

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

- Sun., Jan. 31** St. Michael students and staff start their celebration at Mass  
Eighth graders host a Pancake Breakfast
- Mon., Feb. 1** “Dress like your favorite athlete” day  
Bowling for grades 5 - 8  
Bingo for grades Pre-K - 4
- Tues., Feb. 2** WMTW’s Meteorologist, Mallory Brooke, with “Weather At Your School” visits  
Junior High Spelling Bee  
DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time for all students
- Wed., Feb. 3** Patriotic Day (dress in red, white and blue)  
Decorate your Classroom Door competition
- Thu., Feb. 4** Dress for your dream job”  
Children’s Discovery Museum for grades Pre-K - Kindergarten  
Schoolwide movie and popcorn
- Fri., Feb. 5** National Appreciation Day for Catholic School Teachers Faculty Breakfast  
Individual classroom theme dress down day  
Bowling for grades 1 - 4  
Bingo for grades 5 – 8  
Pep rally for the basketball tournament  
School dance with Mount Merici Academy for grades 6 - 8

Seeing the great need for mercy and healing in the world, Pope Francis called for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Holy Father has asked us as individuals and as a Church “to be a witness of mercy” by reflecting on and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. As part of St. Michael School’s Catholic Schools Week celebration, we will be participating in the “clothe the naked” corporal work of mercy. This work of mercy may best be understood if one were to think of this as providing others with what is necessary for them to be clothed with dignity. It is unlikely that we will encounter people who are actually without some clothing. This work of mercy is to give of our excess so that another person can live with dignity. What one has to wear impacts how one thinks and feels about oneself.

*“For I was ... naked and you clothed me ...whatever you did for one of these least brothers [or sisters] of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:35-40).*

**Pre-K** – Socks, and slippers

**Kindergarten** – Underwear and pj’s

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – Infant clothing

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Toddler clothing

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Jackets (winter)

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Outerwear (sweaters, hoodies...)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Footwear (shoes, sneakers, boots...)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Sweaters

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Shirts (short and long sleeve)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Pants

All items of clothing will be donated to the Catholic Charities of Maine's Threads of Hope. When you donate your clothing to Threads of Hope, every penny of their proceeds goes directly to helping fight poverty here in Maine!

In addition to our "Clothe the Naked" Work of Mercy, we will be donating can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine. This program, known as "Pull for the Ronald McDonald House," creates community support and promotes recycling while raising funds to support the families that utilize the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families whose child is being treated at a local hospital. Maine Metal Recycling in Auburn weighs the tabs, pays the going rate for aluminum and sends a check to the Ronald McDonald House. Participating in this Program is as easy as 1, 2, 3...!!!

- 1.) Pull off the aluminum tabs from soda, tennis ball, vegetable, soup, and pet food cans, etc.
- 2.) Bring them to school by Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, to place them in the designated containers.
- 3.) A representative from the Ronald McDonald House will be at the school that Friday to collect the tabs!

### **St. Michael School**

**A Legacy of Excellence, a Foundation for the Future.**

***In the Spirit of the Catholic tradition, united by Christ's love, St. Michael School's mission is to educate, nourish, develop and inspire the body, mind and spirit of its students and staff.***

**Academic Excellence.** St. Michael School provides our students in grades Pre-K through 8 an outstanding learning experience that includes the best and most successful practices with a student-to-teacher ratio of 10-1.

**Athletics.** Faithful to the mission of St. Michael School to educate the whole child, our athletic program exists to promote and integrate our values of community, leadership, reverence, service, and participation. We teach the values of teamwork, mutual respect, self-discipline, and honesty while modeling the spirit of Play Like a Champion Today and the Positive Coaching Alliance. We currently have boys' and girls' soccer, girls' field hockey, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' baseball, and girls' softball. We also offer coed golf and coed tennis.

**Technology.** We provide our students with advanced technological skills in a classroom atmosphere to ensure they are well prepared for the future demands of higher education.

**Community.** St. Michael School places an emphasis on the school as a community, a community of persons, and even more to the point, a genuine community of faith. This community includes students, families, parishioners, alumni, faculty, and staff, with a goal that reproduces, as far as possible, the warm and intimate atmosphere of family life.

**Facilities.** Our comfortable facilities ensure that we provide a safe and welcoming school environment, which promotes positive and productive learning in a warm and nurturing atmosphere.

**Faith.** We promote a dedication to the Catholic values of peace, justice, and service by learning, teaching, and sharing our faith. We also commit ourselves to generosity and to the responsible use of our spiritual and material resources.

**Activities.** Our students are engaged in many different activities that enable and enhance their educational development and experience. They participate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Club, the Science Olympiad, Math Team, choir and the Junior National Honor Society, as well as class field trips, school assemblies, a buddy program, the National Geographic Bee, the National Spelling Bee, and many other activities.

**NEW Summer Enrichment.** All of our school students will have the opportunity to participate in our new Summer Enrichment Program. This program will run weekly and starts July 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Our students will be able to attend one week, multiple weeks or every week. Some of the highlights for this program include: weekly field trips, golf and tennis instruction, creation of vertical gardens, weekly cooking classes, soccer, basketball, whiffle ball, gym and outdoor games, weekly trips to the movies and a little swimming or beach fun.

**NEW Pre-K 3 Program.** Beginning fall of 2016 we will be offering a Pre-K Program for 3 year olds. This full-day program will be instructed by qualified instructors. Please call the school office for more information and registration.