



April 19, 2024



Earlier today, we walked to church for Morning Prayer and Benediction. What a beautiful way to begin our day! With the sweet melodies of birds chirping, colorful flowers in bloom, and the warm embrace of the sun, it truly feels like a time of renewal and growth here at St. Michael School. As our students immerse themselves in their studies and extracurricular activities, let us also take a moment to appreciate the beauty of nature surrounding us and the joy it brings to our school community.

I'm excited to share that **Bishop Cote and Superintendent Dr. Gail Kingston** visited our school today to speak with the children. Our students asked Bishop Cote lots of wonderful questions and they even had the opportunity to recite their poems for him. Their visit was a valuable experience that enriched our school community and inspired our students. Bishop Cote was very impressed how respectful and inquisitive they were. Please take a moment to ask your child about their experience today.

We only have one more week left for our annual **Cash Raffle** we need **EVERYONE** to participate, as we rely heavily on the support of our parents, alumni, parish community and extended community of friends and family to continue to meet our mission. We ask that all our families sell a minimum of **\$225.00** to help meet our goal of **\$25,000**. Follow the link and create a team! <https://go.rallyup.com/2024smscashraffle> It's easy to share with friends, family and neighbors through email, text or social media. **We only have 58 of our 123 families signed up so far and we need full participation to meet our goal! THANK YOU!**

Don't miss our Theatre Clubs performance of **Alice in Wonderland TONIGHT!** The show begins at **7:00pm!** (Please note the time change.) Doors will open at 6:30 and we kindly ask that you arrive no later than 6:45. **Don't be late for this very important date!** I am really looking forward to the performance and I hope to see you there!

Recitation and Oration night will be on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30. **This is a mandatory school-wide event.** Memorization and recitation are important skills stressed in classical curriculum. The students have been working hard on their recitations and cannot wait to show you what they have learned. Congratulations to our four finalists in the 8th Grade Oration Contest: **Connor Anderson, Lani DelBarone, Samantha Giorno & Adelaide Trichter.** You will hear their orations on Thursday. Just a reminder that students should wear their Sunday best. We ask that you please arrive at 6:15 and when you enter the church, please do so quietly and respectfully. Father Perkins has given us his blessing to use the church, and we must keep in mind that it is not an auditorium, but a place of worship. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

**ASP will be closing early on Thursday** to give teachers time to prepare for Recitation and Oration night. Please pick up your children by 4:30 on Thursday, April 25th. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Did you hear? **Grade 4 is expecting!** The 4th grade students are assisting, and learning, about the daily development from egg to chick. They took 12 eggs and began the 21-day incubation period on Wednesday. During the next few weeks, they will assist with the daily process of checking humidity and temperature levels within the incubator as well as "candling" the eggs each week to check for viable growth. A big thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Thavenet for their "eggs-pertise"!

Our **Dress Down Day** fundraiser was a great success! Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class raised a total of \$760 towards their trip to Boston in May. Thank you to all who participated.

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

There are so many wonderful things happening at St. Michael School! I feel so incredibly blessed to be part of such a nurturing and supportive school community. Thank you again for all your support in helping us meet our mission and goals!

God Bless  
Amy Babcock

## Cash Raffle Update

**58 SMS Families signed-up so far.**

**Total Raised:** \$14,643      **58% of our Goal.**

