Town of Cary Firetruck Visit, Face Painting, Cupcake Walk, Corn Hole, Pumpkin Painting, Frisbee Golf, Animal Blessing, Snacks

For our planning please [click here](#) to RSVP by October 15th.

To Volunteer, please [click here](#) to view options

PARISH ATHLETICS

Winter/Spring Sports

www.ParishAthleticsNC.org

Winter Basketball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, Pre-k (4-year-olds) to 6th

Dates: November - February

Location: St. Mary Magdalene Gym in Apex

Cost: Pre-k & Kindergarten \$60; 1st & 2nd Grade \$65; 3rd - 6th Grades \$70; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

Format: Pre-k & Kindergartners have practices/games on Saturdays; 1st - 6th Grades have week night practices and weekend games.

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) to 8th

Dates: March - May

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th grade - \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

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



Spring T-Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball (Apex)

Grades: Coed; PreK (4-year-olds) to 4th

Dates: April - June

Practice Locations: Apex only

Cost: \$65; includes a medal, shirt, and end of year picnic.

Note: Pre-K players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. K-4th grade will have one-weekday practice and a game on Saturday.

Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

Grades: Coed; K thru 5th

Dates: April - June (6 weeks)

Days/Times: Sunday afternoons

Location: Apex

Cost: \$65; includes medal and end of year picnic.

Equipment needed: stick and mouthguard.





Preschool Fall Festival

Please join us for a fun costume parade!

October 29th – Rabbit, Owl, Piglet, Penguin

October 30th – Clifford, Tigger, Pooh, Kanga

Immediately following drop off, parents and friends are invited to the Parish Center to enjoy the parade, sing-along, and magic show.

The three, four, and five-year-old children may wear a costume to school. Please guide your child to select a costume with nonviolent themes and accessories.

Please have your child wear clothes underneath the costume or bring a change of clothes to school.



Picture Day Is Next Week!

October 15 – Green Roo, Clifford, Piglet

October 16 – Yellow Roo, Pooh, Kanga, Tigger

October 17 – Red Roo, Penguin, Owl, Rabbit

The children will have their **individual pictures** taken. A link to view a proof and order will be emailed shortly after, and retakes may be requested.

If you would like to have **siblings photographed together**, please plan to **arrive at school by 9:15 am** to meet with the photographer and then escort your children to class.



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 **November 4 & 5**. The test takes less than one minute and is totally non-invasive. The photo screener takes a photograph of the child's eyes while they simply watch flashing lights on a camera.

If you **do not** want your child to participate in the screening, please email me at lciesla@stmmary.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



Habitat for Humanity NC

Our first preschool service project is underway!

Last week, your child brought home a small **Coin Collection Box** in the hopes of filling it with as many coins as possible. I encourage you to make this a family project and take the opportunity to discuss how blessed they are to have a home of their own and how every coin they donate will go to building a home for a family in need. **Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this important parish-wide home build.**

Coin boxes will be collected on Oct. 29 & 30 when the children will combine their coins into a "big house" to celebrate their efforts! Thank you again for all your support!

Upcoming Volunteer Project!



St. Michaels is partnered with **Habitat for Humanity**®

Our build starts Quarter 1, 2020. We will need **YOUR help!** All ages invited to participate
Volunteer information coming soon!

More information can be found at <https://www.stmichaelpreschool.org/habitat-for-humanity->

School Improvement Committee

Our School Improvement Committee recently had its first meeting. In attendance were many of our room parents. We generated ideas for family events, service projects, and fundraisers for this school year. For example, December will bring Santa's Workshop, Scholastic Book Fair, and Read and Feed Book Drive. Look for more information about these upcoming special events in my Preschool Newsletter.

If you would like to join the committee, or just attend a meeting, we will **meet again on Wed., 11/6 at 12:35 pm**. I hope to see you there!

Adventure Camp

Our super fun afterschool Adventure Camps continue in November. These camps are offered to **preschoolers 3 years and older**. Camps will occur **one Thursday and Friday per month**. Email mlanuti@stm Cary.org to register.

- **Thursday, Nov. 7 – Superhero:** Calling all Superheroes! Have fun creating your own superpowers.
- **Friday, Nov. 8 – Secret Spy:** Discover invisible ink, make fingerprint cards, and experience a spy obstacle course.



Please remember to send your child to school with a peanut-free/nut-free lunch.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Thank you for remembering to sign your child in and out each day.

- Please email or provide a note if your child will be picked up by someone other than those listed on your carpool pick up card.
- Please do not leave any children unattended in your car while you drop off your preschoolers.
- If you have a child that is ill or sleeping, please feel free to call the office, and we will be happy to bring your preschooler in or out to you.

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.



Current Preschool Openings

Please tell your friends and neighbors... St. Michael Preschool currently has **openings in our 4-year-old and transitional kindergarten programs**. We'd love to have them join our preschool family!

Early Arrival & Lunch Programs

Need some extra time to run errands or get to an appointment? We can help! We still have openings in our early arrival and lunch programs. Email mlanuti@stm Cary.org to register.



Parenting Enrichment Workshop and Dinner
with guest speaker: Sharon Hahn, MS, LPC

Friday, November 1st from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
St. Michael Conference Center Gallery
830 High House Rd | Cary, NC

[Click Here](#) to learn more or to Register