



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo September 18, 2023

Don't forget to ROAR!

Congratulations to our volleyball team! What a great time and wonderful effort at St. Michael's today. Special thanks to Coach Rand for organizing all these amazing athletic options for our students. Thanks also to our families for getting their children to all the practices, games, and special events! It's amazing to see our school growing and providing so many opportunities for our students.

MAP Testing - Students from K-5th grade will begin MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing **this week**. Your child's teacher will let you know the specific days your child's class will be testing. Parents can help their children do well by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. We appreciate your support.

Choir and Clubs - There are no clubs or choir practice after school this week.

Hot Lunch - All October hot lunch forms are due by this **Wednesday, 9/20**. No late forms will be accepted.

Aftercare/Homework - Just a reminder... we do not have a separate homework help for free after school this year. There is homework time built into aftercare for those who stay after and have homework.

Cross Country Race / Aftercare Dismissal - Come on out and support our cross country team this **Thursday, 9/21**, at **4:30 PM**. Families attending the race are asked to park in the second and third lots out, not the paver lot closest to the front office. That will be reserved for families picking up from aftercare and for those going to the church office.

- ***Note: Aftercare will be held in the multipurpose room that day as the back lots will be blocked off for the race. Families picking up from aftercare on Thursday should park in a spot in the paver lot closest to the front office. Come to the main doors and ring the bell. Mrs. Hines will let you in so you can sign your student out.***

We will follow these same procedures for the next cross country race on **October 10**. Please mark your calendar now.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser - The PTO is looking for 100% participation from all families for their first fundraiser of the 2023-2024 school year. People can order on-line by going to: <http://www.pizzakit.com/> and using the school fundraiser ID #: 415958. Please feel free to share this information with as many people as possible. Also, direct all questions related to this fundraiser to the PTO at ptohtcs@gmail.com.

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Pet Blessing - Mark your calendars now for our annual pet blessing which will take place after the 9 AM Mass on **Wednesday, 10/4**. All are welcome.

Water bottles - Please be sure your student brings a refillable water bottle to school every day. We have a water filling station so students can refill their bottles as needed. Thank you!

Guardian Angels are Real! Most people know this one, but they don't really "know" it, if you catch the meaning. We've all heard about guardian angels, but many assume it is something we tell children, or that they are only associated with certain events, like dangerous situations. In reality, each person has a guardian angel assigned to them. The Catechism has several paragraphs explaining this. *From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 336). Your angel never leaves your side. Sadly, we learn to ignore them from a young age, but we can learn to listen again if we try. Catholic Online School has a whole lesson on this subject. Lesson 5 in "**Angels and Demons**" discusses Guardian Angels and their roles in our lives. [FIVE Amazing Facts about your Catholic faith you didn't know! - Living Faith - Home & Family - News - Catholic Online](#)

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