Newsletter December 2025



December seemed to sneak up on all of us this year! I feel like we just had Trick-or-Treat Night and now we are in the hustle and bustle of the season. As you know, the beginning of the Christmas season really starts on November 30th with the first day of Advent. During the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we are teaching the children about the true meaning of Christmas. We have Advent prayer services across the grades, discuss the meaning of the Advent wreath, we set up our nativity scene in the lobby and so much more. Additionally, the children are preparing for our annual Nativity Program to be held on December 17th. We ask that as you begin talking about Santa and the Elf on the Shelf, that you spend some further time discussing the true meaning of Christmas so that what we are talking about in school is echoed at home.

We recently wrapped up Term One and held parent-teacher conferences. These meetings are held once each year but we always encourage families to monitor grades on Renweb. You can set your own preferences on the portal to receive daily or weekly gradebook updates to stay on top of your child's academic performance. Always know the teachers can meet to discuss any concerns you have. They can meet in person or even do a phone conference if needed. The home-school connection is very important to the success of all of our students and we are very happy to partner with you.

As previously announced, Nurse McCarthy will be stepping down as our full-time school nurse. She will be doing some part-time administrative work in the health office so you will likely see her from time to time. Nurse McCarthy has been a superwoman and an asset to our school for many years. She knows every child's name and is often the person students go to for a hug more than a bandaid. She helped us survive the Covid years and wrote a pandemic protocol for our school. Her presence will be greatly missed by students and staff and we are grateful that she will be staying on in an administrative role! Beginning in January, Allison Mancini will be our full-time nurse in the health office. Welcome, Allison!

We are also bidding farewell to the face of St. Michael School...Mrs. Donahue. After 29 years here in multiple capacities as a parent, PTO coordinator, room mom and staff member, she has decided that it's time to retire. In her words, "The SMS Family is so special. Bricks and Mortar make a building, but each person at the school makes SMS the AMAZING school and family that it is." Mrs. Donahue is excited to begin this next chapter in her life, starting in January, and she wishes the entire community continued success.

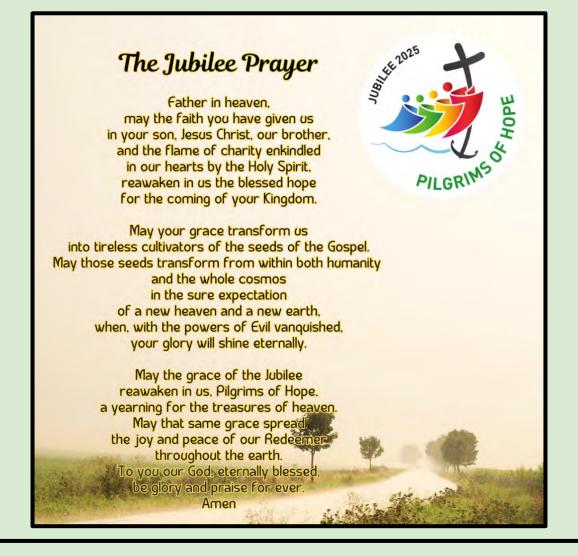
My wish for all of you as you begin this Christmas Season is that you take some time to pause and appreciate the wonderful gifts we all have. The gifts of family, friendships, good health, laughter and so much more all mean so much more than the presents under the tree on Christmas morning. Take time to play board games, go sledding, have family movie night and more during our Christmas break.

Christmas Blessings,





Let us all celebrate that at this school we all know Jesus is the reason for this season!



Saint Michael School Mission Statement

Saint Michael School offers an exceptional Catholic education to our students, nurturing their desire to achieve academic excellence and encouraging spiritual, artistic, and athletic development in a caring, family environment. We motivate our students to become well-rounded, moral young men and women who are prepared to live a faithful life with intellectual rigor and spiritual awareness.





December 17- Nativity Program

December 23- Half Day

January 5- School Re-opens

January 6- Banking Day

January 12- MAP standardized testing

window opens, Mass

January 16- No School, PD for staff

January 19- No school, MLK Day

January 22-PTO meeting, 7p.m.

January 25-30- Catholic Schools Week

January 30- End of Term 2

If you are looking for Liturgy or event times please refer to the weekly Trumpet.

Notice

This notice is per the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act." An asbestos management plan has been developed for St. Michael's School which has asbestos containing material present. These plans are available and accessible to the public by contacting Nick Ippolito at 978-686-4050 at the Parish Offices as well as at the LEA administration office.

Do Not Send Cash or Checks Into School

When paying for field trips, art projects, club, etc. for your child, all payments must be made through our Student Information Service Program, RenWeb/FACTS.

Food Allergy Policy

Saint Michael School strives to be a nut free school. Please do not send in items that contain peanut butter or tree nuts. Please direct any questions to the Health Office. Thank you for your consideration.



Have An Idea or Suggestion?

We love to hear from you! If you would like to send us a comment or a suggestion, please email us at info@comcast.net.

Tuition Update

How Do Families Receive a Parishioner Tuition Rate?

As a reminder, to be considered an active parishioner (and receive a parishioner tuition rate for the 2026-2027 school year) families must make a minimum total offertory donation of \$500 to our parish beginning July 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026. This can be done on a weekly basis when you attend Mass BUT it must be made in a trackable manner. You NEED to be a registered parishioner. If you wish to receive offertory envelopes from the parish, please email donations@saintmichael.com.

You may also make donations on the parish online giving **website** https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/298
Donations made at Easter and Christmas are for the benefit of the Clergy Trust and therefore do **NOT** count toward the annual \$500 donation to St. Michael Parish.

Thank You!

We wish to thank and recognize everyone who made a donation to our Annual Fund. We are excited to announce that as of 12/1/25, we received over \$34,000 from over 100 donors! Your generosity made that possible - Thank you!

The Trinity Level (over \$5,000)

Mr. and Mrs. Frommelt













The Archangel Level (\$1,000 to \$4,999)

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The Blue and White Level (up to \$50)

Mrs. Ella Riley Patricia Riley



Ms. Lori Gosselin

Thank You!



Many generous donations came in to recognize beloved family, friends, or loved ones, both living and deceased.

Please remember to keep all our families in your daily prayers.

In memory/honor of

Alums Keegan & Tiernan Paradis
Ben & Seby Walker
Mr A., Mrs. Caffrey & Mrs. Rogge
Colin & Bridget McKallagat & Wyatt Lang
Ella & Aria Petrillo
Everly Cormier
Father Robert Blaney
Grandchildren Caroline & Jack Levis
Haven Orlando
Jack & Finn Pawlik

Justine A. McGuire
Luca Calobrisi
Marie Sanford
Mary Valcourt
Matthew & Michael Merola
Max Cowan
Mike & Bart
Our granddaughter Noelle Bulman
Owen & CeCe

Our four graduates
Sister Barbara Monahan
Sisters of Charity, Halifax
The 7th & 8th Grade Teachers & Staff
The Bryon Family
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Valentina & Antonio Neves
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Any news you would like to share with us?				回数级数

Watter*

Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Nursery



Mrs. Rich saw Noah clean up a book when it wasn't his.

Grade 5



Mrs. Adam heard Gael come up with a fantastic idea to help his group.

Grade 2



Mrs. Caffrey saw
Cece pick up
coats off the floor
in the hallway.

Grade 5



Ms. Decoteau saw Clelia help a friend when everything spilled.

Grade 3



Mr. D. saw Isaac taking the time to cheer up a friend. Grade 7



Mrs. Ordway saw
Colin help a friend
pick up her things that
fell on the floor.

Honorable Mention

Grade 1
Sewit
Rory

Grade 5
Daniel
Kevin

Grade 6 Kayden

Watter -

Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Mrs. Reinhard saw Coen clean up a mess that was not his.

Grade 2



Ms. Bryant saw
Thomas help
classmates get onto
Reflex math on their
chromebooks.

Pre-K



Mrs. Rowley notices Dejour trying his best.

Grade 4



Mrs. Donahue saw Tommasina deliver mail nicely and was very friendly.

Grade 1



Mrs. Rowley noticed that Julian always completes his work in class and tries his very best.

Grade 4



Mrs. A saw Brooke offer a classmate a seat at her table in tech class.

Grade 5



Mrs. Adam saw Gabe help another student without being asked.

Grade 6



Mrs. Clifford saw Emmett pick up third grade lunch boxes off the floor.

Grade 6



Mrs. Vasquez commends
Tripp for greeting
everyone in the morning
with kindness.

Grade 6



Mrs. Clifford saw Camden pick up water bottles in the second and third grade hallway.

Homorable Mention

Fre-n-Inea

Grade 1-Mariele

Grade 2- Alesandra, Angela, Jo, and Caleb

Grade 5-Hailey

Grade 6- Emily A, and Sebastian

Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Mrs. Cali saw Dax helping a friend zip up his jacket.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard noticed that Alana worked hard and stayed on task.



Mrs. Kasberg saw Wyatt help a friend complete a task.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard saw Avielle help a friend that was having a hard time.

Kindergarten Kindergarten



Mrs. G saw Ani help a friend in art class.

Grade 2



Mrs. Giordano saw Michael hold the door open so she could go into school.

Grade 2



Mrs. Caffrey noticed that Mia picked up coats off the floor and hung them on the hooks.

Grade 2



Mrs. Grant saw Hadi share his glue stick in social studies.

Grade 3



Ms. Grava says that Bella always helps clean up the classroom.

Grade 4



Mrs. A saw Vivianne help a friend carry her things when the friend was injured.

Grade 6



Mrs. Adam saw Brent clean up a spill without being asked.

Grade 6



Mrs. Berard saw Lucia clean up a friend's mess when that friend had to leave.

Grade 7



Mrs. Ordway was thankful that Chase came in early to help in the classroom.

Grade 8



Mrs. Clifford says that George often comes to her class to say good morning.

Honorable Mention

Pre-K-Emma G

Grade 1-Brandon, Emmett, Leo

Grade 5-Maya

Grade 6-Colton G, Jonathan, Reece

SMSPTO

Thanks-for-Giving Raffle was a huge success! We raised \$39,540 for our school!

The entire school will be rewarded for their fundraising efforts on Friday December 19th with a pajama, movie and popcorn afternoon!



Student Holiday
Shopping Days were
so much fun!!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make it a success!











NURSERY

PRE-K

Early Childhood Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

Nursery Mrs. Siddiqui

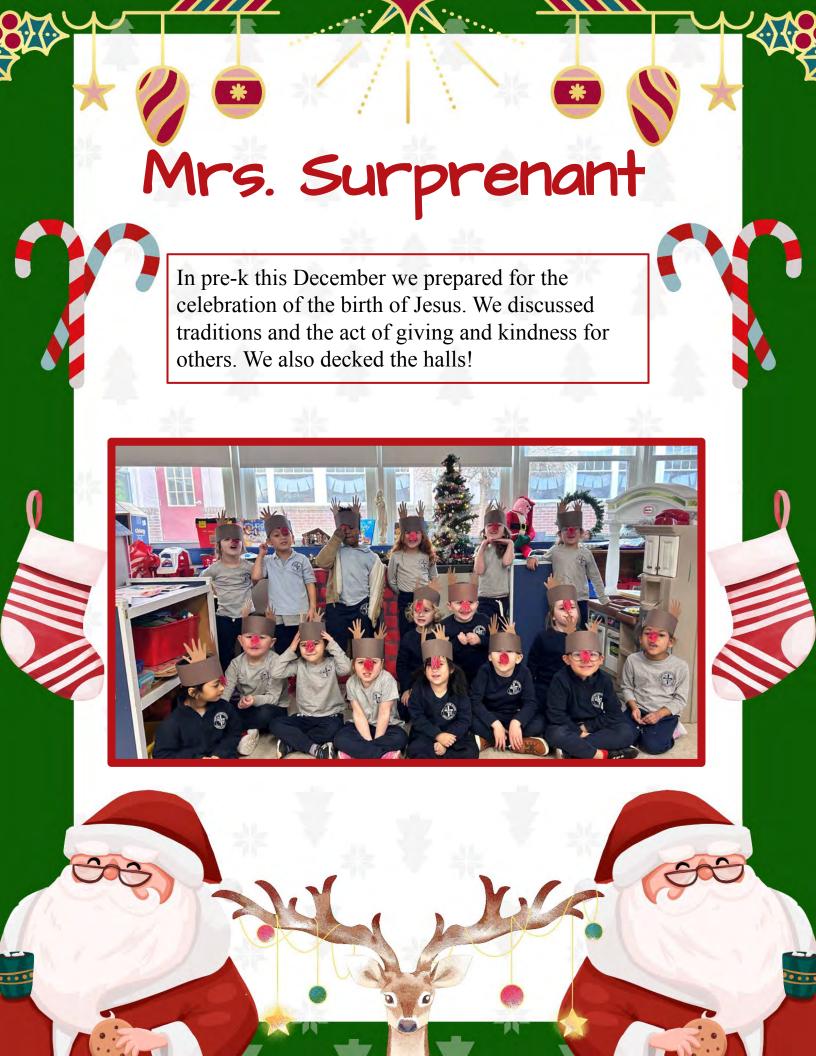


Nursery

Mrs. McGovern & Ms. Vazquez









Pre-K Mrs. Cali



















This month in Pre-K, we've been learning all about Advent! Our class has been busy with Christmas and Advent themed crafts and activities to help us get into the holiday spirit. We've also been practicing acts of kindness each day as a way to feel closer to God during this special season.



kindergarten!



Merry Christmas and happy holidays from Kindergarten!

Mrs. Tildsley





We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas!

At the heart of the Christmas celebration is the story of Jesus Christ.

Kindergarten has been learning and preparing for the birth of Jesus during this Advent season.







FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

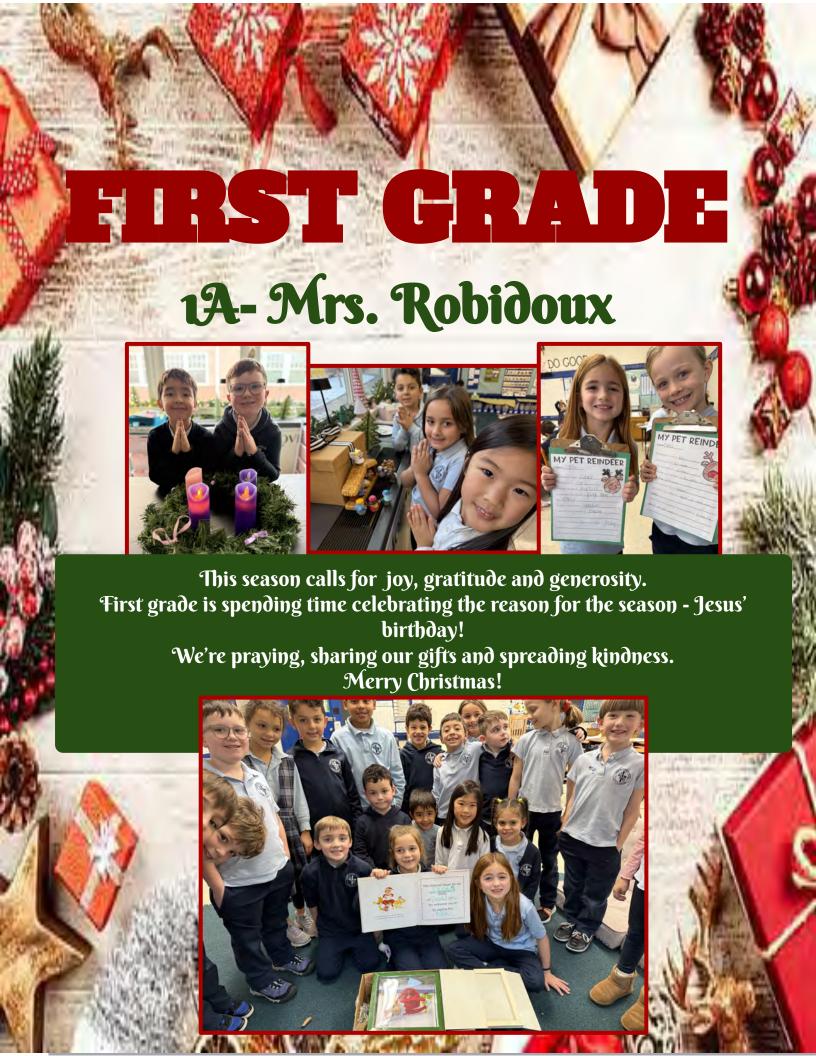
Elementary School Grades 1-4





THIRD GRADE

FOURTH GRADE





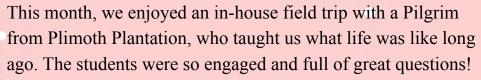
Grade 2

Mrs. Caffrey

December has been a very special month for us in Grade 2! Matthew and Luke from Central Catholic visited our classroom and helped the students create wonderful Santa crafts. We also prepared for Advent by making our own Advent wreaths, a meaningful way to begin this sacred season.

















Grade 2 is especially excited as we prepare to present the Nativity. We look forward to sharing this beautiful tradition with our families.

Grade 2

Mrs. Grant



Grade 2B wishes you all a bright and beautiful Holiday Season.







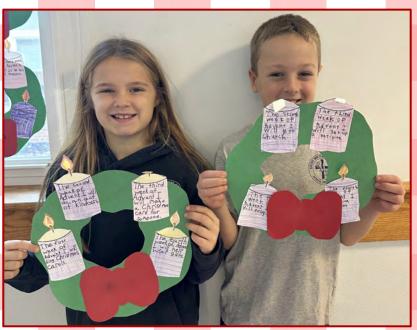








Grade 3 Ms. Grava & Mrs. Torpey





In Religion, our third graders have been learning about the season of Advent and how we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Each student created their own Advent Wreath, complete with the four candles that remind us to have hope, prepare, rejoice, and love.

After making their wreaths, students wrote one special thing they will do for each candle to help get ready for Christmas. Their ideas included showing kindness to others, helping at home, praying more often, and spreading joy wherever they go.

After reading *Have Yourself a Cheesy Little Christmas*, students reflected on the story by writing about one of their favorite Christmas memories. Their writing captured special traditions, family moments, and fun holiday experiences, bringing lots of warmth and cheer into the classroom.











In Science, students have been exploring force and motion in a hands-on and exciting way! Our third graders worked with partners to build a model trapeze and experimented with how force affects movement. They carefully observed how the trapeze swung, measured how far and how fast it moved, and recorded their data like real scientists.

After collecting their observations, students used what they learned to make predictions about how a real trapeze might move. They discussed how changes in force—such as a stronger push or a longer swing—could affect speed and distance. We loved seeing their curiosity, teamwork, and scientific reasoning in action!





Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



















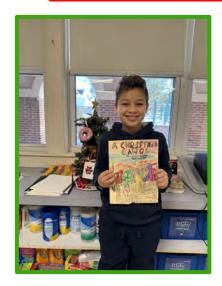




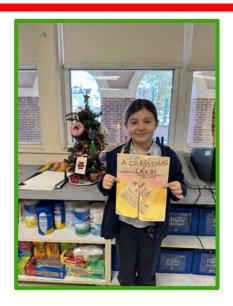


Grandparents' Day in Grade 4 was the perfect way to kick off the holiday

Children read the classic, Charles Dickens', *A Christmas Carol*. They have created amazing book reports about the story.







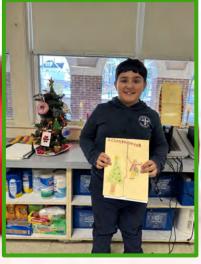


















FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE

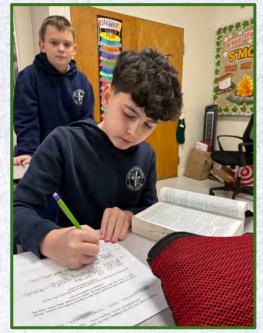


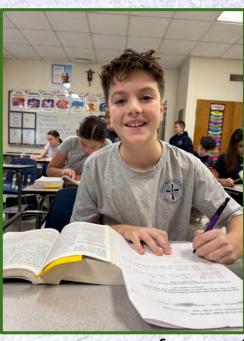
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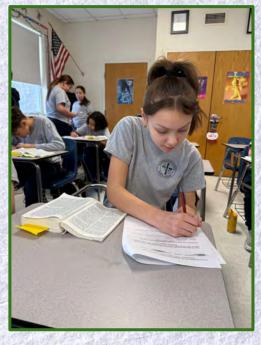
MRS. ADAM - ELA

5th Grade - The students are finding their way around the Bible

preparing for Christmas

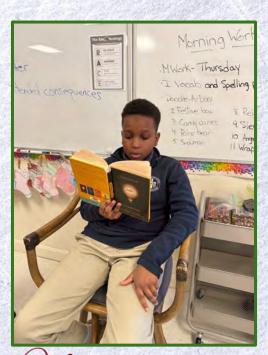






6th Grade - Will the power go out forever in Ember? Time will tell. The students continue to grow their reading skills.









Grade 5/6

Social Studies with Mrs. Clifford

Grade 5

We were so lucky to enjoy Christmas Trivia with Miss Megan!







Grade 6

We are learning about Hinduism and Buddhism. How can we achieve peace and selflessness?



Ms Decoteau Gr 5/6 Math

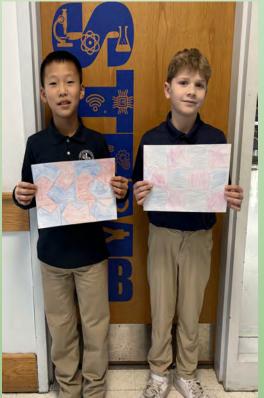
Grade 5 and 6 turned Math ideas into ART! After learning about repeating geometric patterns in Math, students turned their TESSELLATIONS into artwork.













Ms. Decoteau grade 6

Grade 6 has been preparing for Christmas. They have just finished an extensive Jesse Tree project, learning much about our faith family who waited centuries for our Savior's birth. We decorated Advent wreaths and decorated a class tree.

















Mrs. Berard 5th/6th Grade Science

Grade 5: Created Earth's 4 spheres in a jar to watch how they all interact with and depend on each other.

Grade 6: Began studying Biology with learning the characteristics of all living things.





















Mrs. Nagle-7A Religion & Enrichment

Getting ready for the Christmas Season

The students are learning and understanding the meaning of the Advent season during Religion classes and for enrichment, they made beautiful tree decorations

using cookie cutters and beads.



























Mrs. Ordway - Grade 7B Religion
The students enjoy the Christmas Season by studying about
Advent, praying the O Antiphons, sharing customs, and creating Jesse Tree ornaments.























Mr. A: Science 7/8

This school year continues to go by quickly. Grandparents' Day is behind us and the holidays are upon us. The students in grades seven and eight are on to the life science part of their curriculum. The students in both grades are very insightful and are doing their best in class.

The students in homeroom 8A did an awesome job decorating the classroom for Christmas. They displayed excitement and joy while working together. The students were truly in the spirit of the season.

On the fun side of things both grades continue to play volleyball in the morning. The students are learning the skills of the game and how to play as a team.

I hope all of the families of St. Michael School have a happy and healthy holiday season. It is a long break this year, and I'm sure everybody will make the best of it.















Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

I hope your homes are filled with joy and blessings this Christmas season. December is always a busy month at school. The students in grade 7 have been learning about ratios, rates and proportions which is all work that will help when we start percentages in the new year. The students in 8th grade have continued working with linear equations. They can write equations and graph lines in many different forms. We will move into systems of linear equations in the new year.





























We loved having so many grandparents visit on Grandparents' Day!





SCHOOL COUNSELOR



MUSIC



GYM

School Counseling and Specials



TECHNOLOGY



ART



STEM



SPANISH

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!! Our Grade 6, 7, and 8th graders were speeding through the gym participating in the "pacer test". The effort shown from all of the students was off the charts. Our younger grades have been having "snowball fights" and going on "sleigh rides." Enjoy the winter break and get out and enjoy the snow!





"Not all those who wander are lost."

J.R.R. Tolkien

December Music

"The Party's on, the feeling's here, that only comes this time of year!" -Paul McCartney

Congratulations to Saint Michael Students for an exceptional month of music! Your enthusiasm was truly inspiring!

Have a Merry Musical Christmas!



Excellent... as usual!!

Musically yours,

Ms. Lavallee











SIEM



OH NO! Santa's sleigh broke down. Fortunately, our first grade elves rushed in to save Christmas! They fixed the sleigh so it would hold all the presents and then got the sleigh flying on the zipline. Proof that with teamwork and holiday magic anything is possible!

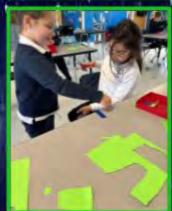


























Technology

Grade 3 students are getting into the Christmas spirit by using Google Slides to create a list of happy things that remind them of their family's traditions and memories of the holiday season. They are practicing typing as well as using simple design tools such as changing background colors, fonts and inserting images to their page. It's fun to watch them explore and exeate!













Spamish Mrs. Belitti

Grade 8 is learning to use emotions in their spanish writing.



Grade 7 is learning to use spanish adjectives in their conversations.

frio-cold
caliente-hot
bajo-short
alto-tall

Grade 6 is learning the months and about birthdays.

Los meses del año	
enero	julio
febrero	agosto
marzo	septiembre
abril	octubre
mayo	noviembre
junio	diciembre

Grade 5 is learning how to say short phrases.

¿Cómo te llamas? Buenos días Hasta luego

ART CLASS with Mrs. Donegan and Mrs. Giordano

Do you want to build a snowman?

That's exactly what our artists have been doing in art class! Students have been hard at work creating cheerful snowmen using a variety of materials and techniques. From round snowy shapes to fun winter details, each snowman shows creativity and personality. The classroom has been filled with smiles, imagination, and lots of wintery fun as students brought their frosty friends to life.











Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Rowley











The months of November and December have been busy! The Student Council organized and sponsored both the Food Drive for Bread and Roses and the Toy Drive in partnership with the Lawrence Police Department. It was exciting to find out that our school community donated over 1,000 pounds of food and supplies for Bread and Roses, their largest collection of the season! Thank you so much for your support and generosity! I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!