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Apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out...today was quite the busy day! Our teachers and staff participated in CPR and First Aid training, ensuring we are all well-prepared to keep our students safe. Staying up to date on this important training is something we take seriously, and I'm grateful for the dedication of our faculty and staff!

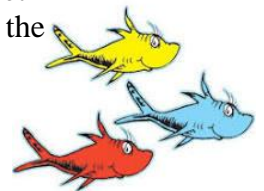
And... what a blustery day! When I got home to put the finishing touches on this newsletter, the high winds had knocked out my internet! So, after a little unexpected delay, here it is—thank you for your patience!

What a wonderful and eventful week we've had! Our students had a fantastic time celebrating **Read Across America Week**, embracing the joy of reading through special activities and classroom events. A highlight of the week was a special **bagpipe performance by Mr. Perkins**, father of Maria (Grade 3) and Jack (Grade 8). The students really enjoyed this unique experience!

In addition to celebrating our love of reading, we also began our **Lenten journey** on Wednesday with **Ash Wednesday Mass**. Our students received their ashes as a reminder of this sacred season of reflection, prayer, and growth. As we move forward into the Lenten season, we encourage our students to embrace kindness and gratitude in their daily lives. **Our virtue of the month is Humility**- Awareness that all our gifts come from God and how we can appreciate the gifts of others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice this virtue.

Our **boys' and girls' basketball teams** have officially wrapped up their seasons, and what an incredible finish it was! Last weekend at the **Diocesan Tournament**, our athletes gave it their all. Both our **JV Boys and Varsity Girls** teams advanced to the **championship game**, battling hard but ultimately coming up just short in two thrilling matchups. Our **JV Girls and Varsity Boys** also played their hearts out, with all games being competitive and exciting to watch. We are so proud of the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship displayed by all our teams! A **huge thank you** to our amazing **coaches** who dedicate so much of their time and talent to our student-athletes. Your guidance, encouragement, and commitment make such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for all you do! **Families—mark your calendars!** We will be hosting a **Sports Banquet** to celebrate our Cross Country and Basketball teams, along with their families and coaches, **on March 26th at the school**. More details will be shared soon. A special thank you to **8th-grade parent Becky Lupinacci** for organizing this fun event to honor our student-athletes! On a side note- the Varsity girls (with the help of a few JV girls) finished the Big Kahuna last night at Mel's Downtown Creamery in celebration of their final win! It was quite the spectacle!

This Monday, **East Coast Capture** will be back to take group photos for the yearbook. Basketball students should bring their jerseys to wear for the photo since they have not yet returned their uniforms. Otherwise, all students will be in their normal dress uniform for the photos.



Earlier this week, a flyer went home about an exciting after-school enrichment opportunity for students in **grades K-4!** We are thrilled to offer a **Karate class** brought to us by **KMA**, which will take place on **Wednesday, April 2nd**. Spaces are limited, so if your child is interested, please be sure to sign up as soon as possible! The cost for this fun and enriching activity is **\$20.00**. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Quack! Quack! St. Michael School is selling Ducks for the Pawcatuck River Duck Race! There are a limited number of duck certificates allotted to us for sales, so return your sale packets as quickly as possible. They are \$5.00 each and St. Michael School earns a profit of every ducky sold! Keep selling those Ducks! The Duck Race is on April 26th!

Just a friendly reminder that the **deadline to apply for Financial Assistance for St. Michael School is April 30th**. Decisions are made by May 31st.

There is a Dine-to Donate opportunity coming up! From **Tuesday, March 18th – Sunday March 23rd** at **Marios Northend** in Westerly. All you have to do is mention St. Michael School and a percentage of all sales during that entire week will go to our school!

Our **Kindergarten friends** will be visiting the **Westerly Animal Shelter** on the next **two Saturdays in March!** **Mrs. Benevides**, a dedicated volunteer with a passion for animals, will lead the children on a special tour of the shelter, sharing her knowledge and love for animal care. Please plan to arrive at **10:00 AM**. We look forward to a fun and educational experience for our young learners!

Students will attend on the following dates:

- 🐾 **Last names A–Re: This Saturday**
- 🐾 **Last names Ro–W: Saturday, March 15th**



This Sunday, we will be celebrating our **Family Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Michael Church**. We invite all of our school families to join us to celebrate. Immediately following Mass, we invite you to join us in the **Church Hall** for refreshments and time to connect with other parishioners and families. We hope to see you there!

Attached, please find an updated **Important Event Calendar for April and May!** We have many wonderful and special events planned. Be sure to take note of these dates so you don't miss out on any of the fun activities and important events that we have in store!

Join us at our next PTO meeting on **Monday, March 10th, 6:30** at Pooch's Pour House in downtown Westerly. We would LOVE to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend! Don't forget to Spring Ahead this Sunday!

God Bless
Mrs. Babcock.

