



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to reflect on how much I have to be thankful for- a joyful and safe Catholic preschool where we can play, learn, and celebrate our faith, loving and dedicated teachers who share their many God-given gifts, supportive and generous parents who partner with us to enrich their child's early education, and the children whose smiling faces and joyful hearts brighten each day!

The teachers and I want to thank you for all that you do and wish you much joy and peace this Thanksgiving. *I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1*

**Blessings,**

*Lisa Ciesla*

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## Important Dates

- November 27 - December 2 - **Preschool Closed** (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Sunday, December 1 – Advent Begins
- Tuesday, December 3 – Preschool Reopens
- Dec. 3-6 –Scholastic Book Fair & Book Drive
- 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)
- Monday, January 6 – Preschool Reopens



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you for your very generous food and/or monetary donations. All your contributions will go to feeding 40 families in need this Thanksgiving. God bless your giving hearts.

**Coming Soon...** Registration Information for the 2020/2021 School Year.

We hope you'll join us for another great year of *Growing with God* as we pray, play, and learn together.



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 photos
- Cookie Decorating
- Storytime with Santa's Elves
- Christmas Craft & Games
- **Scholastic Book Fair** – do some holiday shopping and support our preschool fundraiser

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



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](#)



# St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Kindergarten - 5th-grade reading levels
- New or like-new books

## 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.

 **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.

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**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.stmcary.org](http://www.stmcary.org) Email: [admissions@stmcary.org](mailto:admissions@stmcary.org)

## JOLLY ELF TRAIL RUN 2019



Get in the holiday spirit and register for the 14th annual Jolly Elf Trail Run (5K, 1.25 mile & Kids' Dash) to benefit St. Michael School on **Saturday, Dec. 14 at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary.**

Register: [www.jollyelfrun.com](http://www.jollyelfrun.com)



## 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!



## 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.

## Early Arrival & Lunch Programs

Need 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@stm Cary.org](mailto:mlanuti@stm Cary.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.

## *A Prayer of Thanks for Our Children*

Dear Lord,  
 Thank you for these very special young lives. They burst with hope and joy and fill our days with such delight. Guide them and keep them each day. May they know your loving hand upon their lives and come to know you as friend and Father. Inspire their hearts as they grow and mature. Protect their minds, watch over their hearts, and lead them to great adventures.  
 Amen.





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.



## 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