



November 17, 2023

Our **Thanksgiving** turkey is looking mighty fine today as he adorns his vibrant feathers with the beautiful words of our students. We asked them to write down things that they are grateful for this Thanksgiving. Some of the things they wrote were.... “ *my family, my pets, all the angels and saints, sunshine, rainbows, my home, good food, my school, nature, clean water, caring teachers, my education, dedicated coaches, wonderful parents, Father Perkins, my faith, Jesus, God and everything good in my life.*” In this season of Thanksgiving, we have so many things to be thankful for. While we are grateful each and every day, let us remember to thank God for all that is good and beautiful in our lives. I am so thankful for all of our St. Michael School families.

Last Saturday we had a group of St. Michael School students join Mrs. Blanda for a special showcase during the St. Mary Church Bazaar. They did an amazing job getting everyone in the Christmas spirit! I want to thank them for positively representing St. Michael School out in our community.

I want to wish our **Robotics** team the best of luck at their big competition this Saturday at the Robotics Regional Competition at Lyme Old Lyme High School . The team along with their coaches, have been putting in countless hours of preparation for their robot presentation. We are all looking forward to hearing about your successful competition! **Let’s go St. Michael School Revolutionists!**

Our Next Dine-to-Donate will be this **Saturday, November 18th** at the **Boro Bodega & Scoopery** in the Stonington Borough from 5-8:00pm. Come out and enjoy some delicious ice cream in the quaint little seafaring town of Stonington. See you there!

Last night both our **boys and girls basketball** teams began their season with their first practices. We have a good amount of new members to both teams this year and for some students, this will be their fourth year playing for SMS. I am really looking forward to going to some games and cheering you on! We wish our teams all the best and not to forget that on or off the court, they are representing St. Michael School.

Just a friendly reminder about a **school-wide diocesan policy**. If your child will be picked up by someone other than the person who normally picks them up, a signed note must be sent in, regardless if they are listed on the emergency form. That is only in the event of an emergency and the parent cannot be reached. In addition, if there is a change in the way your child will be transported home, please send in a signed note letting us know of that change. We will not release your child to anyone who has not been authorized to do so and we will not send them home a different way if a note was not sent in to the office. It must be in writing. **Thank you for understanding. This is a safety policy that protects your child.**

I know it’s hard to believe, but our **1st Trimester** grades are closing on Tuesday. **Reports cards will be issued on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, which will also be a ½ day. Also happening on Tuesday is a

schoolwide **Dress Down Day**, which will benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. A flier went home yesterday with some information on how to participate.

Our elves have been busy collecting gifts for the most wonderful time of the year...**St. Nick's Closet!** St. Nick's closet is an annual event where we convert the gym into a shopping wonderland. Your child will shop for members of their family and have all items gift wrapped so it is a surprise for the family members!

An informative letter was sent out last week. They are looking for gift wrappers, shoppers and cashiers I have included a link this e-mail to the sign-up genius. There is also an amazon wish list for supplies such as gift bags, bows and tissue paper. Most of these items are gift wrap related - we will use over 2,000 gift bags in the two days of this event - so every donation helps.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DADAB2EA4FB6-45991742-stnicks>

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YFZ0W42MV7YY?ref=list\\_d\\_wl\\_lfu\\_nav\\_9](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YFZ0W42MV7YY?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_9)

This week, St. Michael School eighth grade students walked to the **Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center** to assist in making boxes for families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition, as a school, we collected non-perishable food items for the PNC food pantry. Respect, caring and character are not merely lessons taught at St. Michael School, they are lived daily by our students. **Check out our FACEBOOK page for more photos!**

Finally, mark your calendars for a **PTO meeting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30** at St. Michael School. Please join us to hear about the exciting events we have planned for the coming months.

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**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
Amy Babcock  
Principal

