



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

March 14, 2019

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Important Dates

Confessions 6, 7, 8	3/15
St. Patrick's Day	3/17
Diocesan Professional Development Day No School	3/18
St. Joseph's Day	3/19
Station of the Cross St. Mary Church 9:15 am	3/22
SMS Wine Tasting LaGrua Center Stonington 6:00-8:30	3/23
Stations of the Cross St. Mary Church 9:15 am	3/29

Every day gets a little warmer. Is it too soon to think that spring may finally come? Although it hasn't been that bad of winter, I think we are all ready for it to be over!

We are selling Ducks for the Westerly Pawcatuck Duck Race in April. Each duck you sell results in half of the price coming directly to the school. It is a fun community event, with a great first prize trip to Disney. The challenge this week was sell five ducks by Friday (tomorrow) and win a uniform pass.

We are also getting ready for this year's yearbook. Sponsorships of pages are available for both businesses and families. It is great way to promote a family business or to congratulate your child on a great school year. Forms have come home for this.

Don't forget, the Wine tasting is coming up next Saturday, the 23rd. This year you will be able to taste some great wines, as well as some craft beers. Local businesses are providing little bites to round out the evening. Last year we had a great time! It is also the evening we will be holding the drawing for our cash raffle. If beer and wine is not your thing, you can still participate by buying and selling those raffle tickets.

Again, we know that it sometimes feels like there is a lot of fundraising going on, often at the same time. We do not expect

you to be able to participate in every fundraiser or event.. But if we all participate to the very best of our abilities we can meet our goals. I mentioned last time how important fundraising is to our school budget. Please help us meet our goals to keep the school affordable.

I would like to address another part of this issue. A letter went home from our PTO Board about participation in these events and on committees. The workload seems to have fallen to just a few people. While we know that these are busy times, it seems unfair to make just a few carry the load for the majority. Everyone has a little time, or something to contribute. We know that other schools require participation in fundraising and this is something we have tried to avoid. We feel that assisting the school should be voluntary and something we all want to do. I would like to ask you all, in this season of Lent, as we are considering how to have holy moments, how to be the best God wants us to be, how to sacrifice and grow in our relationships, isn't helping keep Catholic education viable and affordable something to consider? Don't leave it to someone else to do, we need you all, please help us.

On a celebratory note, please let's congratulate two of our middle school students for

being chosen finalists in the CT State Science Fair. Seventh graders Matthew Drago and Lauren Vossler were both chosen as finalists and will be going to the awards ceremony on Saturday. Once again, congratulations to all of the students who represented St. Michael School at the state fair.

Next Friday, the eighth grade will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. The Stations are a wonderful way to reflect on this holy season and what was sacrificed for us. Stations will take place on March 22, March 29 and April 12. We hope you will join us on at least one of these days.

We are still working of the Virtue of Justice, in this case particularly focusing on kindness. This week I challenged the students to do one kind thing for another person each day. Remind them that it only takes a moment to be kind, and the result can be a holy moment.

God Bless!

Mrs. Messina

From the Nurse's Desk

If you want your child to have cough drops at school, a note with permission along with the cough drops must be sent in.

The Season of Lent

