

## **Mount Michael Bookstore – Back to School Update August 2023**

**Store Hours:** The Bookstore will be OPEN from 3:00 – 8:00 PM on Sunday, August 13th for the Back-to-School events (CLOSED 5-6:30 PM for mass and picnic). The store will reopen Wednesday, August 16th from 5:00–7:00 PM, Thursday, August 17th from 9AM–4PM, and Friday the 18th from 9AM – 1PM and 5:00–7:00 PM during the Fall Sports Kickoff. Normal store hours start the week of August 21st: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9AM – 4PM / Wednesday 9AM – 1 PM and 6:00 – 7:30 PM / Friday 9AM – 1PM. Families are welcome to shop at the store anytime during posted hours, but please be aware that it is very hectic during lunch. Please check in at the front desk and they will direct you to the store.

**Communication / Social Media:** The Bookstore has [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and a new [Twitter](#) account! Please follow us for updates on Bookstore related items and events! Click the links above or search 'Mount Michael Bookstore' on whichever social media site you are using. Twitter will be used to communicate shorter, more timely updates but be sure to look at Instagram or Facebook feeds for photos of items as they arrive as well as quick updates. Until a website is available to shop store inventory, the best way to see what we have online is to look through photos on the Bookstore social media posts. If you see something you like in the photos, you can simply comment or email me what size/color/item you would like (screen shots help), and I will contact you with availability and payment/pickup options!

**Textbooks:** Thank you for reserving your son's books ahead of time! *Preorders are ready for pickup on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm, or Sunday, August 13th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM and 6:30 – 8:00 PM.* Due to congestion in the Bookstore on Sunday, please pick up books in the cafeteria by the family photo location. You may also pick up books on Wednesday, August 16th in the Bookstore from 5:00 – 7:00 PM or from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on the first day of school.

### **If you still need to order books:**

- ☐ **Incoming Freshmen families:** I have a limited number of extra copies of the religion and Spanish books. Please email me as soon as possible to secure your books. For all freshmen, the typical books needed are two theology books, a Catholic youth bible, and either a Spanish or French textbook (Spanish you need to purchase, but French is provided for free through textbook loan program).
- ☐ **Transfer families:** Please email me to secure your books if you have not done so already.
- ☐ **Returning families:** Please purchase books on your own before school starts using the Student Purchase book list attached to this email. Your son's schedule will determine the books he will need for each class. To purchase the correct book, simply click on the ISBN column of the file and it will take you to new and used book prices and purchase links. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**School and Personal Supplies:** The Bookstore has a small section of school supplies (such as pens, pencils, notebooks, folders) available for purchase throughout the year. For the first day of school, I would suggest sending your son with a spiral notebook, pencil, and a pen at a minimum, and their teachers will tell them what additional supplies are needed. The Bookstore sells the architectural scale and notebook required for Architecture and Engineering classes, as well as index cards and this year's Spanish flash card pen color (black). For boarding students, the store also sells necessary personal/toiletry items including shampoo, soap, toothbrush/paste, and a limited supply of locker locks.

**Online Stores for Fall Sports Fan Gear:** The Bookstore handles the setup, coordination, and delivery of all online stores for sport-specific fan gear through our partnership with BSN Sports. This provides one point of contact for families in the event questions or issues come up related to your online orders. Football, Tennis and Cross Country stores closed on July 10th, and those orders should be arriving at your specified delivery address in the first few weeks of August. If you missed it, the stores will reopen during the first week of school. Watch your email as well as the Bookstore Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages for details. Items ordered from the new stores should arrive in late September. If you need some Mount Michael gear sooner, be sure to visit the Bookstore!

**NEW Bookstore Items:** Be sure to check out all the new items and watch your email for special preorder opportunities! Inventory changes throughout the year, so be sure to stop in often to see what is new! If you are looking for something and don't find it, feel free to ask! If it's not on order, I can see about stocking the item with enough demand!

**Care Packages:** The Bookstore is pleased to offer Care Package bags that you or family members and friends can order online and have a surprise bag of treats sent to your student along with a personalized message. Typical occasions for these are: Start of School (especially popular for homesick boarders), Birthdays, Finals Week, Valentines Day or any other time you want to surprise a student, whether he is a boarding or day student! Links to order care packages are on the

Bookstore webpage ([www.mountmichael.com/bookstore](http://www.mountmichael.com/bookstore)) or click [HERE](#) to go directly to order one. You can also sponsor a bag for another student at any time by choosing that option.

**Bookstore Credit / Student Accounts:** The Bookstore has a point-of-sale system which allows the students to have student accounts, which is simply a way to store money under their name instead of having cash or credit cards with them. Store credit is like having a gift card which can be used to purchase anything in the store. Every student is automatically set up with an account (the same one that was used to collect textbook payments). When you or your son is shopping in the store, we ask for your son's name to associate the purchase to their account. Once the account is pulled up, you can pay with the transaction using any form of payment (cash, check, credit card, or their student account). You may add money to student accounts in person or at any time using [this link](#) and choose the line item called **Bookstore Credit**. The link is located the [Bookstore webpage](#) and on the Student Resources tab of the website for your convenience. *Please note:* Funds added using this link are loaded by the Business Office no later than noon the following business day. Students should plan accordingly since accounts cannot go negative (no IOU's and they will have to wait until funds are loaded). To find out your son's balance at any time, you can email me, call the store, or ask when you are visiting the store.

**Bookstore Staff:** I wanted to introduce the people you will see when you shop at the store. I (Shelly Rodgers) became the Bookstore Manager in March 2020. My husband Michael and I have 3 children: Matthew, who just graduated from Mount Michael in May 2023 and will attend UNL this fall; Michael, who will be a Junior at Mount Michael; and Katherine, who will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Elkhorn Middle School. Both of our sons have been boarding and day students at Mount Michael, so I am happy to help parents who may have questions about life at Mount Michael. If I don't know the answer, I can point you in the right direction. I handle textbook sourcing and sales, as well as purchasing the Mount Michael swag items sold in the store.

Emily Coldiron joined the Bookstore last year as a part-time employee, and she has quickly come up to speed on Bookstore operations and is an invaluable resource. Typically, you will find her here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Emily and her husband Eric are long-time supporters of Mount Michael. They have 4 children: Joe graduated from Mount Michael in 2017; Lauren graduated from Rockhurst University in May 2023; Hannah is a sophomore at UNL; and Nick will be a Senior at Mount Michael. Emily handles the Food and Beverage side of the store, but obviously has a lot of Mount Michael knowledge as well with her involvement with the Booster Club and volunteering in many other capacities.

Occasionally, you will find my parents, Ron and Linda VanOeveren, as well as my daughter Katherine volunteering during surge times in the Bookstore. It takes a village!

Please contact us at **402-253-0976** (direct line) or **bookstore@mountmichael.org** with questions. We look forward to seeing you and your sons very soon!

***Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Coldiron***

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