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Dear St. Michael School Families,

I promise, I don't mean for these Principal Notes to double as a novel—but with so many wonderful things happening at St. Michael School, it's hard to keep it short! So away we go...

This week, we had the privilege of hosting a team from the **New England Association of Schools and Colleges** (NEASC) for our Accreditation Visit. The visiting team spent the day at our school on Wednesday, carefully examining our alignment with NEASC standards in key areas: Enrollment, Governance, School Resources, Administration & Teachers, and Health & Safety.



Throughout their visit, the team engaged with various members of our school community—including advisory board members, teachers, staff, our finance director, bookkeeper, administration, and Father Perkins. They left with a deep appreciation for our school's mission, dedication, and operations, emphasizing how impressed they were by the sense of community. Their positive feedback reinforces that we're on a path toward a bright future. The second half of the accreditation process will take place in April 2025 and will involve a three-day visit from a team of five members. Thank you again for your continued support throughout this reflective yet tedious process.



Day 2 of **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held today from 12:15 to 3:00 PM. I hope you've all found this time valuable for gaining deeper insight into your child's progress and growth. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school, foster communication, and work together to support student success.

I'd like to report our **Penny Wars** standings for Week 2! **Grade 7** is still the lead with **\$204.87** followed by **Kindergarten** with **\$189.05** and in 3rd place, **Pre-Kindergarten** with **\$110.41**! Week 3 just ended today and we will have updated totals at the beginning of next week. The winning class gets an Ice Cream Party so keep that change coming in!

Thank you to all who attended our **PTO** meeting last Monday night. We had a great turn out! We appreciate your interest and commitment to our school! A friendly reminder that our next PTO meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 19th** at Pooch's in Downtown Westerly. Attendees will receive dress down passes for their children! **Truck-or-Treat** is happening **THIS SATURDAY, October 26th**! We are looking for more families to register! It's not too late! This is a free, fun family event for all to enjoy!



We have a **Dine-To-Donate/ Trivia Night** on **November 13th at 7:00** at the Thirsty Beaver in Dunns Corners, Westerly. Please follow the link to register a team! It's free to attend and 10% of sales that evening will be donated to St. Michael School. There will also be a few raffles prizes too! Here is the link to the flier: [Dine to Donate Trivia Night!](#), then click on **Register Here** to reserve your spot!



Gobble-Gobble! Have you registered yet for the **15th annual St. Michael School 5K - Turkey Trot-Road Race and Fun Run** on **Saturday, November 2nd**? Runners AND walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome!



Speaking of running, our **Fun Run Club** has been having a fantastic time gearing up for the big race on November 2nd! It's been wonderful to watch their energy and teamwork during baton relays around the school—such a fun sight to see! Our **Cross-Country** raced in the McCoy at the beginning of the week at Stonington Middle School. Here are the top 5 finishers for St. Michael School. **Boy's Team:** 5th- Gabe Kennedy, 4th- James Fusaro, 3rd-Vito Gynther, 2nd-Luke Phillips & 1st- Enzo Caradimos & 1st- Avila Kennedy. A special coach's shout-out to Frankie Ritacco & Audrina Chapman and to many of our runners who made their Personal Bests! Way to go team! Their next and final meet will be on **Monday, October 28th** at St. Bernards. Come out and cheer on the team!

Mr. Chompers was here on Wednesday with Dr. Anna Capalbo from **Children's Dentistry** to visit with our Pre-K & K students to learn about the healthy habits of brushing, flossing and eating healthy. She was very impressed by how much the girls and boys knew about dental hygiene!

Red Ribbon Week for St. Michael School is next week! (Please refer to the attached flier.) On Monday, students are encouraged to wear a red shirt with their uniform bottoms (PE & sneakers or dress day bottoms and dress shoes) to show that they are **"RED-Y" to Say No to Drugs!**



Today is the last day to order hot lunch for November. Ordering closes at 11:59 pm this evening. Last weekend our Middle School students had tons of fun at the Halloween Dance! The dance took place at the Stonington Como. Check out the photos below...there were some amazing costumes.

Looking ahead... Wednesday, October 30th, students in grades K,1,3,4,5 will have hearing and vision screenings. **Thursday, October 31st** St. Michael School students will celebrate **Saints and Sweets!** Pre- K – Grade 5 students have the option of dressing like their favorite Saint. Please refer to your child's teacher for more information. **Friday, November 1st** we will be walking to church at 9:00 for an All-Saints Day Mass. Please join us. Also, that Friday is a ½ day dismissal at 11:45 for Teacher Professional Development.

I hope you all enjoy the beautiful weekend ahead! Fall temperatures are making a comeback.



God Bless
Amy Babcock
Principal

