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Upcoming Events

Sept 6th

Half Day, 12:10PM

Dismissal

Sept 10th

First PTO meeting;

Malted Barley, 7pm

Sept 11th

Memorial Service,

school yard, 8:30AM

Sept 17th

Next order due date for
physical gift cards from
Scrip

Sept 19th

Back to School

Night; 6pm-6:45pm

Prek-4; 6:45pm-7:30pm

grades 5-8

Sept 23rd

Advisory Board

meeting, 5:45

Sept 28th

Murder Mystery Night,

Fundraiser, Westerly

Yacht Club, 6pm

Oct 12th

10th Annual 5K,

Donahue Park, 10AM

Oct 17th/18th

Early dismissal days

Parent/teacher

FUNdraising event--Murder Mystery Night!

Click on the flyer below for the details on this event
(September 28th at the Westerly Yacht club) including how
to get your tickets. See you there!



We invite you and your friends to join us for a

Murder Mystery Dinner Party!

Saturday, September 28, 6pm

At the Westerly Yacht Club

1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI

Island Buffet (chicken, pork, fish and veggie
choices)

Cash Bar – Casual, tropical resort dress
suggested

**All proceeds to benefit St. Michael School

Murder in Margaritaland – a clever concoction of chaos, crime, and cocktails in the Caribbean!

Somewhere in the tropics between the Border of Confusion and the Bay of
Disarray you'll find that murder meets mayhem and the intrigue begins!

While most vacation at Margaritaland – an exclusive tropical resort – to get away
for their troubles, for one poor, unfortunate soul it will mean an end to their
troubles altogether!

Has the lottery winner's luck run out?

Has the bartender served his last drink?

Is the honeymoon over for the newlyweds before it's even begun,

Or will the stars collide for a certain Hollywood A-lister?

We do expect this event to sell out so please call early for tickets

\$25 per person or reserve a table of 10 for \$225

Email corinne_rossi@hotmail.com or call or the School office 860-599-1084

The School Store is Open!

Action alert--complete the btm portion of the flyer in
this article to refill your child's balance at the store.

Hi Parents!

We are back in the swing of getting the school store up
and running. For anyone new, we have a school store
cabinet located in the hallway, outside of the first grade
classroom. All profits from the store go toward fundraising
for the school. The store is open from 11:40-
12:30 during the recess and lunch periods, and most
teachers will send students down after they have eaten
their lunch. We have a wide variety of school supplies, little
trinkets, and snacks that can be purchased. Everything is

conferences

Oct 28th

Sundae Spooktacular at

Mel's Downtown

Creamery

Important Links

[2019/2020 Calendar](#)

[September calendar](#)

[Honeywell](#)

[Emergency Alert System](#)

[5K Registration Form](#)

[Scrip Website](#)

[Scrip Order Form](#)

under \$3.00, with most items being less than \$1.00. It's a fun way for kids to earn some money at home, and also fund raise for St. Michael School. *Please note that preschool students do not visit the school store.*

This year, we will again have pre-paid index cards on file if families would rather not have the students carrying money back and forth. **We will send the form out in the Herald at the beginning of each month with the school store flyer, but the cards can be "refilled" and any time.** There are a few students that had small balances left on their cards at the end of last year. Those amounts have been rolled over onto their new cards for this year.

[Click here for the first monthly flyer.](#)

We are also **looking for volunteers to cover a few week days.** We are looking for parents that could cover 1 day each week from 11:40am-12:30pm. **We currently have help on Mondays & Fridays, so are looking to cover TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and DAYS. If there is anyone available during the day that doesn't mind making the weekly commitment, it's greatly appreciated.** If you would like to be put on a list of "subs" for the store, just let us know what day or days you are free, and we can give you a shout if one of our regular volunteers can't make it. ****Please keep in mind that all volunteers must have completed the required Safe Environments training.**

As always, if you have any left over party favors or stocking stuffers that you would like to clean out of the house, we will gladly take them to re-purpose. If anyone has any questions or concerns, or is willing to volunteer, you can reach me at Jackie8783@hotmail.com.

Thanks so much,
Jackie Spiers
(Mom of Jason-Grade 6, & Isabella-Grade 3)

Reminders

- Milk order forms went home last week; if you are ordering milk for your children please send back your order!
- Our first PTO general meeting is next week-- Tuesday at 7pm at Malted Barley (upstairs room)
- Have an announcement for the newsletter? **All announcements for the current week are due by noon every Tuesday.** Please email announcements to pto.sms.ct@gmail.com and elizabethlawrence032@gmail.com.

The Principal's Note

One week down, and into the second week. We are off to a great start! The students are settling in nicely to their new classrooms, the teachers are excited about their new classes, and St. Michael School is back!

I do have a few housekeeping items this week.

Please, do not park in the teacher lot in the morning during drop off. Pulling into one of those spaces, a) takes a space away from a faculty member who hasn't arrived yet, and b) causes you to have to back out into traffic to exit. This creates a dangerous situation for you, oncoming cars, and any children who are exiting those cars. Parking is available on the street for those who must exit their cars to walk in a student and older students can be let off in the drop off line.

Likewise in the afternoon, please **do not leave the parking lot until your line has been dismissed.** I wait for all of the children to have moved to and entered their cars before I start dismissing cars. This, once again, is to insure the safety of all of the students who are crossing the lot and going to their cars. Please **do not leave the lot until you have been told to move.**

Finally, both in the morning and the afternoon, please **watch the speed in which you are driving on school grounds.** Many of our students are small, and if you are traveling at unsafe speeds in the lot, you may not see them. **We have had a couple of near misses in the last few days! Please help us keep our children safe.**

Next Wednesday is the anniversary of September 11. Many of you know, we traditionally mark the occasion with a memorial service at school. We will be doing this again this year, and invite all of you to attend. The ceremony will take place in the school yard at 8:30 am.

Hope to see you all at the first PTO meeting on Tuesday!

God Bless,
Mrs. Messina

Who is on the PTO? You are!

The PTO at St. Micheal School is a cooperative collaboration of parents, guardians, teachers and staff--all of us serving with the common goal of enhancing the school experience for our children and living out our school mission.

Welcome back to school! Our PTO board is excited to serve our school this year. It is our hope that our events and activities both raise the necessary funds to keep our school operating well and enhance the education experience for our children.

We hope to meet you personally at the first general meeting on Tuesday at the Malted Barley at 7pm.

There is always a place for you--whether you contribute your time, talent or treasure, our school and by extension, our teachers and children appreciate your involvement. As a parent or guardian of a child at St. Michael or a teacher or staff member, you are automatically a part of the PTO community. We hope you join us on Tuesday to hear more about what the board has planned this year for our community.

We extend a special welcome to our new families, and our faculty and staff--we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

String Instrument Instruction is Back!

Paul Effman Music will be back at St. Michael School this Year

PAUL EFFMAN MUSIC FALL 2019
 410 Blue Hill Avenue, NY 11278 | 718-592-3333 | paul@effmanmusic.com
 125 West 103rd + Laguardia, NY 10040 | 212-862-9229 | 410-337-3874

TIME TO PICK YOUR INSTRUMENT!
 And Join The School String Program!
 Skip this form - Register Online at www.pemusic.com/join

Please complete this form for online registration with payment to which your instrument to the school office by **Wednesday, September 18, 2019**.
ST MICHAEL SCHOOL, PAWCATUCK, CT

Step 1 - Choose Your Instrument
 Violin Viola Cello

Check One: Rental Needed - Please make your selection on the reverse side of this form. Already have an instrument
 Purchase - Please make your selection on the reverse side of this form. Have a continued rental from last year.

Step 2 - Complete Your Information
 Student Name: _____ Grade/Class: _____ Student's Experience: (years)
 Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____
 Billing Address: _____ Apt. # _____ City/Town: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Parent E-mail: _____ Date: _____
 Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Step 3 - Payment Information & Schedule & Policy Details
 All four string group lessons are given during school. Lessons do not conflict with usual academic time. Music lessons take each week on students are not here from the group class, lessons are given on Monday or on the week of having string lessons only.
 Violin is offered to grades K-8; Age 5 - 8th grade. **Viola grades 3-8; Cello grades 2-8**

Tuition Details - The annual tuition is divided into nine monthly installments. The first installment and the registration fee are due with this form. The remaining eight installments are due on the last day of each month. These installments may be paid by credit card automatically (see below) or you may pay when you receive monthly statements on and will mail. **Early payment** for the first two months may be applied to the registration fee. **Registration fee** at \$100.00. You can prepay for all 9 installments at \$110.00. **Adding payments** should be the same for your child's instrument. **Monthly** tuition installments are \$100.00 per month for 1-2nd, \$110.00 per month for 3-4th, \$120.00 per month for 5-6th, \$130.00 per month for 7-8th, \$140.00 per month for 9-10th, \$150.00 per month for 11th-12th, \$160.00 per month for each child exceeding 2.

ENTER ALL FEES ON OLDEST CHILD'S FORM		For use 1-2 children entering	For use 2-3 children entering	For use 3-4 children entering
Line A	Tuition Installment #1	\$100	\$100	\$100
Line B	Registration Fee - one-time	\$0	\$70	\$100
Line C	Instrument Fee - one-time (if needed)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Line A + B + C =	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$100	\$170	\$200

Step 4 - Complete Your Payment
 Credit Card - If entered by credit card, you will automatically be enrolled in AutoPay to pay your monthly installments.
 Autopay - After the first month your card will be charged on the last day of each month.
 You may opt out of Autopay by checking this box Card Type: VISA M/C A/M D/C DISC AMEX OTHER
 Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____
 Name on Card: _____ Authorized Signature: _____
 By signing our credit card order, you consent to having this credit card charged for your entire year and authorize us, regarding your open to finance and conditions on the reverse side, checks, cards, and Money Order Payment - Attach payment to this form or place it in an envelope. Make checks payable to "Paul Effman Music" and write the Student's name and instrument on the envelope.

For office use only: 100 _____ Avoc. Paid _____ Check # _____ Cash CC MO Initial _____ Code _____
 01/19/2019 _____

Dear St. Michael School Parents-

In early September, a team of teachers from Paul Effman Music of NY will visit your child's school with a demonstration of instruments that will be offered through the PEM program in the coming year. PEM will offer:

- Violin for students in grades PreK (minimum age 5) through 8, unless your school has opted to start in a later grade
- Viola for students in grades 3-8 (pending successful sizing of instrument), best to indicate a 2nd choice instrument
- Cello for students in grades 2-8 (pending successful sizing of instrument), best to indicate a 2nd choice instrument

Lessons at your school will be held on Mondays. Once registrations are received....[continuing reading here](#)

Call for Content for New Feature

Angels in the Outfield

We know our kids do great things in our school and greater community. We would like celebrate and acknowledge some of their acts of service and kindness in our newsletter in a feature we call "Angels in the Outfield".

Do you have something to share about our students living our motto--*Freely you have received, freely you are to give?* We would love to hear about it. Send an email with details of the event or service, (pictures would be great) to Mrs. Lawrence and pto.sms.ct@gmail.com. Thanks!

