



May 12, 2023

Dear St. Michael School Families,

There is much excitement in the air today! Our annual **E4E (Exercise for Education)** event is happening today and our students are hyped and ready to go! Thank you for your generous donations of snacks and drinks. THANK YOU to all our volunteers... especially **Megan and Bill Nicholas** for organizing this fantastic event!

This week we have been celebrating all the dedicated teachers and staff who make our school so special and who always go above and beyond for our students. Thank you for making our teachers, (and me) feel so loved and appreciated!

What a beautiful day yesterday for our **"Grandparents Luncheon"**. A time-honored St. Michael School Tradition, where our soon-to-be graduates enjoyed a special lunch with their grandparents, family members or a special someone. Grandparents hold a place of honor and importance in the hearts of their grandchildren. They pass on their values, their understanding, their wisdom, and their faith. ❤️ Thank you to our 7th Grade Class for helping with the set-up, serving, and clean up! **Check out our SMS Facebook page for some great photos.**

We have two events happening that will help raise funds to support our 8th Grade Class trip to Boston! This Saturday, the 8th Grade Class will be having a **CAR WASH** to help raise money for their big trip to Boston. It will take place from 9:00-12:00 at the "old" St. Michael School parking lot, located at 63 Liberty Street. Hop in your car and drive on down to Liberty Street and support our 8th Grade class! Also... mark your calendars now for a **Dine-to-Donate** opportunity on May 24th at The Pizza Place restaurant in downtown Westerly. They will donate 25% of sales from 11:30am to 8:00pm if you mention that you are there to support St. Michael School! Please tell all your family, friends and neighbors and bring your appetite! Stay tuned for more information!

Speaking of fundraisers... A BIG THANK YOU to **Jackie Spiers** for planning and organizing the St Michael School annual Trivia Night at the Westerly Yacht Club a few Fridays ago. The theme for the night was "Classical Literature" where teams dressed in costume and decorated their tables based on their book! We had Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Great Gatsby, Caps for Sale, Alice in Wonderland, and Where's Waldo, just to name a few. What fun had by all!!

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!! We need your help! There will be a sign-up genius coming out soon for you to sign-up to volunteer at the Golf Tournament on May 22nd.

May is a month of pure beauty, as it's a time of rebirth and renewal in the natural world. To observe this beauty and truth, our students in Pre-K- Grade 2 have been hatching butterflies and they are anxiously awaiting their release day! Grade 4 students hatched 3 adorable chicks (Bobette, Brookie and Shelly). They are now settled into their new home with the Ritacco family.

May is also a time of celebration, with Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and other holidays that bring people together to enjoy the beauty of the season. It is also a time where we honor our Mother Mary by praying the Rosary with our children. As spring is in full swing, flowers bloom in vibrant colors, trees come alive with fresh green leaves, and the air is filled with the sweet fragrance of nature. The days become longer, the weather becomes warmer, and the sunshine seems to radiate a special kind of energy. Happy Mother's Day to all our beautiful mothers and especially to Mary, our heavenly mother.

God Bless
Mrs. Babcock





“Christ is the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation, helping you to always live as a child of God.”



*Congratulations to all our St. Michael School 2nd Graders on your First Communion.
May the light of Christ shine within you always.*

Connecticut State Science Fair Winners!

We are very proud to announce that this year, we had 5 students who were chosen as finalists to compete in The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair. This is a yearly, statewide science and engineering fair open to all 7th through 12th grade students residing, or enrolled, in Connecticut schools and several New York towns. Their mission is to develop interest in science and engineering careers in young people, by recognizing their science achievements, and offering them a chance to interact with scientists and engineers. More than 12,000 students compete for the 600 spaces at the state fair.

This year, after the preliminary round of judging, we had two students who continued on to the next round of judging. A big CONGRATULATIONS to 7th Grade Students Connor A. and Addison C. who competed in the finals. Connor received honors and 3rd place in the Physical Sciences category. Addison also received honors and received a 2nd place award in the Biotechnology category. She also received the Alumni Middle School Botany Award. Both students received trophies and cash prizes! We are so proud of you, Connor and Addy! A special thank you to Mrs. Grossomanides for her commitment, guidance and dedication to all her students!

