



St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

Happy November! It is hard to believe that the holidays are already around the corner. Time sure flies when you're having fun, and we are doing a lot of that at St. Michael Preschool!

The teachers and I are especially excited about our upcoming (first-ever) Scholastic Book Fair, Dec. 3-6, as well as our 2nd annual Santa's Workshop on Wed., Dec. 4th, 6 – 7:30 pm. We hope that your family will join us for this festive kick-off to the holiday season.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and "I pray that the fellowship of our faith may become every good thing which is in us through Christ." Philomen 1:6 In Christ,

Lisa Ciesla

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Important Dates

- November 11-22 – Thanksgiving Basket Donations. Thank you for helping to feed a family in need.
- November 14 & 15 – Church Morning 9:45 am
- **November 27 - December 2 - Preschool Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)**
- December 4 – Santa's Workshop & Scholastic Book Fair Evening Event 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- December 5 & 6 – Adventure Camp
- December 17-19 – Christmas Programs
- **December 20 – January 5 - Preschool Closed (Christmas Holiday)**



Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Michael Preschool will be participating in the Parish Thanksgiving Basket Ministry. Please see the list below for

your designated food item. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to make this a Happy Thanksgiving for those families in need.

Food Collection will take place 11/11-11/22.

- Clifford:** One (5 pound) bag of sugar
- Tigger:** Two (15 ounce) cans of sweet potatoes
- Rabbit:** Four (15 ounce) cans of fruit
- Owl:** Four (10 ounce) cans of soup (no cream)
- Kanga:** Two (6 ounce) bags of stuffing
- Piglet:** Two (26.5 ounce) cans of spaghetti sauce (no glass)
- Pooh:** One (24 ounce) container vegetable oil
- Penguin:** Two (1 pound) bags of rice
- Red Roo:** One (5 pound) bag of flour
- Yellow Roo:** Two (16 ounce) cans cranberry sauce
- Green Roo:** One (1 pound) bag of dried beans



Please support our
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER
December 3 - 6

[CLICK HERE](#) for fair hours and to learn more about the schedule of events, or to order online.

Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds will go to preschool program enhancements.

Please consider volunteering on one of the Book Fair days. It's a fun way to meet other preschool parents!

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)





You're Invited
to a Fun Family Event!
SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Kick-off your holiday season with family, friends, and the big guy himself... Santa!

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 Elves
- Christmas Craft
- Scholastic Book Fair – do some holiday shopping and support our preschool fundraiser

Please [CLICK HERE to RSVP](#) so we can have an approximate headcount for supplies. We hope to see you and your family there!

Habitat for Humanity NC

Thank you, preschool families, for your generosity in supporting this important parish-wide home build. Together we raised \$258.52. Way to go!



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

Driving and Parking Lot Safety

Please drive with caution, adhere to the posted speed limit and directional signs at all times while in our parking lot.

Please remember that you must park in a marked spot and walk your child into school. No curbside parking is permitted, even with a driver remaining in the car as this creates traffic and safety hazards.



Please never leave children in the car without adult supervision. We are happy to come and get your children or bring them to you at dismissal, when the need arises. Please just call the preschool office.

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.



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!



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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 to register.



Adventure Camp

Our super fun afterschool Adventure Camps are beginning to sell out. Please register soon if you know you would like to participate. Camps are \$12.50 each. [Click Here](#) to see which camps still have seats available and to register. *You might have to click "forgot password" if you do not have or know your password for the registration system.

Thurs., Dec. 5 & Fri., Dec. 6 – Disney Day



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



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and
feedSM

giving KIDS
an appetite
for READING

St. Michael Preschool will hold a **Book Drive** during our **Scholastic Book Fair week, December 3 -6** to support the **St. Michael Church Read and Feed Ministry**.

Read and Feed gives elementary school children in our Hispanic community (Grades K-5) an appetite for reading by strengthening literacy skills and providing encouragement in a fun and nurturing environment. They provide meals to eliminate hunger, mentors to help children read, and **books to build home libraries**.

Please help their efforts by participating in our **Book Drive to collect new or like-new books for the Read and Feed Program**:

- **The week of December 3rd**
- Kindergarten - 5th-grade reading levels
- New or like-new books that do not show signs of discoloration/age, torn pages, or damage from mold, water, fire



Christmas Programs

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

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Penguin & Piglet: 11:30 am in the Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Pooh & Kanga: 11:30 am in the Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

Thursday, Dec. 19 - Clifford, Rabbit, Owl, Tigger: 11:30 am in the Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.



ST. MICHAEL
the Archangel
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Reverence + Service + Leadership

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
Full Day PreK – Grade 8
Wednesday, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 & Jan. 15;
9:30 - 11am
*Join us for 8:15 a.m. Mass before the tour. No reservations required.

Middle School Only (Gr. 6 - 8) Open House
Wednesday, Dec. 11; 6 – 7:30pm

St. Michael School providing Christ-centered Catholic education, with a focus on academic excellence, and development of the whole person, through our core values of reverence, service, and leadership.

Website: www.stmmary.org Email: admissions@stmmary.org





You may have noticed the church and preschool have been utilizing new online software. This software is called Realm and has now been deployed parish-wide. Realm works best if you create and login using a family account.

Please login to your Realm family account in preparation for:

- 2020/2021 School Year Registration
- Making and tracking Tuition and Extended Day payments online (in 2020/2021)

[Click Here to Create Realm Account*](#) or to create a password if your family already has an account.



*If the system recognizes your email as already having an account, click Forgot Password to create a new personal password.

Create a Realm Account

Joining Realm allows you to update your contact information, manage your giving and much more.

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians. 5:18



What is Realm?

Realm is an online ministry tool for real time connection between you and our Parish. Come be a part of our online community!

Realm enables you to....



Update your contact information, manage your notification preferences



Make one-time or recurring gifts, access your giving statements



Communicate and engage with other parishioners and Parish Ministries



Register for events, activities, study programs and classes



Read Parish news and announcements