



## November

- 5-6 Parent/Teacher Conf.  
Early Dism. (11:30)
- 5-13 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11 Veteran's Day School  
Mass (8am)  
PTO Mtg. – 6:30pm
- 18 School Mass (8am)
- 24 Early Dism. (11:30)
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break  
NO SCHOOL

## December

- 4 School-wide mass &  
Benediction
- 8 Mass 8am - Feast of  
the Immaculate  
Conception - Holy Day
- 11 Middle School Dance  
@ Duffy Center (6-  
8:30pm)
- 16 School Mass (8am)
- 17 Christmas Program @  
Duffy Center (7pm)

## Adoration and Faith Survey

Please take a moment to complete a brief online survey regarding how the school supports your own faith journey along with the use of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. There are only 6 brief questions - it will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete the survey. All answers are anonymous unless you wish to identify yourself. The survey link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VQZKM85>. Thank you in advance for your time!

## School-wide Thanksgiving Feast

This year will mark the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual School-Wide Thanksgiving Celebration, created by Mrs. JoAnn and Miss Vivian in the lunch room. Each year, our students enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch with the faculty and staff of St. Michael's School & Parish to celebrate our thankfulness for one another. This year, the lunch will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. We will need 4 volunteers to set up in the morning and 15 volunteers to assist with serving lunch. Please see the link below to sign up for the 11/19 luncheon, along with the November Lunch Duty postings:



<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449acab2ba7fc1-lunch6>

## Book Fair Begins Today!

Our book fair will be open 2 days early, during parent teacher conferences. Please stop by and see our great selection. Our teachers have been invited to create a wish list of books for their classroom. Students will also be given the opportunity to create a wish list. The gift of a book is a great idea for Christmas – and we have some great stocking stuffers, too! Please see the Sign Up Genius link to volunteer: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0449ACAB2BA7FC1-bookfair](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0449ACAB2BA7FC1-bookfair)

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## Showcasing All Saints' Day





## Principal's Note

Thank you to everyone who has filled out the Faith and Adoration survey, if you haven't had a chance please see the first page of Gator Bites for the link. The survey should take less than five minutes to complete. Again, thank you for your time!

I can't believe we are already in November and into the second quarter of our school year. While it feels like we have just begun the year, it is important to note the great progress our students are making in their subject areas, faith journey, and social interactions. I especially see a great difference in student writing samples. I review all tests, performance assessments, and major writing samples. This gives me another opportunity to see what is happening in our classrooms as well as to monitor the progress of each class. I take great pride in our student work, especially when their best effort was put into an assignment or studying for a test.

Report cards were distributed on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is our sincere hope that you were able to review your child's progress and grades. This is also a great chance to set goals for the current quarter. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents at our parent teacher conferences this week. I appreciate the extra time each teacher takes to prepare for a conference and also staying after hours to meet the needs of our parents so that everyone who wishes to have a conference is able to do so.

I am looking forward to our fall book fair. Our book fair is a great way to help instill a love for reading and collecting books. The book fair will have a great selection of new books which are aimed at various ages and stages of reading. The support of the book fair helps the school and specifically, our school library. Each teacher has completed a "wish list" of books. Please consider adding one of these books to your order, as our teachers would greatly appreciate the support to expand their classroom library.

## LANDS' END

With our revised uniform policy taking effect after Christmas break, now is a great time to order winter uniforms and athletic wear. Use the promo code & pin below to receive 30% off of your order:

**Promo Code: BEFRIEND**  
**PIN: 1200**



Shop now via St Michael Catholic School's direct link:

<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900127416>



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year, Mrs. Damore and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students coordinate a collection of food for the baskets that the Church distributes at Thanksgiving. Each basket the church gives out usually has enough food for a complete Thanksgiving meal, plus extra non-perishable items. Detailed information was sent home in this week's Tuesday Envelope. Teaching our children to give really helps them as much as it helps others – they are performing one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, which are actions that we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

Items will be collected through Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Below are the listings of items by classroom:

Pre-PK3 - PK4	Boxed cereal, jars or packages of gravy mix
K	Boxed stuffing
1 <sup>st</sup>	Boxed Instant Potatoes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rice, Soups
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canned vegetables, soups
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cake mix & Frosting (any kind of other boxed desserts)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jars or cans of spaghetti sauce
6 <sup>th</sup>	Boxed macaroni and cheese or any boxed pasta
7 <sup>th</sup>	Peanut butter & Jelly
8 <sup>th</sup>	Boxed cereal, jars or packages of gravy mix



## Physical Education Update

The first quarter has come to an end and I would like to share with you what each grade has been doing in PE class. Our students truly embrace their athletic classes!

The Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade worked on motor skills, loco motor skills, and movement patterns. They've also worked on throwing, catching, kicking, striking objects under simple conditions, and loco motor skills such as running, skipping and galloping.

Grades 3 through 5 have been working on competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activities. The students had to use basic motor skills during games and activities, understanding of movement concepts, principles, strategies and tactics as they apply to the learning and performing of physical activities.

Lastly, grades 6 through 8 have demonstrated competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activities and working together as a team to achieve the task or goal. They have been participating in team sports and working cooperatively within a group to establish and achieve group goals in competitive as well as cooperative physical activity settings.



Coach Mark Bartholomey  
Athletic Director



## Showcasing All Saints Day

Our school celebrated All Saints Day last Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the 8am Mass. Students in PreK-4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade dressed as Saints and processed from the school to the Church in our annual Parade of Saints.



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



Pre-K 4

## September Contest Winners

Thanks to all families who have already turned in their Box Tops, Labels for Education, & Tyson Labels so far this year! We have counted submissions, and here are the winners for the month of September:

1<sup>st</sup> place - 1<sup>st</sup> grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

3<sup>rd</sup> place - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Just a few important reminders when clipping labels: Expiration dates need to be *valid and visible* on all Box Tops. The entire coupon, including point value *and UPC code*, needs to be clipped on Labels for Education. On products where no point value is present, please clip the UPC code. Also, on Campbell's juices, we need the *cap* from the juice bottle, if there is no coupon label. Thanks for helping our school earn easy money!

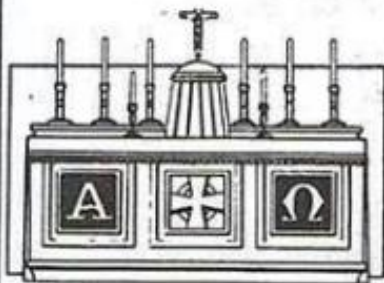


Want to submit something for the weekly publication of the Gator Bites?  
 Email [gatorbites@saintmichaelsc.com](mailto:gatorbites@saintmichaelsc.com) & copy Nancy Esposito [nesposito@saintmichaelsc.com](mailto:nesposito@saintmichaelsc.com)  
 All submissions are subject to approval.

# SYMBOLS of the CHURCH

YOU HAVE SEEN THE PICTURES OF ANIMALS, PLANTS, AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE ON THE WALLS AND WINDOWS OF YOUR CHURCH. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN? THESE PICTURES ARE CALLED SYMBOLS.

(A SYMBOL IS SOMETHING THAT STANDS FOR SOMETHING ELSE.) EVER SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, THEY HAVE BEEN USED TO TEACH THE TRUTHS OF OUR RELIGION.



THE GREEK LETTERS ALPHA (Α) AND OMEGA (Ω) OFTEN APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF ALTARS. THESE TWO LETTERS ARE THE FIRST AND LAST LETTERS OF THE GREEK ALPHABET. THEY SHOW THAT GOD IS THE BEGINNING AND END OF ALL THINGS.



THE MOST IMPORTANT SYMBOL, OF COURSE, IS THE CROSS. THE ORDINARY CROSS, CALLED THE LATIN CROSS, REPRESENTS THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF CROSSES. HERE ARE THE PICTURES OF SOME OF THEM.



A SHIP IS THE SYMBOL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.



THE CHI RHO (☩) IS MADE OF TWO GREEK LETTERS, THE CHI (Χ), WHICH LOOKS LIKE OUR LETTER "X", AND THE RHO (Ρ), WHICH LOOKS LIKE OUR LETTER "P". CHI AND RHO ARE THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE GREEK WORD FOR CHRIST. THE CHI RHO IS A SYMBOL OF OUR LORD.



THE DOVE REPRESENTS THE HOLY GHOST.



THE CROSS STANDS FOR FAITH.

THE ANCHOR STANDS FOR HOPE.



THE HEART STANDS FOR LOVE, OR CHARITY



THE FISH WAS A FAVORITE SYMBOL OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS. IT REPRESENTS OUR LORD.



EARS OF WHEAT AND BUNCHES OF GRAPES ARE SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST. BREAD IS MADE FROM WHEAT, AND WINE IS MADE FROM GRAPES. THEY REPRESENT THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD.

# Saint Michael Athletics



The 2015 - 2016 school year is underway. The Gator athletic program is selling 3'x5' advertisement banners for the upcoming Fall and Winter sports year to support our various athletic programs.

The banner will list the company/sponsors name and be displayed in the Duffy Center, our gym, at Saint Michael Catholic School. They will be viewed during numerous school and parish activities. As an added benefit, your banner will be seen by participants of the Grand Strand Middle School League and your message will reach a large audience.

All donations are payable to Saint Michael Catholic School. Thank you in advance for your support and contributions. For additional information, please call or email Mark Bartholomey at 843-997-7277 or [mbartholomey@saintmichaelsc.com](mailto:mbartholomey@saintmichaelsc.com).

## Banner Donation Fee \$300

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Mark Bartholomey  
St. Michael Athletic Director

