



# JANUARY



## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

January 9, 2018

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### Important Dates

<b>Grade 6 Pendleton Visit</b>	<b>1/11</b>
<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Benediction St. Mary Church 9:15 am</b>	<b>1/12</b>
<b>Martin Luther King Day No School</b>	<b>1/15</b>
<b>Mass St. Mary Church 9:15 am</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>Eighth Grade Pasta Dinner St. Mary Church Hall 5 pm—7:30 pm</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Catholic Schools' Week</b>	<b>1/28— 2/2</b>
<b>In-Session Open House 9 am—11 am</b>	<b>1/31</b>
<b>Middle School Science Fair St. Michael School Convent</b>	<b>1/31</b>
<b>Dog Watch Fundraiser</b>	<b>1/31</b>
<b>Pre K &amp; Kindergarten Visit 10:15 am—11:15 am</b>	<b>2/1</b>
<b>Evening Open House 5 pm—7 pm</b>	<b>2/1</b>
<b>Teachers' Luncheon 1/2 Day Dismissal</b>	<b>2/3</b>

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas break, even the extended version! I hope we are done with snow days, for a while anyway!

It time to settle in for the winter and get back to work. Because the last few weeks have been pretty busy, a little chaotic, and the break longer than intended, we will be postponing progress reports for a week. So, look for progress reports for this trimester on Friday, January 19.

We do have some events coming up at the end of the month. The last week in January and the first week in February is Catholic Schools Week. This is an annual event for all the Catholic Schools in the country, a time to showcase and celebrate all that is great about Catholic Schools. We do have several opportunities for both parents and prospective families to visit the school and see what is happening. On Wednesday, January 31, there is an in-session open house from 9—11 am. This is a chance for interested families to come in and visit the school, but it is also an opportunity for our current families to visit their child's classroom and see what happens during a typical day. On Thursday, we invite prospective Pre K and Kindergarten students to visit for an hour in the morning in those classrooms to see what it is like. That evening, prospective families who cannot

make a daytime event are invited to visit the school between 5 and 7 to get more information about our program. Please share these events with families you think might be interested. And, remember, there is a tuition break for you if a family you recommend enrolls in the school!

Catholic Schools Week begins with the Eighth Grade Pasta Dinner on Saturday evening, January 27 from 5 pm—7:30. This is a fun evening, with great food. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children, and take-out is available. The proceeds will go to support the eight grade activities fund. Why not take an evening off from cooking, and enjoy the company of the St. Michael School community.

Wednesday evening of that week (Jan.31) is the St. Michael School Science Fair. This year, the fair will be held in the Convent building, so that students and parents may view the fair during the day, or in the evening. The students have worked hard on their projects, you'll be impressed with the results.

After, you can enjoy an evening out at either Dog Watch in Mystic, or in Stonington. A percentage of the proceeds from either restaurant will be going to St. Michael School.

Look for raffle tickets to be coming home in the next few days for our Cash Raffle. The tickets are \$10.00 each, with a grand prize of \$2500. 2nd prize is \$500, and 3rd is \$250. The drawing will be held at our Wine Tasting event in March. We ask that each family sell tickets to family and friends. Who doesn't need \$2500?

Finally, we are looking for a PTO president for next year. Kathleen Niedbala is completing her second year as president, and would like someone else to take up the reins. She has done a tremendous job, but needs to turn the PTO over to a new face. If you are interested, or just need more information, please contact either Kathleen or me.

Enjoy the warm weather expected, God Bless!

*Mrs. Messina*

#### From the Nurse's Desk:

Cases of the flu have now been reported in RI/CT. It's not too late to still get a Flu Shot.

I know we don't want our children to miss school, but please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Refer to the Student Handbook for health policies.