

ST. MIKE'S NEWS

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St. Michael the Archangel School

NURTURING STUDENTS. CHALLENGING MINDS.
INSPIRING FAITH-FILLED LEADERS.

Join us for a Virtual Early Education Information Session for the 2024-25 School Year

Two options available to meet the needs of busy parents. Choose one of the following options.

Tuesday, December 5 • 6-7pm
Thursday, December 14 • 6-7pm

Please visit www.st-mikes.com/infession to sign up now or scan the QR code to select your session!

Any questions please email Lindsey Heil, Director of Advancement at lheil@st-mikes.com

Once registered, a zoom link will be provided.

Students of all faiths welcome!

- Small classrooms with individual attention
- All faculty are Pennsylvania certified, many with graduate degrees
- Academic 5 day programs with full day or half day option for Pre-K and Kindergarten
- A superior education in a safe, Catholic environment



Know anyone interested in St. Mikes for next year?

We have limited spots still available for our Information Sessions this month.

Registration opens to the public on December 6th!!

Any questions please contact Mrs. Heil!



Message from your Advancement Director

Thank you to everyone who has re-enrolled so far for next year! Congratulations again to the Reese Family who won \$500 off next year's tuition!

December is a busy month! Please make sure you are reading the St. Mikes News thoroughly, checking Communication Folders and checking the Daily Calendar on our Website! We hope to see your family at our fun events throughout the month!

Special Thank you to Mid Hill Nursery for donating our tree this year for our Tree Lighting Festival. It will be planted next week and we can now watch it as it grows over the years!

Check out their website at <https://www.midhillnursery.com>



Message from our DRE

Calling all SMS students and ABVM parish children in grades 1 – 8: Gospel Presenters needed for the “living presentation*” of the Gospel at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. . Participation in one practice session on Thurs., Dec. 21, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. is required. Costumes will be provided. If your child or children is/are interested in participating, parents, please contact Mrs. Durback by Dec. 17. Note that any children from St. Michael School, not just ABVM parish members, are welcome to participate if you are attending the 4 p.m. Mass at Assumption on Christmas Eve. *No reading or memorizing lines, just acting out the Gospel as it is read.

Help needed: On Dec. 27, 9:30– 10:15 a.m., we will take down the chairs used for the Christmas Eve Masses in the Hanlon Center at the MS building. Anyone who is able and willing, please contact Mrs. Durback at 610-814-0712 or durback@ptd.net. This time can be used toward the accomplishment of high school and Confirmation service requirements. Many hands make light work!

Student Council Corner

1) **Dime Lines winning classes (KA, 6 and 7) had fun choosing toys for the Sassy Massey Toy Drive.** They are ordered and on their way! The remaining donations were split between St. Jude Hospital for Children and the Missionary Childhood Association, the Catholic Church's branch of the Propagation of the Faith that is specifically children helping children. Thanks to all generous donors who contributed to this year's total of over \$1600!

2) The Student Council raised \$200 through a dress down day and making/selling of purple bracelets and keychains in November, Pancreatic cancer awareness month. **The money was donated in memory of John Salvatore to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research.**

3) Our Guess the Gobbler contest at the MS offered some pre-Thanksgiving fun and a supply of canned goods to be donated to the Catholic Charities food bank. **Gabe S. correctly guessed the identities of 16/18 Student Council/Faculty/Staff gobblers! Students voted Mrs. Salvatore and "guest gobbler" Mr. Durback "Best Gobblers 2023."**

4) The Diocese of Allentown's Catholic Women's Society of Glving recently provided our school with a \$750 grant to provide materials for some of our outreach projects. So far, we have used a portion of the funds to purchase supplies for making the bracelets and keychains sold for the donation to the Lustgarten Foundation, and we have purchased some no-sew blanket kits to make and donate to Catholic Charities. Funds will also supply materials for future projects that include more jewelry making to donate and sell (with proceeds from sales to go to other charities); crafts and cards for retired priests and religious; and holiday goodie bags to accompany food donations to area food banks. Many thanks to the generous women of our diocese who are helping our students grow in awareness of and the ability to serve our brothers and sisters in need.

UPCOMING SCHOOL WIDE DRESS DOWN DAYS

Friday, December 22nd: Christmas Sweaters/Sweatshirts or Green and Red Colors with Jeans or Gym Sweatpants

SAVE THE DATE

Spirit Dress Down Day
December 1st

Barnes & Noble Night
December 1st 6pm-8pm

**First Trimester
Report Cards Issued**
December 6th

**St. Mikes Tree Lighting
Festival**
@ the MS Campus
December 9th 6:30-730pm

1st Grade Christmas Party
@ Bethlehem Catholic
December 13th
(More Details to Follow)

ES Christmas Concert
@ St. Joseph's Church
December 12th 6:30-730pm

HSA Meeting via Zoom
December 14th 730pm

Spirit Dress Down Day
December 15th

HSA MS Christmas Dance
Hanlon Center
7pm-9pm

MS Christmas Concert
December 19th 2pm
Assumption Church

HSA Corner

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 14th via Zoom at 7:30PM

A reminder that Pizza Orders are due by Wednesday at 10PM

The HSA's Middle School Christmas Dance is fast approaching check out more info below!



CYO News



It's opening weekend for 5th-8th grade basketball! Games for this weekend

Schedules for December have been uploaded on our Daily Calendar on our website!

Saturday, December 2nd:

1:00 PM 5/6 (JV) Girls vs Holy Family at St. Joseph's

2:30 PM 5/6 (JV) Boys Blue vs St. Thomas White at St. Mike's Hanlon Center

6:00 PM 7/8 (Varsity) Boys White vs Notre Dame A at Notre Dame (Bethlehem)

7:00 PM 7/8 (Varsity) Boys Blue vs Notre Dame B at Notre Dame (Bethlehem)

Sunday, December 3rd:

2:00 PM 5/6 (JV) Boys White vs OLPH at OLPH

5:00 PM 7/8 (Varsity) Girls vs SSPJ at Notre Dame (Bethlehem)

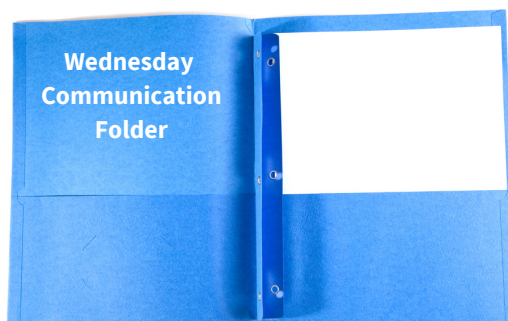
Biddy Ball (K-2) returns to the Hanlon Center this weekend! First session 8:30 AM and second at 9:45 AM.

If you filled out that you were interested in the Cheerleading Program, stay tuned, more information will be coming soon!

Wednesday Folder Sneak Peek

Check out what is coming home this week....

- Tree Lighting Festival Flyer
- Holiday Pie Sale Order Form



Important Website Links
(Clickable Links)

CYO Registration

Daily Calendar

Family Handbook

HSA Home Page

Spirit Wear

Teacher Wishlists

Previous St. Mikes News

Lunch Volunteer Sign Ups

Middle School

Elementary School



UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Elementary School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 12th starting at 6:30pm. More details will be sent home in the Communication folders in the upcoming weeks.

Location: St. Joseph's Church

Middle School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 19th starting at 2:00pm.

Location: Assumption Church



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS



DANCE

THE SNOW-BALL

Presented by our HSA

Friday, December 15th from 7-9PM
Hanlon Center

The Flyer is attached which has details and also a QR code to pre-purchase tickets!

Interested in donating food items or chaperoning??

[CLICK HERE to check out the sign up list!](#)

BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT!

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Get some of your Christmas shopping done and enjoy a night out at Barnes & Noble at the Promenade Shoppes on **Friday, December 1st from 6pm-8pm!**

Please refer to the flyer sent home in last week's Communication folder!

There will be a craft, singing, and a special appearance by some of our teachers & Principal who will be reading stories throughout the night!

Coupons were also sent home for you to use and a portion of the proceeds will be given back to St. Mikes! Use them on books for Christmas or help us bring in new books for the ES Library!

We hope to see you and your family there!



All proceeds will go towards
Catholic Schools Week Festivities

ST MICHAEL THE
ARCHANGEL SCHOOL

DEC 9
6:30-7:30
**CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING
FESTIVAL**

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS
4121 OLD BETHLEHEM PIKE
BETHLEHEM PA 18015

- Pictures with Santa
- Hot Chocolate Bar
- Candy Grams
- Student Council Bake Sale
- Holiday Pie Sale (Pre-Sales will begin on 11/29)

HOLIDAY PIE SALE

St. Mikes has partnered with Hausman's Fruit Farm to help you out with some of your holiday baking this Christmas!

Pre-Sale Orders will be taken through December 8th

There will also be a limited supply available at our Tree Lighting Festival on December 9th

ALL PRE-ORDERED PIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS ON DECEMBER 21ST AND DECEMBER 22ND

**Please return the bottom of this form along with payment.
Cash or Check will be accepted.**

Please make checks out to "St. Michael the Archangel School"

A portion of all orders will be given back to St. Mikes

Name: _____

Apple Pie--\$12.00 **Quantity**_____

Caramel Apple Pie--\$13.00 **Quantity:**_____

Pumpkin Pie--\$10.00 **Quantity:**_____

Pecan Pie--\$15.00 **Quantity:**_____

Shoo-Fly Pie--\$10.00 **Quantity:**_____

Pumpkin Roll--\$13.00 **Quantity:**_____

Apple Dumplings--\$5.00 **Quantity:**_____

Total Price: _____