



March 3, 2023

Dear St. Michael School Families,

Well March certainly came in like a roaring lion! I have to admit, it was nice to finally have a snow day! I hope you all enjoyed a little reprieve for a day and the beautiful scenery. Let's hope the old saying is correct and that March goes out like a little lamb.

Quack! Quack! Duck sales are going very well! We have already sold 300 of our 800 duck certificates! Please send in your envelopes quickly once you're done selling so we can fill out certificates and send those back to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much to our PTO President **Amanda Williams** for organizing this fun fundraiser for our school! Thank you to the families that have already turned in their envelopes to help us reach our goal!

Got Sneakers? New, old, stinky, clean... we are taking them all! The donated sneakers will go to a sneaker recycling organization. Each pair you donate will not only be making a global impact but will also raise money for the Doris Messina Financial Aid Scholarship Fund.

The St. Michael School **Sports Banquet** is back! On Tuesday, March 14th, we will host a sports banquet in the Church hall from 5:30-7:30. This event is for any student and their family who participated in the 2022-2023 Cross Country or Basketball program. Thank you for **Rebecca Lupinacci** for organizing this event. A sign-up genius was emailed out for the potluck supper, so please sign-up to bring something. On Saturday and Sunday our Basketball teams will be competing in the **Diocesan Basketball Tournament** at St. Bernard School in Montville. Come out and cheer our teams to victory! Saturday games: **Boys JV (11:00) V(4:00) Girls V (1:00) JV (6:00)**.

The deadline to apply for tuition assistance through the **Catholic Foundation** is March 6. If you have not done so already, please consider filling out the online application through FACTS. www.online.factsmgt.com/aid. In addition, there is a new opportunity for families to apply for tuition assistance through the **State of Connecticut**. CTCEE funds students in grades K-8 with an annual \$2,500 scholarship for approved applications. All applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families! Please visit the website www.ctcee.org for more information or to fill out the online application form. However, to be eligible for a CTCEE scholarship, a parent or guardian applying for a scholarship may reside in any city/town in Connecticut.

Today, we took our students to **Stations of the Cross**, led by our 8th graders as part of our Lenten devotion to Christ. I invite you to join us for the next two Fridays in March at 9:00 at St. Michael Church. **Report cards** will be issued today, which is also a ½ day. I am so proud of each and every one of our students. They are all working hard academically. During this season of Lent, they are also working towards being the best versions of themselves. Keep up the good work St. Michael School students! Only one more trimester to go!

God Bless
Amy Babcock