

# St Mike's Newsletter

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

THANK YOU,  
*Teachers!*

Your dedication.  
Your passion.  
Your impact.

*You make a  
difference every day!*

Behind every  
great student  
is an amazing  
teacher.

Inspire  
Teach  
Encourage  
Believe  
Support

THANK  
YOU  
for all  
YOU DO!

LEADERS

MENTORS

MAKERS OF TOMORROW

WE APPRECIATE YOU TODAY  
*and every day!*

# Congratulations to our Middle School Builders Club!

who was recognized in the *AD Times* for their amazing service this year

Enjoy the article below!



## Column] Living the Mission Through Service: St. Michael the Archangel School's Builders Club

One of the great joys of Catholic education is witnessing our faith come alive through service to others. Across the Diocese of Allentown, our schools consistently offer students opportunities to live out Christ's call to love, generosity, and compassion.

Today, I am proud to share one inspiring example of this mission in action at St. Michael the Archangel School, Coopersburg-Bethlehem, where middle school students are making a meaningful impact through their Builders Club.

The Builders Club, the largest international student-led middle school service organization, is sponsored by Kiwanis International and is designed to show students the importance and lasting impact of volunteering within their communities. At St. Michael, the club is locally sponsored by the Emmaus Kiwanis, and students work closely with them throughout the year on a wide variety of service projects.

"I am immensely proud of our students for making a positive impact and offering their time to support our community in need. Their commitment truly embodies the values we cherish at our school," said Marianne Gano, Principal.

This school year, Builders Club students have engaged in various community service activities. They participated in the Miracle League Trunk or Treat with Emmaus Kiwanis, two Cops and Kids Trunk or Treat events, and volunteered at the Emmaus Kiwanis Special Needs Christmas Party. They packed food for Feed the Children, prepared supplies for Luminary

Night in Bethlehem, and Christmas-caroled at Sacred Heart Assisted Living.

Additionally, they created seasonal cards and colored ornaments for Meals on Wheels and Sacred Heart, supported Book Bingo at Jackson Early Childhood Center, and helped with the Emmaus Kiwanis Easter egg hunt.

With more service opportunities planned, the Builders Club is dedicated to positively impacting their community.

"The Builders Club members strengthen each other as well as the community through our acts of service," said Catherine Brogan, St. Michael student and club president.

Beyond these ongoing projects, the Builders Club has demonstrated a deep commitment to addressing real community needs. Last year, students collected over 2,000 books for the Cops and Kids program and delivered approximately 800 books to Sheridan Elementary School in Allentown.

This past February, the group expanded its outreach by visiting Jefferson Elementary School, providing gently used books to students who might not otherwise have access to reading materials of their own.

"This experience was incredibly powerful for our students," said Denise Teles-Carl, club moderator. "They felt genuine generosity and goodwill knowing they were providing something as simple and as essential as books to children close to their own age, or even the age of their siblings."

What makes the Builders Club at St. Michael especially meaningful is not only the scope of service, but the formation taking place within the students

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themselves. Through each project, they are learning empathy, responsibility, and the joy that comes from helping others, lessons that will remain with them long after middle school.

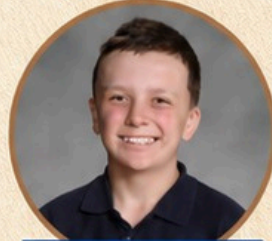
St. Michael the Archangel School has shown us that when faith and action come together, the results can truly transform hearts, both for those who serve and those who are served.

**By Cara Meskill, Director of Enrollment and School Marketing, diocesan Office of Education.**

# Middle School Student Council

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

*Leadership. Service. School Pride.*



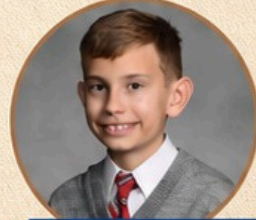
**PRESIDENT**  
**PETER HAIDUKEWYCH**



**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
**TAYLOR HARTZELL**



**TREASURER**  
**JACKSON BREWER**



**SECRETARY**  
**BENJAMIN ELLIS**

## 8TH GRADE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



**MOLLY SWIATEK**



**ALEX CARL**



**SEAN KRUPKA**



**STEPHEN BRIGIDO**

## 7TH GRADE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



**CECE KRUPKA**



**MARTIN MORALES**



**AIDEN SHOEMAKER**

## 6TH GRADE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



**CATHERINE LINDENMOYER**



**NOAH SWIATEK**

*Thank you for stepping up to lead!*



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



*A Special Surprise from*  
***Bishop Schlert!***

Yesterday, we had the honor of welcoming Bishop Schlert to St. Mike's... and let's just say—he was **very impressed!**

So impressed, in fact, that he gifted our school community an extra day to *rest and celebrate!*



**NO SCHOOL – TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>!**

*★ Enjoy an extended Memorial Day Weekend Break! ★*

*Thank you, Bishop Schlert,*  
for your kindness and support of St. Mike's! ♥





Parents, 

Let's Brew 

SOMETHING AMAZING  
TOGETHER. 

ST. MIKE'S  
**DAY OF GIVING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH 



Together,  
we can brew  
a brighter future.



**WE HAVE A  
MATCHING DONOR!**

Every gift will be matched  
*but only if we raise*

**\$10,000**

Scan to Give! 



[stmikes2026.givesmart.com](http://stmikes2026.givesmart.com)



EVERY CUP COUNTS. EVERY GIFT MATTERS.



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR MISSION! 

*St. Michael the Archangel School*

INSPIRING FAITH-FILLED LEADERS

4MS = Middle School Campus: 4121 Old Bethlehem Pike Bethlehem, PA 18015/Doors Open: 7:50 AM-8:05 AM/ Dismissal: 3:10 PM  
 ES = Elementary School Campus: 5040 St. Joseph Rd. Coopersburg, PA 18036/Doors Open: 8:20 AM-8:40 AM / Dismissal: 3:15 PM

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SCHOOL CALENDAR – AUGUST 2026 – JUNE 2027**



<u><b>AUGUST</b></u>	Monday	31	SCHOOL OPENS
<u><b>SEPTEMBER</b></u>	Friday	04	SCHOOL CLOSED – Labor Day Holiday
	Monday	07	SCHOOL CLOSED – Labor Day Holiday
	Tuesday	08	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
	Thursday	10	MS Open House/6:30PM-8:00PM
	Thursday	17	ES Open House/6:30PM-8:00PM
<u><b>OCTOBER</b></u>	Friday	02	<u>Walk-a-Thon</u> (ALL STUDENTS) at Coopersburg Elementary School/ <u>Early Dismissal at 12:15PM for all students</u>
	Monday	12	SCHOOL CLOSED-Columbus Day
	Wed.&Thurs.	28&29	Parent/Teacher Conferences/ (2 DAYS) <u>Early Dismissal 12:00 MS/ 12:15 ES/ BOTH DAYS</u>
	Friday	30	<u>Trunk or Treat</u> (ALL STUDENTS) dropped off /picked up from ES/ <u>Early Dismissal 12:15PM for all students</u>
<u><b>NOVEMBER</b></u>	Friday	06	<u>Early Dismissal/MS 12:00PM / ES 12:15PM</u>
	Wed-Mon	25-30	SCHOOL CLOSED – Thanksgiving Holiday
<u><b>DECEMBER</b></u>	Tuesday	01	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
	Tuesday	22	<u>Early Dismissal: MS 12:00PM / ES 12:15PM</u>
	Wed.-Thurs.	23-31	SCHOOL CLOSED – Christmas Holiday
<u><b>JANUARY</b></u>	Friday	01	SCHOOL CLOSED – New Year’s Holiday
	Monday	04	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
	Monday	18	SCHOOL CLOSED –MLK Jr. Holiday
	Tuesday	19	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
<u><b>FEBRUARY</b></u>	Friday	05	<u>Early Dismissal: MS 12:00PM / ES 12:15PM</u>
	Monday	15	SCHOOL CLOSED- President’s Day
	Tuesday	16	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
<u><b>MARCH</b></u>	Wednesday	24	<u>Early Dismissal: MS 12:00PM / ES 12:15PM</u>
	Thurs.-Mon.	25-29	SCHOOL CLOSED-Easter Holiday
	Tuesday	30	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
<u><b>APRIL</b></u>	Friday	16	<u>Early Dismissal: MS 12:00PM / ES 12:15PM</u>
<u><b>MAY</b></u>	Friday	28	SCHOOL CLOSED – Memorial Day Holiday
	Monday	31	SCHOOL CLOSED – Memorial Day
<u><b>JUNE</b></u>	Tuesday	01	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
	Wed.-Fri.	02-04	EXAMS (All Students)
	Thursday	10	<u>Early Dismissal: MS 12:00PM / ES 12:15PM</u>
	Friday	11	<u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Dismissal/ 10:30AM</u> ALL STUDENTS are to be dropped off and picked up from the <u>Elementary School Campus – Coopersburg</u>

\*\*\*Tentative Graduation Dates: Pre-K/June 04, 2027 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/June 08, 2027 Kindergarten/June 09, 2027\*\*\*

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# NEON DANCE PARTY

*Friday, May 29th*

*6:00 - 8:00 pm*

*Hanson Center*

**DJ, SNACKS,  
DANCING & MORE!**

**\$10 ENTRY  
CASH ONLY**

**WEAR YOUR BEST  
NEON GEAR**

**CELEBRATE ANOTHER  
AMAZING YEAR AT SMS!**

# BAND *and* CHOIR *Concert*



WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>



6:30PM



HANLON CENTER

*Music brings us together. ♡*



## **Save the Dates**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - LV Pops Orchestra Concert 1PM**

**End of Year Iron Pigs Game Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Middle School Field Day**

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Band and Choir Concert at Hanlon 6:30PM**

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Elementary School Field Day**

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Middle School Chick Fil A Sale**

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Mass at St Joseph's Church - Ascension 9AM**

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Mass at Assumption Church - Ascension 9AM**

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Dress Down Day**

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Day of Giving - See Flyer in Blue Folders this Week**

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - School Closed - Memorial Day Break**

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - School Re-Opens**

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams**

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Middle School End of Year Dance 6-8PM  
Hanlon Gym**

**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade's Final Mass at Assumption 9AM  
Followed by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast and Graduation Video**

**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Exams Grades 2-7**

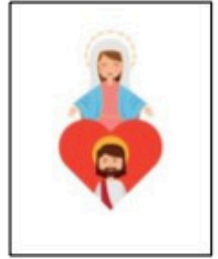
**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Mass and End of Year Picnic**

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Practice 8:30AM - St Joseph's Church**

# ABVM Vacation Bible Camp 2026

Join us in this Diocesan Year of Jubilee for adventures of

Faith and Fun with Our BFF.\* Jesus and Mary!



**June 22-25, 2026, 9 a.m. – noon**

**at Assumption BVM Parish, Bethlehem, PA**

**For rising kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**\*BFF = Best Friends Forever!**

**Cost:** \$30 per child, \$50 per family for 2 children, \$60 for 3 or more children (N.B. If financial difficulty makes paying this fee problematic for your family, please contact Mrs. Durback to make other arrangements.)

### Important Details for Families

**Children meet at the ABVM Dining Hall (in the school building) at 9 a.m. each day & are picked up there at noon.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Color of the Day</u> <small>(If possible, wear something of this color.)</small>	<u>Suggested Outreach Donation</u>
Monday, June 22	Green	Canned tuna
Tuesday, June 23	Red	Canned vegetables
Wednesday, June 24	Blue	Soap and Shampoo
Thursday, June 25	Rainbow	Laundry and dish detergent

**Keep the top portion of this flier for your information!**

***Please submit your application with a check made out to "Assumption BVM" to the Religious Education Office by May 31, 2026 to help us prepare well.***

### Participant Registration Form

*(Please print clearly and enclose VBS fee, \$30 per child or \$50 for 2 children, or \$60 per family with registration form. Make checks payable to Assumption BVM with the notation "Vacation Bible School 2026" in the memo)*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Grade Completed June 2026</u>	<u>Age</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

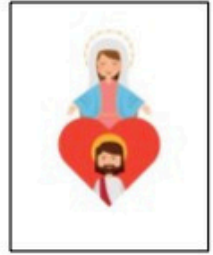
If any of the children registered above have special needs of any sort, please list them here (i.e., allergies, health issues, group participation issues, physical disabilities, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (name and cell phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

# ABVM Vacation Bible Camp 2026 - Volunteer Application

Join us in this Diocesan Year of Jubilee for adventures of

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**When: June 22-25, 2026, 9 a.m. – noon at Assumption BVM Parish, Bethlehem**

(team hours extended 15 min, before & after VBC – see below)

**Where: Assumption BVM Parish, Bethlehem**

**Eligibility:** youth volunteers should be youth who are rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders or older who are:

- ✦ able to serve *all hours of all four days* of VBS (8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each day)
- ✦ able to attend at least 3 of 8 **PREPARATION MEETINGS** (*better to attend as many as possible*)
  - ❖ preparation sessions include making decorations, practicing skits, becoming familiar with games, crafts and activities to help youth become engaged VBS leaders
  - ❖ Preparation meeting options (must attend at least 3):
    - Wed., May 20, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. (Coll Room)
    - Sun., June 7, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. (Dining Hall)
    - Thurs., June 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (Dining Hall) – (*Skit practice! If you want to be in the skits, you must come to this meeting!*)
    - Sun., June 14, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. (Dining Hall)
    - Thurs., June 18, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (Dining Hall decorating)
    - Wed., June 3, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. (Coll Room)
    - Mon., June 8, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. (Coll Room)
- ✦ able to attend one **mandatory** Organizational and Training Meeting in the Dining Hall:
  - ✦ Wed., June 17, 10 – 11:30 A.m. OR Sun., June 21, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

**Eligibility:** teen volunteers (rising 9 – 12 graders):

- ✦ **Must** complete all diocesan child protection acknowledgement forms (3) as required by the the Diocese of Allentown on file at Assumption Parish (Mrs. Durback will provide this information for you to complete this)

**Eligibility:** adult volunteers (18+):

- ✦ **Must** complete all child protection forms and workshops and have all clearances required by the the Diocese of Allentown on file at Assumption Parish or St. Michael School
- ✦ Please attend as many prep meetings as possible, 1 training session & an organizational meeting.

Please submit your application (either paper copy or scan and send to [durback@ptd.net](mailto:durback@ptd.net)) to ABVM Religious Education Office by May 21, 2026.

**Keep the top portion of this flyer for your information.**

## VBS 2026 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ circle one: adult youth

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (youth) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (youth) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical conditions of which we should be aware? \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact information (for both adult and youth volunteers):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth commitment:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to serve God and others to the best of my ability as a VBS youth volunteer, & I commit to attending two team & one organizational meetings.

**Youth signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_