



St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, 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.

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Important Upcoming Dates

February 17 & 18 – Preschool Closed for President's Day and Teacher Retreat

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Preschool Service
11:00 am in the Church - All are Welcome!

12:00 Dismissal on this day

March 4 & 5 - Class Pictures

March 11 & 12 – Church Morning – All are Welcome!

March 16-18 - St. Joseph's Day – Dads visit

Class Pictures

March 4 - Class Pictures: Pooh, Kanga, Tigger, Clifford, Yellow Roo

March 5 - Class Pictures: Penguin, Piglet, Rabbit, Owl, Red Roo, Green Roo

Please consider [volunteering](#) to assist the classroom teachers and photographer. Thank you in advance for your support!



SAVE THE DATE:

The **St. Joseph's Day** celebrations with dads will be held **March 16 – 18** at **11:30 am**. Dads are invited to join their child for a classroom project and should plan to stay until dismissal. We are all very excited to have our dads here for a visit!

March 16 – Kanga, Pooh

March 17 – Penguin, Piglet

March 18 - Clifford, Tigger, Owl, and Rabbit



TRIKE-A-THON



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 23 - Kanga, Pooh, Piglet

March 24 - Clifford, Tigger, Penguin

March 25 – Rabbit, Owl



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 at least 24 hours **after** his/her temperature is normal and vomiting and/or loose bowel movements have ceased.

Lazy-Daze Playground Playdates

Come socialize & get the wiggles out!
B.Y.O. Picnic Lunch @ Bond Park

When

- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th

Time: 12:45 – 2:00 pm



Adventure Camp

We still have some openings in our super fun Adventure Camps. These camps are offered to **preschoolers 3 years and older**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register. *You might have to click "forgot password" if you do not have or know your password for the registration system.

- **Fri., Mar. 6 - Little Picasso**
- **Fri., Apr. 3 - Dino Day**



2020-2021 REGISTRATION

A limited number of seats remain. We will continue to take applications throughout this school year. If you have any friends, neighbors, or know of any new families to the area, please tell them to come see us! Thank you for spreading the word!



New Playground Coming Soon!

Thanks to **St. Michael Church** for partnering with us on playground enhancements. Installation of new play structures on the small playground will occur the week of February 17th. In addition, new 20 foot shade structures will be installed on each of the playgrounds as well as new stairs to the large play structure. We apologize in advance to any disruption in your afterschool playground time. Playgrounds are expected to reopen the following week.



Discovery Learning Play Center – Ages 2 - 5

Takes learning outdoors and makes it easier to ensure safe and imaginative play. It even has multi-sensory experiences for all the children to benefit from. It comes with a Store Panel, a curved slide, a vine climber, a touch math panel, a clock panel, telescope, panel of shapes and colors, bongo drums and a wheel.



Calvin the Caterpillar

Calvin is much more than a climber! With the life cycle of a butterfly molded into the roof of the tunnel, six different shoes with surprises under each one, and a ladybug counting game, Calvin will keep kids entertained while giving them opportunities to learn.

PARISH ATHLETICS

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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 & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) to 4th; 5th-8th grade*.

Dates: April - June.

Cost: \$65; includes medal, shirt, 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; ; K-8 has one weekday practice and a game on Saturdays; *Middle School Player Pitch pick up will be on Friday nights.

Spring Lacrosse (Softcrosse)

Grades: Coed; K thru 5th.

Dates: March 1st thru April 6 (Sundays afternoons).

Practice/Game locations: Apex.

Cost: \$65; includes medal, shirt, and picnic.

Required Equipment: Stick, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers.

Game On! Summer Camps (Apex)

Ages: Coed, 5 years old thru 11 years old.

Dates: June 22nd - 26th; July 20th - 24th.

Times: 8am till noon (core activity from 9-11:30am).

Location: St. Mary Magdalene in Apex.

Cost: \$85 all week; \$55 any three days; \$40 any two days.

Planned Activities (may do all or partial list):

Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, Field Games, Dodgeball, and more....

Summer Basketball (Apex)

Grades: Coed, PreK thru 6th.

Dates: June - August.

Location: StMM gym in Apex.

Cost: \$50.

Format: Kids will be grouped together based on age and will practice and be split into teams for scrimmage! Choose your preference out of 3 weeknights.

Other Programs

Fall Soccer - Coed, PreK (3 year olds) thru 8th grade; August to October.

Fall Baseball - Coed, PreK (4 year olds) thru 8th grade; August to October.

Fall Lacrosse (Softcrosse) - Coed; K thru 5th; August to October.

Flag Football - Coed; K thru 4th; September to November.

