



# St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

We are so grateful to you for entrusting your children to our loving care. Our dedicated teachers work to create a safe, fun, and faith-filled classroom where your children can play, pray, and learn together. They are committed to their on-going professional development through monthly team planning meetings, faculty meetings, diocesan retreats, and continuing education classes, often afterschool or on their days off. They are eager to utilize the most current and effective teaching practices in early childhood education while growing with God. Thank you for your continued support.

Fall blessings,

*Lisa Ciesla*

Preschool Director  
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## Important Dates

- Fall Festival & Habitat for Humanity Coin Donation Boxes Due - October 29 & 30
- **Preschool Closed** - October 31
- **Preschool Closed** - November 1
- Vision Screening - November 4 & 5
- School Improvement Committee - All are Welcome – November 6 at 12:35 pm
- Adventure Camp – November 7 & 8

## Preschool Fall Festival

Please join us for a fun costume parade!

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Rabbit, Owl, Piglet, Penguin

October 30<sup>th</sup> – 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.



## Habitat for Humanity NC

Our first preschool service project is underway!

Thank you 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!



## 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, vomiting, or diarrhea. Children should be kept home for 24 hours **after** his/her temperature is normal and vomiting and/or loose bowel movements have ceased.

## Early Arrival & Lunch Programs

Need some extra time to run errands, get to an appointment, or just have some extra time for yourself? We can help! We still have openings in our early arrival and lunch programs. Email [mlanuti@stmmary.org](mailto:mlanuti@stmmary.org) to register.



## 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**. [Click Here](#) to register. \*You might have to click "forgot password" if you do not have/do not know your password for the registration system.

- **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**.

## 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](mailto: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](http://nc.preventblindness.org)



## 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!



## Parenting Enrichment Workshop and Dinner

with guest speaker: Sharon Hahn, MS, LPC

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## PARISH ATHLETICS

### Winter/Spring Sports

[www.ParishAthleticsNC.org](http://www.ParishAthleticsNC.org)

#### Winter Basketball (Apex)

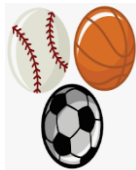
**Grades:** Coed, Pre-k (4-year-olds) to 6th

**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 4<sup>th</sup>

**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-4<sup>th</sup> grade will have one-weekday practice and a game on Saturday.



#### Spring Softcrosse (Apex)

**Grades:** Coed; K thru 5<sup>th</sup>

**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.



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SOON!  
DECEMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>

## Join us for St. Michael's 11th Annual Holiday Fair



**Sat., Nov. 9th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Parish Center**

We are no longer accepting vendor applications, but please join us for food, fun and great holiday gifts!

- **Shop from over 40 local crafters, artists, & direct sellers**
- **Purchase Door Prize Raffle Tickets** to win baskets filled with items donated by our crafters/vendors \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, \$20 for a "wingspan."
- **Door prize raffle** and **food/beverage** sale **proceeds benefit The Jesse Tree Project & Project Gabriel.**
- All raffle winners will be drawn at 3:00 and you need not be present to win.

#### We Need Volunteers!

We need volunteers to help with set up before and after the event, to sell food & raffle tickets, and to be table minders when vendors need a break. Sign-up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844a8af2e5-stmichael7>

**Questions? Contact our coordinators:**

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**Christine Searles** 919-377-0585 [purple12c@yahoo.com](mailto:purple12c@yahoo.com)

## Save the Date for this Fun Family Event **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 4

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm

**Location:** St. Michael Preschool

**Activities will include:**

- Visit with Santa - Take your own photo, free of charge (No photographer present)
- Cookie Decorating
- Storytime with Santa's Elf
- Christmas Craft
- Scholastic Book Fair - do some holiday shopping and support our preschool fundraiser

