



# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

April 19, 2017

## Important Dates

<b>Eighth Grade Oration Finals St. Mary Church 6:00 pm</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Mass St. Mary Church 9:15 am</b>	<b>4/21</b>
<b>Eighth Grade Car Wash St. Michael School Lot 9:00 am—1:00 pm</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Annual Student Art Exhibition Reception Artists Cooperative Gallery, Westerly 2:00 pm—4:00 pm</b>	<b>4/23</b>
<b>Iowa Testing</b>	<b>4/24— 4/28</b>
<b>Advisory Board Meeting</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>First Reconciliation St. Mary Church 6:00 pm</b>	<b>4/25</b>
<b>Eighth Grade Retreat Enders Island</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Grade Four Roger Williams Zoo</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Benediction St. Mary Church 9:15 am</b>	<b>4/28</b>
<b>Eighth Grade Grandparents' Luncheon St. Mary Church Hall</b>	<b>4/28</b>

Hope everyone had a great spring break! Even those of us who didn't go away certainly had a great week. Now we enter the busy time of year. Before you know it the school year will be over.

Congratulations to the winners of our Cash Raffle. First prize was won by Sharon Lanzillo, who graciously donated the money back to the school. We do appreciate her generosity! Second prize was won by Alana Allik, and third prize by Patricia Marino. Thank you to everyone who participated, bought and sold tickets and worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success.

Tomorrow evening the finalists of the eighth grade Oration Contest will be competing at St. Mary Church. This is an annual public speaking contest put on by The Modern American Woodman Insurance Company. The finalists are competing for a chance to go on to the second round, a regional event. The winner there competes at a state level. We have had students achieve this level in the past, in fact one made it to Nationals! All are welcome to come out and listen to some great speeches.

Saturday, the eighth grade is holding a Car Wash in the school parking lot to raise money for their activities. Once again, perfect timing to get your car ready for spring! They will be

working from 9:00 am—1:00 pm, so plan on stopping by.

Grade two will be making their First Communion in early May. They will be making their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Church. There is also a parent meeting for parents of these students tomorrow evening, April 20, at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria at the Pawcatuck Middle School. Let's all keep these young people in our prayers as they celebrate these two important sacraments.

There is an exhibition of St. Michael student art work at the Artists Cooperative Gallery on Canal Street in Westerly. This Sunday the exhibition will end with a reception at the Gallery between 2 pm and 4 pm. Stop by and see the great work being done by our students under the direction of art teacher Caitlin Olsen. You will be impressed!

On Monday, we begin several days of Iowa testing. As you know, these are the standardized tests the Diocese administers to all of its students. The tests are broken into segments that will be given throughout the week. It is very important that your children have a good night's sleep each night, and a good breakfast in the morning. The results of these tests are used to assess not just the progress of the students, but also

the efficacy of the curriculum. The results do not affect the student's grades, so they should just relax and do their best.

This Friday the school will be attending Mass at St. Mary Church at 9:15 am. Next Friday is Morning Prayer and Benediction, also at 9:15 at the Church. If you can join us for either of these liturgies, we would love to see you.

Finally, we continue to send good wishes to our school nurse, Deb Quaratella, who is recovering from a fall last month. While she is not here to remind us, it appears there is another round of illnesses making their way through the school. Please continue to reinforce good hand washing and rest.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and God Bless!

*Mrs. Messina*

