



St. Michael Catholic School

Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed...Be His Disciple!

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For all attendance, dismissal changes, and documents please email:

Stmichaelinfo@cdolinc.net

August 16 — 1st Day of School, noon dismissal (no EDC)
August 17 — 1st Day of Preschool
August 23 — Picture Day
August 25 — Spirit Wear Store Closes, 8am
August 28 — Back to School Night

(parents only), 6pm

SEPTEMBER

July 28, 2023

September 4 — No School, Labor Day

September 11-18 — MAP Testing

September 15 — 1pm Early Release

School Day Hours:

Doors Open: 7:45am

Tardy Bell: 8:05am

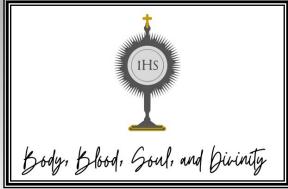
Dismissal: 3:20pm

From the Principal

Greetings, St. Michael families,

Together with our teachers and staff I want to welcome our students and school community back to St. Michael School. I hope all of our families are having a fantastic summer with an opportunity to make many memories. St. Michael School is ready to welcome 375 students and 207 families back to another year of learning, serving, leading, succeeding as His disciples.

The teachers at St. Michael School have been busy attending professional developments, planning, and getting our classrooms



ready. We are looking forward to an excellent 23-24 academic year as we focus on our theme, "Abide in Him."

Mrs. Miller, St. Michael Student Services Coordinator, and I have been working together to plan and support staff in another year of excellence in academics. Through strategic planning we have adopted an additional core value of "mission driven" to compliment the existing core values of St. Michael Staff; professionalism, positivity, teamwork, trust, and green and growing.

With the support of our leadership team, Mrs. Miller and I have reviewed our safety procedures and arranged for additional staff development on August 14th with Scott Stemper, the Nebraska Department of Education Emergency Operations Department Specialists. Mr. Stemper will review the Standard Response Protocol with staff, as well as, spend time in small group discussions on the specifics of safety protocols, as they pertain to the students and staff at St. Michael School. Please <u>click here</u> to find additional information on how you, the parents, can assist us in keeping safety a priority at St. Michael School.

In addition to our continued school wide virtue focus, we will be implementing a new religion curriculum, "Word of Life," in kindergarten- 7th grade. We are grateful for Joy Martin, the St. Michael Religious Formation Director, and Emily Sellhorn, Sacramental Coordinator, as they are supporting teachers in their role as Catholic educators to feel confident, equipped, and encouraged to live out our mission with students.

This summer our kdg-2nd grade teachers attended professional development on the Science of Reading, where we have started to shift our focus on the visual/ structure of reading, putting a greater focus on word recognition skillsincreasing the decoding abilities of our students. It is because of our Student Family Association, at St. Michael School, that we were able to purchase and expand our curriculum library for students, adding decodable readers to our small group reading instruction and purchase the Word of Life religion curriculum.

Lastly, we need your support in communicating the benefits of the <u>Opportunity Scholarships Act</u>, introduced by Senator Lou Ann Linehan on behalf of Governor Jim Pillen. This scholarship provides opportunities for families, especially low-income families, to attend a private school of their parents' choice. I have attached some information, prepared by the Nebraska Catholic Conference, that may be helpful in correcting some of the <u>misinformation that is</u> <u>circulating</u> about LB-753- The Opportunity Scholarships Act.

As always, we invite you to take advantage of the opportunities to support our students' learning and experiences. For more information, please visit with any of the Student Family Association board members. I look forward to seeing each of you very soon.

+In Christ,

Ashley

NEW ARRIVAL PLAN

With the 2023-2024 school year comes a new morning arrival traffic route. After collecting input from Lincoln Police, Lincoln Public Schools, and Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, we are going to make a concerted effort to use more of our parking lot space during morning drop-off. With everyone's cooperation, we're hopeful this will alleviate traffic congestion in the neighborhood. Below are the guidelines for school arrival. Please read closely as this new practice will be quite different from years' past.

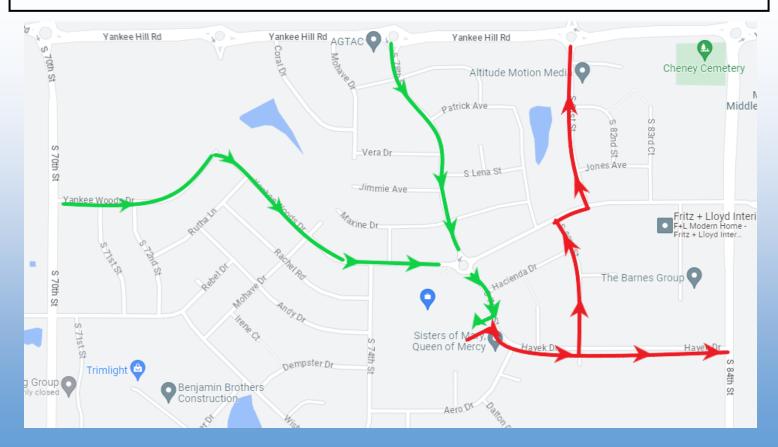
All traffic must approach the East entrance to St. Michael from the north (reference attached maps).

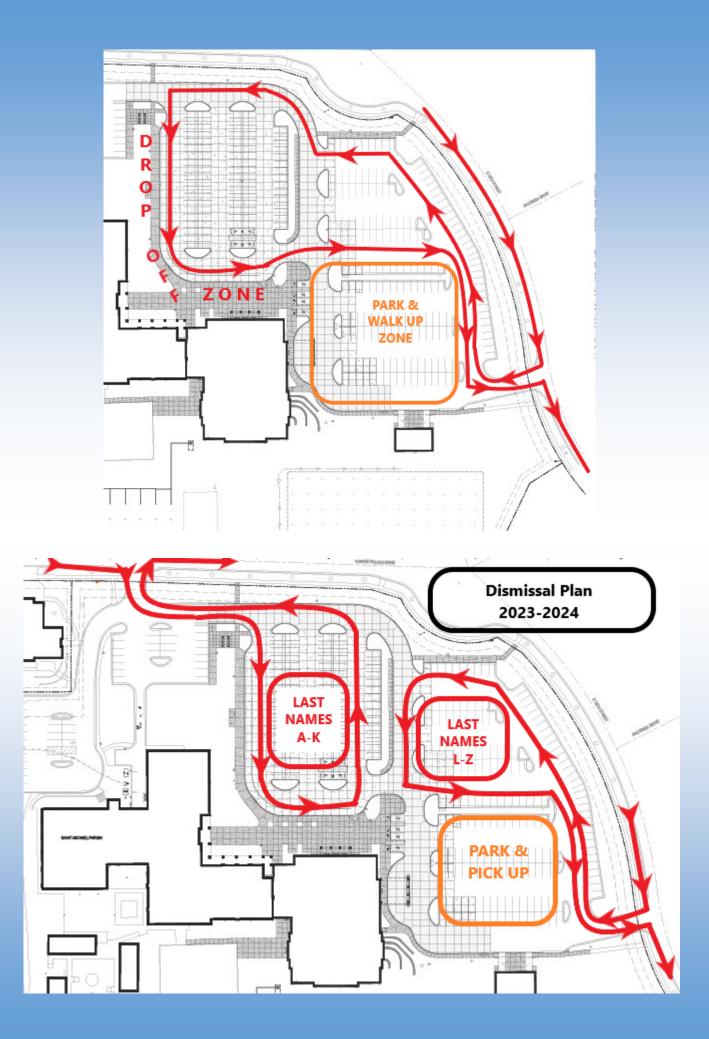
- All traffic will enter using the East driveway ramp. The drop-off line of cars will route itself on the perimeter of the parking lots. Please follow the orange traffic cones once in the lot, which will guide you to the drop off zone.
- After dropping your students off at the drop-off zone, please slowly proceed according to the map below and exit out the east access ramp.
- All traffic must make a right turn out of St. Michael and use Hayek Drive to route themselves out of the neighborhood by either continuing on Hyek Dr. to S 84th, or taking a left off of Hayek Dr on to S 80th St. and another left onto S 81st to send you back towards Yankee Hill Rd.

Please do not approach the East driveway from the South, nor exit the East driveway by making a left hand turn, this will prevent dangerous left turns out of the parking lot with minimal sight lines. By only entering St. Michael's property from one direction will prevent road blockages, minimize blind spots, and give residents of the neighborhood a path to get out of the neighborhood in the mornings.

Please make every effort not to block the roundabout at S 78th and Yankee Woods Drive. Please look ahead to the S 78th St roundabout exit before you enter the roundabout to determine whether you should proceed or wait to enter until any backed-up traffic at the exit begins moving. This will aid in keeping traffic flowing through the neighborhood.

Lastly, please do not to block any residential driveways while waiting for arrival or dismissal to begin. We all represent St. Michael School during arrival and dismissal, and your cooperation with this new plan will help us maintain a good relationship with the growing neighborhood around us. Thank you!







to order online by 8/25/23

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL MEET & GREET Thursday, August 10th

5:00-6:00pm: Drop off Supplies, meet teachers 5:00-6:30pm: Hot dogs in the commons, fellowship & fun on the front patio

<u>All</u> are invited to this back-to-school event! Find your classroom. drop off your school supplies. meet your teachers. reunite with old friends and make new friends!





Please click here to be introduced to this year's SFA representatives!



St. Michael School Picture Day is Wednesday, August 23, 2023

You have the choice of over 60 backgrounds, and you may also use more than one background (and pose) in your package. This can all be previewed online when you receive your proofs. If you prefer the traditional blue background, that is one of the choices. Due to the variety of choices, all orders must be placed online, but if you prefer to pay with cash or check, that option is available.

<u>Proofs</u>: About 2 weeks after Picture Day you will receive a Proof of your student's 2 poses. The Proof has the Website and Password to place your order online.

If you do not wish to pay with a credit card: Still place the order online and select Cash or Check as the method of payment upon checkout. Place cash or check in the Payment Envelope that came with your Proof. Write your Order Confirmation Number from your online order on the Payment Envelope.

<u>Family Plan</u>: When you pay for two children in your family, this qualifies you for a FREE package of equal or lesser value for all other children in your family. If you qualify for the Family Plan, here is how to obtain your FREE packages: After placing your two paid orders, you may place your additional orders online, but instead of paying, choose payment type: FAMILY, and click APPLY, and submit. Then simply email info@pegasus-si.com with the two Order Confirmation Numbers that have been paid in full along with the Order Confirmation Number for the order that is FREE. Please be sure to order and send email prior to the Due Date on the proof to avoid any late fees – Do NOT wait for all student's proofs as deadline dates may vary if they attend another school or are a Retake. Your FREE order is ON HOLD until you email the Confirmation Numbers.

<u>Retakes</u>: If you prefer to have a retake, you may do so for any reason on Retake Day. Wait until you get your RETAKE Proof to place an order at that time. If you decide to order from your original Proof rather than the Retake, you'll receive a late fee, as it is past the Order Due Date.

<u>Due Date</u>: On your proof is an Order Due Date. If you submit your order AFTER the Due Date, you'll have a \$10 late fee and late orders can take up to 6 – 8 weeks after ordering.

Pegasus School Images

Cut here Note to separated or divorced parents: Mom and Dad may <u>receive different PASSWORDS/Proofs</u>ONLY IF your student tells the photographer: "I need 2 sets of proofs" To help your student remember to request this, you may use this Reminder Slip.

<u>ONLY</u> For <u>parents</u> living <u>separately</u>: Fill out information below & have your student <u>give this</u> <u>note to photographer</u> while <u>sitting at the camera</u> for school pictures on

St. Michael School Picture Day -- Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Please provide <u>TWO</u> Order PROOF FORMS for:

STUDENT'S NAME:

Grade

to allow Mom and Dad to order separately.

2023-2024 School Calendar

*dates are subject to change. Always refer to our website, Friday Notes and School Newsletter updates/adjustments.

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Link to printable 2023-2024 Calendar

MRS. MILLER'S NEWS



A FEW NOTES:

First of all, I want to thank all of you for the warm welcome I received last school year to St. Michael School. I felt truly blessed to join your family of parents, staff, and students. This year I will be transitioning into the role of Student Services Coordinator. I am excited to continue to enrich the education of our students, meeting them where they are and building on their strengths. Please stop by with any questions you have or email me at mary-miller@cdolinc.net.

LIBRARY NEWS

This summer I have been working on completing the library work from the last school year. I am very pleased to inform you that we have acquired over 300 new titles for the students to enjoy. Many of those ooks were acquired from funds raised at the book fair, but I would also ke to thank those families and friends who donated used books to the library. The new books will be greatly appreciated by the students.



REMINDER

We will be having Page One again this year. If you would like to start reading the book list are on the Page One site. The address for it is: https://www.nepageone.org/coaches Actual meetings will begin 2nd Semester.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

The "Summer Welcome Packet" was sent out via email this year. All Welcome emails were sent on June 24, 2023 from the St. Michael's Info email address and included a "Welcome" postcards from the homeroom teachers. Please check your junk and spam folders. If you do not see the Welcome email, please contact Marie Hall at <u>marie-hall@cdolinc.net</u>.

Tuition Invoices were sent to all school families via email on June 30, 2023 from the St. Michael's Info email address. Please check your junk and spam folders. If you still do not see your invoice, please contact Marie Hall at <u>marie-hall@cdolinc.net</u>.

Please visit our website for all back-to-school related items, including:

- ACH forms
- Supply lists
- Uniform information
- Volunteer paperwork
- School Calendar
- Extended Day Care (Morning and Afternoon)



Registration opens February 5, 2024 www.stmichaelmarauders.org

