



April 11, 2025



It's finally here! Our much-needed and much-anticipated **April Break!** Whether you are headed north or south or maybe relaxing at home, I hope everyone has a fun and restful vacation!

April showers have certainly taken their job seriously this year, but with all this rain comes the promise of brighter days ahead—both in the weather and in the life of our school. Signs of spring are beginning to show, including a few early blooms from the bulbs planted by our younger students. It's a gentle reminder that growth takes time, and good things are on the way.



**Lenten Lessons and Song** was a truly beautiful service and a meaningful way to walk in Jesus' footsteps during this sacred season. Our students sang with such heart and reverence, filling the church with peace. A special thank you to our dedicated music teacher, **Mrs. Bernard**, for preparing our students. Also, as part of our Lenten promise, we collected donations for the **PNC**. Thank you for everyone who donated food for families in need.

We're excited to share that we've officially crossed the **\$10,000** mark—bringing us to **40% of our \$25,000 goal** for the 2025 St. Michael School Cash Raffle! Thank you to everyone who's jumped in so far—your support is making a real impact. Right now, **59 out of our 129 families are signed up, which means we're at 45% participation**. If everyone joins in, we'll hit our goal *together!* It's absolutely within reach—and every single effort counts. We invite you to visit our raffle page and create your team today: [St. Michael School 2025 Cash Raffle | RallyUp](#). It's quick and easy. We rely on the strength of our community—parents, alumni, parish families, and friends—to continue providing an exceptional experience for our students. Let's keep the momentum going!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the last **PTO** meeting—we had a great turnout! It was full of energy, great ideas, and thoughtful conversation about next year's fundraising and community events. We love our school, and we love hearing from you! Our final PTO meeting of the year will be in May (date TBA), and you won't want to miss it—we're already planning some wonderful things for next year!



Recitation and Oration night will be on **Thursday, April 24th at 6:00**. **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: **Ben Wolgemuth, Isabella Spiers, Enzo Gynther and Maggie Milano**. Just a reminder that students should wear their Sunday best. We ask that you please arrive at 5:45pm 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!



**It's Tee Time!** We are currently seeking businesses to SPONSOR A TEE for \$150! If your business is interested OR you know of a business that would be interested, please contact Tim Babcock! Questions / other sponsorship opportunities? Contact Tim Babcock at [tbabcock@uri.edu](mailto:tbabcock@uri.edu). You should have already heard from your Classroom Parent Representative requesting donations or specific items for the raffle



baskets for the Golf Tournament. Each grade will team up with another to create one basket, so the responsibility is shared and doesn't fall on just one class.



**It's not just the flowers that are growing...** We've noticed that some uniforms aren't fitting quite the same as they did back in September. We are also noticing that some students are not wearing their uniforms according to guidelines. With shorts and skirts weather just around the corner (beginning May 1st), we kindly ask families to check the length and fit of skirts, jumpers, pants, and soon-to-be-shorts and skirts to ensure they still meet uniform guidelines. Ties, belts & especially socks (white on T/Th and blue on M,W,F...with 2 exceptions. 8<sup>th</sup> grade optional khaki on M,W,F and Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade girls may wear optional white "bobby socks" on M,W,F). I will be doing uniform checks after the break. Thank you for your attention and support.

On **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45am**, there will be an annual consultation with Stonington Public Schools at St. Michael School regarding grant funding for students with disabilities. Please email me if you plan to attend.

**Help spread the word!** On **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00**, there will be an Open House to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Grand Old Lady of Pawcatuck" aka the former West Broad Street School aka St. Michael School. The building will be open to the public and we invite all WBSS alumni and teachers, neighbors and citizens of Stonington to attend. **We are looking for 10 middle school students to volunteer as tour guides.** Please contact Jean Fiore at [jfiore@stmichaelschoolct.com](mailto:jfiore@stmichaelschoolct.com) if your middle schooler is interested in volunteering. They will receive Community Service hours!

Don't forget to order your **YEARBOOK!** We have a limited amount available so don't hesitate... put in your order today!



### Important Dates

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday & Family Mass- 10:00am St. Michael Church  
**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**- Easter Sunday  
**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**- Easter Monday-NO SCHOOL  
**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Dress Down Day/ Earth Day/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser  
**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**- Recitation Night & Oration Contest- 6:00pm St. Michael Church- **Mandatory**  
**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**- Pawcatuck River Duck Race  
**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**- NEASC Accreditation  
**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**- NWEA Testing Begins  
**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**- First Communion Practice @ 6:00pm  
**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**- Registration Forms & Financial Aid Applications Due.  
**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Stonington Special Services Meeting @ 8:45am

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing April vacation! Enjoy your time spent with friends and loved ones... hopefully someplace sunny and warm! Keep selling those raffle tickets and help us make our goal.

On behalf of all of us at St Michael School, we wish you a blessed and very holy Easter.



God Bless  
Mrs. Amy Babcock  
Principal

# Easter Egg Hunt

Pre K & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade --- K & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Annual Cash Raffle Update

Week 2

**GOAL: \$25,000**



**Great Work Everyone!**

**Let's keep the momentum going!**