



# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



**RECIPIENT OF THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE  
"THOMAS EDISON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION"**  
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS)

**2007 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION "BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE"**

- Before/After Care
- Preschool-8th grade STEM curriculum
- Bus transportation from several communities
- Foreign Language beginning in preschool
- 1:1 technology preschool-8th grade (Chromebooks, classroom sets of iPads, laptops and desktop computers)
- Art, Music, and many extracurricular clubs

all in a **Catholic, loving, safe environment!**



## INFORMATION NIGHT

St. Basil Parish Education Center  
(Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten & First Grade)

**Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018**

6:30 to 8 pm

8700 Brecksville Rd. Brecksville  
440/717-0398



## OPEN HOUSE

St. Michael Campus  
(Second - Eighth Grade)

**Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018**

10:30 am to Noon

6906 Chestnut Rd. Independence  
216/524-6405



# the MESSENGER

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL . . . FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES IN ACADEMICS AND SERVICE

St. Michael School is a partnership between St. Michael Parish in Independence and St. Basil the Great Parish in Brecksville. Each student is a child of God, challenged daily to achieve academic excellence and taught to embrace the gospel message to make a difference in the world.

"We are a Christ-centered community that strives to enhance lives through academic excellence in the Roman Catholic tradition," said Principal Mrs. Margaret Campisi. "As a nationally recognized, Blue Ribbon Catholic school, St. Michael always works toward enriching school programs to help our students achieve both academically and, most importantly, spiritually. We are forming intentional disciples each and every day!"

### INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents interested in a Catholic elementary education for their children in Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade are welcome to attend an Information Night on Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 6:30-8 pm in the St. Basil Parish Education Center, 8700 Brecksville Road.

### OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 10:30 am-noon, the main campus of St. Michael School, 6906 Chestnut Road, will hold an open house. School families, those interested in sending their child to St. Michael School, alumni, and parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be classroom tours, a sneak peak of the Drama Club's play, and

performances by the Jazz Band, Choir, and Jump Rope Club. Families interested in receiving a personal tour of either the St. Michael or St. Basil campus can call Mrs. Margaret Campisi at 216/524-6405.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Re-registration Week and Sibling Registration at St. Michael School will be held the week of January 8, 2018.

New Student Registration Week begins Monday, January 22, from 9 am - 2 pm at both the main campus and the St. Basil campus. Students transferring from other schools in grades 1-8 are to register at the main campus. Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration is at the St. Basil campus.

"The reason for our success is the dedication of our teachers, their willingness to go the extra mile, and always strive to take the students to the next level. Our students are encouraged to try new adventures and never to back down from a challenge," said Campisi.

"Another reason for our success is our parents. Their dedication to our school, commitment to Catholic Education, and their willingness to work with the administration, teachers, and staff help create a partnership that is most valuable," continued Campisi. "Our goal is to have school graduates who are productive individuals, concerned about others, involved in their community, and who will make this world a better place by striving to share their faith with others by word and example."

Families interested in learning more about St. Michael School can visit [www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com](http://www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com) or follow the school on Facebook and Twitter.





Dear Friends of St. Michael School,

We are excited to present this "Messenger" newsletter to all of our school families, parishioners, and those families looking for the right school for their child.

There are so many wonderful opportunities that St. Michael School offers to students. We have the perfect blend of curriculum and faith-based activities, with a multitude of clubs, programs, sports, arts, and music. Our goal is to provide the most well-rounded educational experience you can find for your child.

Thank you to our friends and supporters as we strive to teach our students that God is so important in their lives. On behalf of Fr. Pete, Fr. Walt, and our teachers and staff, I would like to extend to you much happiness and good health in the New Year.

God's Peace and Blessings,  
Mrs. Margaret Campisi, Principal

## WALK THROUGH WEDNESDAYS

February 28 - March 14  
9:30-11:00am

Classroom Observations • Q & A Session • Refreshments  
Children are welcome to come with their parents.

St. Basil Campus offers  
Preschool (3 & 4 year old programs),  
Jr. Kindergarten (young 5's),  
Full Day Kindergarten and First Grade.

Children learn in a Christ-centered environment with hands-on learning in all core subjects. Beginning in preschool, students are involved in the arts, music, computer education, as well as Spanish lessons.

Please RSVP to 440-717-0398

**PERSONAL TOURS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE  
BY CALLING 216-524-6405**

## INCREASING OUR USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR ENGAGED STUDENT LEARNING

St. Michael School is officially a 1:1 school! What does this mean? It means that every student from preschool through eighth grade has either a Chromebook, iPad, or laptop to use for increased learning opportunities.

Take a look at all the technology improvements that happened since last school year:

201 Chromebooks have been purchased to add to our collection!

12 Osmos have been purchased for Kindergarten, first, and second grade. Osmos enable an iPad to merge the power of physical play with the digital advantages of real-time learning. It inspires creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. This was made possible by the Square 1 Art Fundraiser sponsored by PTU, Giant Eagle Apples Program, and the balance from St. Michael School funds.

These purchases were made possible by the fundraising goals of the magazine drive, golf outing, and government money. A special thank you to Fr. Pete and Fr. Walt for all of their continued support in helping to make St. Michael School a place where students continue to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually.



## Calendar

### January:

- 4 Classes Resume
- 5 End of 2nd quarter
- 8 Re-Registration and Sibling Registration Week Begins
- 12 Report Cards
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- 18 Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night - St. Basil Campus - 6:30 pm
- 21 Main Campus Open House
- 22 New Registration Week Begins

### March:

- 7 Kindergarten Screening
- 8 Kindergarten Screening
- 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- 9 Teacher In-Service - No School
- 14 Walk Through Wednesday - St. Basil Campus
- 16 3rd Quarter Report Cards
- 30 Good Friday - No School

### April:

- 2-6 Easter Break
- 9 Classes Resume
- 20 Midterms
- 20 Volunteer Appreciation Mass - St. Basil Campus
- 24 Volunteer Appreciation Mass - Main Campus

### May:

- 3 National Day of Prayer - Main Campus
- 4 May Crowning - St. Basil Campus
- 5 1st Communion Day
- 9 May Crowning - Main Campus
- 10 Band Concert
- 16 Choral Concert
- 17 Confirmation
- 23 8th grade Clap Out - 11:00 am
- 23 Kindergarten Celebration
- 23 8th grade Graduation
- 23 Last Day for Hot Lunch
- 25 Awards Ceremony
- 25 Last Day of School

### February:

- 7 Registration Fee goes up
- 9 Midterms
- 19 Presidents' Day - No School
- 22 Drama Club Show
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- 28 Walk Through Wednesday - St. Basil Campus

**"THERE IS A STRONG SENSE OF FAMILY VALUES  
AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL THAT MY HUSBAND AND I TRY TO INSTILL IN OUR  
CHILDREN EVERY DAY. SMS IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR OUR BOYS WITH WONDERFUL TEACHERS  
THAT OFFER EXCELLENT ACADEMICS AND A STATE-OF-THE-ART EDUCATION."  
- SIMPSON AND MELANIE HUGGINS**

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS...

In fairy tales, princes are charming and stepsisters are wicked. But the Woodsman in our story dreams of being more than an incidental character. He wants to be the hero. When Cinderella's stepsisters find a portal to another world, they get zapped into a real high school. The Woodsman finds himself in over his head trying to bring them back and recruits the help of Danica, a hard-core realist who never believed in fairy tales. Meanwhile, the sky is falling in the fantasy world without the Woodsman. As reality seeps into the fairy tales, the characters start to realize what it means to be alive and in control of their own destiny. Join us on this fairy tale vs. reality journey.

**Thursday, February 22 &  
Friday, February 23, 2018  
Time: 7 pm  
Independence Middle School Auditorium**



Directed by: Jarred Nichols  
Choreographer/Teacher: Judy Lasecki  
Music Director/Alumnus: Gregory Paparizos  
Advisor/Teacher: Adam Cottos

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.  
To purchase tickets, call Kristen at 216-225-1106  
or drama.club@stmichaelschoolinfo.com

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL  
**ANGEL**  
*gala*

*Save the Date*  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**

- JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE -

This year's Gala, **AT EMBASSY SUITES** on Rockside Road, will include dinner, dancing, auction items, sideboards, fund a need, and more! Sponsorship Opportunities available.

Auction items being accepted. All to support St. Michael School!

**FORMAL INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN FEBRUARY.**

Stay updated by visiting our website at [www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com/gala](http://www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com/gala)

4th Annual  
**GOLF OUTING**  
*to benefit*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
 Monday June 11, 2018  
 Sleepy Hollow Golf Course  
 Brecksville  
 Tee off @ 9:00am

Thank you for providing your support to the students & teachers at St. Michael School!

**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL IS THE  
 RECIPIENT OF THE  
 OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE  
 THOMAS EDISON AWARD  
 FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
 STEM EDUCATION**

St. Michael School was selected as one of only 58 schools in the State of Ohio to be recognized by The Ohio Academy of Science's The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for "Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research." The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering, and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/ collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

"It is our honor to recognize St. Michael School and your teachers who have not only provided a strong STEM curriculum, but also have encouraged participation in many other activities to stimulate student interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's CEO.

The criteria for the award states that students must participate in one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom, including State Science Day, The Ohio Academy of Science Annual



Meeting, Buckeye Science and Engineering Fair, Science Olympiad, and other structured STEM-related youth activities.

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"These schools and teachers push the boundaries of the traditional classroom by advising and mentoring student originated research and other hands-on experiences," said Woytek.

"St. Michael School places an important focus of our curriculum on STEM and also believes in the importance of religion and art, as well as science, technology, engineering, and math," said Margaret Campisi, principal of St. Michael School. "We like to call it 'STREAM' and we are committed

to continue our culture of innovation and excellence in all of these curriculum areas so our students remain competitive in this ever-changing global society."

**GPA'S AND GOOD REPORT CARDS ARE  
 ALWAYS IMPORTANT, BUT WHAT IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR  
 CHILDREN LEAVING OUR SCHOOL AND ENTERING THE WORLD OF HIGH SCHOOL,  
 COLLEGE, AND THE WORKFORCE ARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN CRITICAL  
 THINKING, COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, CREATIVITY, WORK ETHIC, AND STRONG CATHOLIC VALUES.  
 THAT IS THE ENVIRONMENT WE CREATE HERE AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL.**



## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

St. Michael School students participated in the annual National Walk to School Day on September 20. Students, teachers, staff, and parents walked from the Independence Kiwanis Pavilion at Elmwood Park to the main campus on Chestnut Road. This walk has become a tradition at the school and all students are treated to refreshments afterwards.

"Promoting healthy lifestyles and proper exercise is something we stress in our physical education classes," said Physical Education Teacher Mrs. Linda Kehl. "Our school community always looks forward to coming together for this annual event."



## EIGHTH GRADERS PRACTICE THEIR FAITH THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

What a beautiful day of service spent in the sun on November 3. The eighth graders raked two neighborhood lawns as part of their acts of service and Random Acts of Christian Example (R.A.C.E. to be Saints).

With the generosity of several parents, they were also able to gift a small banana bread and a quart of apple cider at the neighbor's houses along with a prayer card made by the students. They even gave banana bread and a prayer card to an unsuspecting UPS worker, Benny, and the mailman, too. The students enjoyed their evangelizing without realizing they were evangelizing!



"OUR DAUGHTER HAS RECEIVED A GREAT EDUCATION. SHE HAS MADE LOTS OF FRIENDS AND LOVES THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND TEACHERS. SHE IS DEVOTED TO HER CATHOLIC FAITH AND ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH AND READING THE BIBLE. SHE IS ALSO LEARNING THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE AND GIVING OF ONESELF FOR OTHERS."

- JIM AND HOLLY FRANK

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

On November 10, the St. Basil Campus celebrated Grandparents' Day. Grandparents from Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade joined their grandchildren for Mass and refreshments.



## ST. BASIL CAMPUS STUDENTS VISIT RESIDENTS AT NEW JENNINGS CENTER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Students from our St. Basil Campus visited the residents at the new Jennings Center for Older Adults in Brecksville on Halloween. They enjoyed parading around the center, visiting the residents, and giving them homemade cards. Student also enjoyed making Thanksgiving crafts and singing songs on November 17. The students returned in December to sing carols and celebrate the Christmas season.

