



March 22, 2024

As we transitioned into spring, it was exciting to see so many signs of new life and growth, with the flowers blooming and the promise of warmer days ahead. However, as unpredictable as nature can be, this week has brought us back to winter's chill. Brrrrrrrrr! I think this is God's way of reminding us to continue to bloom where we are planted, finding beauty and growth all around us, despite the cold.

Today, Mrs. Bergel's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class made their **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**. This is in preparation for their Sacrament of First Communion, which will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. I ask us all to keep them in our prayers, as today begins a new discovery to the wonder of God's forgiveness.

It was only 4 days, but what a busy week it has been and it's only going to get busier. Please refer to the monthly calendar for upcoming school events. As a reminder, I am attaching a document that I sent out back in January, with important dates that you will want to add to your calendars. We will be in full throttle mode after April vacation week.

Coming home today with the youngest child in your family, is our **2024-2025 St. Michael School registration packet**. Please look over the forms, sign and return to us before the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline with the \$250 deposit per child. (The non-refundable deposit will be deducted from your tuition.) Keep in mind that all Financial Aid Application forms are filed through FACTS and must be submitted by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Decisions regarding grants of financial aid will be made by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Beginning on **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will kick-off our annual **Cash Raffle!** We need EVERYONE to participate, as we rely on the support of our parents, alumni, parish community and extended community of friends and family to continue to meet our mission of providing a high-quality Catholic education to every family who seeks it. **We ask that all our families sell a minimum of \$225.00 to help meet our goal of \$25,000.** When you get the link, please share on social media and please get the word out!

I invite you all to join us for a very special Lenten service, during Holy Week, on Wednesday, **March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00** at St. Michael Church. This beautiful service will be much like our Lessons and Carols during Christmas time, but the scripture readings and songs are specifically chosen to help tell the story of Jesus' passion and death. Students should be dressed in their regular Wednesday uniform. Please, no dress down passes used this day.

Thank you to Mrs. C for organizing a super fun bowling outing for our Middle School Students. They had a wonderful time bowling with their classmates at Alley Katz in Westerly.



We are gearing up for the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rita Ahearn Memorial Golf Tournament on May 13<sup>th</sup>**. The planning committee has asked each class to team up with another to create a basket that will be raffled off the day of the tournament. Room reps will be reaching out soon to ask for donations and/or money to purchase items for the baskets. Thank you in advance for your continued support and love for our school. If you want to help volunteer that day, play golf or purchase a Tee Sign, please reach out to Tim Babcock ([tbabcock@uri.edu](mailto:tbabcock@uri.edu)) for more information on how to participate.

We have only a few tables left for our **Trivia Night**, scheduled for **April 26<sup>th</sup>**! If you were thinking about getting a table, act fast, as there is limited availability. Contact Jackie Spiers ([jackie8783@hotmail.com](mailto:jackie8783@hotmail.com)) to reserve your table!

Thank you to **Father Perkins** for treating our students to zeppoles on St. Joseph's Day! It was a very special treat in honor of a beloved Saint.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the winners of the St. Michael School Annual Spelling Bee competition. First place winners will go on to compete in Willimantic in May! Way to go!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade:      **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Eliana Reynoso

**Runner Up:** Ian Rossi

5<sup>th</sup> Grade      **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Thomas Carpenter

**Runner Up:** Joshua Wilcox

6<sup>th</sup> Grade      **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Lydia Scariati

**Runner Up:** Mia Giorno

