



# MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL

Featuring The David "DJ" Sokol Learning For Life Building

## WEEKLY BULLETIN 11/17-11/23

### 1. A NOTE FROM DR. PETERS:



**Open House** - Thanks to all who assisted us with our annual Open House this past weekend. We had a wonderful turnout. Our students served as tour guides, and we hosted several hundred people here on Sunday. If you know of any student who would benefit at Mount Michael, please have them contact our Admissions Director, Mr. Tim Carlson at [tcarlson@mountmichael.org](mailto:tcarlson@mountmichael.org)

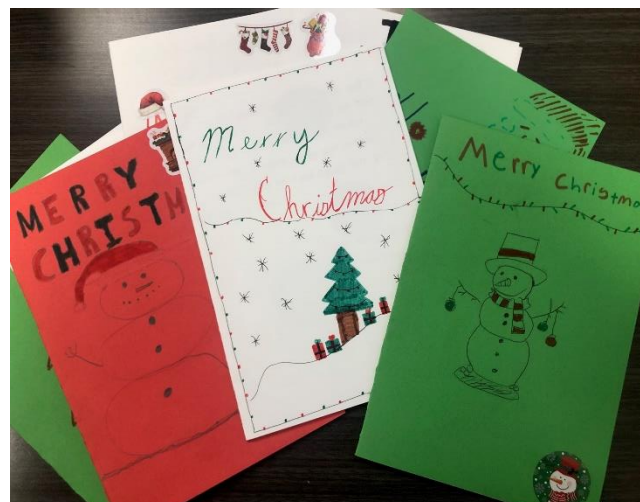
**Operation Others** - Our students have been collecting items for Operation Others. Over 1,400 cans were collected this past week, and we will continue to collect these items through next week. Thanks to all who have contributed.



During homeroom this past Wednesday, our students not only counted cans that were brought in but also wrote letters to go with the meals.



Operation Others is made up of a group of students from our metro Catholic schools. This program provides meals for needy families during the advent and Christmas season.





**Jason Evert Presentation** - Yesterday we were fortunate to have a national speaker, Jason Evert, speak to our entire student body about chastity. Mr. Evert was in Omaha visiting several other Catholic schools. He had a great message. We want to thank the Knight of Columbus at St. Wenceslaus for hosting him and organizing his presentation schedule throughout the community.

**2. BOOSTER CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT:** Trivia Knight is tonight! Doors open at 5:45pm for registration and social hour and teams are announced at 6:45pm with games beginning at 7:00pm sharp!! The night will be filled with trivia, games and raffles! First year bragging rights are on the line, so come ready to win! Table themes and costumes are encouraged, but not required. If you are still interested in a table or would like to volunteer, please reach out to [mmtrivianight@mountmichael.org](mailto:mmtrivianight@mountmichael.org). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**3. HALL OF FAME DINNER:** The Mount Michael Alumni Association invites you to our third annual Alumni Hall of Fame Night on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at The Relevant Center in Elkhorn. Awards will be presented to:

***The Alumni Appreciation Award - David Spenner '63***  
***Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee - Coach John Gathje***  
***Alumnus of the Year - Rev. Daniel Hendrickson, S.J., PhD, '89***

All are welcome. Business casual attire. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner and program at 7:00 pm. To register: <https://givebutter.com/MMHOF24>

Questions: Contact John Von Dollen '12 @ [alumni@mountmichael.org](mailto:alumni@mountmichael.org)

**4. DEPARTMENT MEETING:** Department meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.

**5. OPEN HOUSE AT THE GUEST HOUSE:** The Mount Michael Guest House/Gift Shop is having an Open House for students, faculty, staff, families, and friends on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00 pm. The gift shop has many gift items for Christmas including homemade soap bars, hand soaps, soups, Mystic Monk coffee, Trappist jams, seasonings, and a large selection of gift items. Shop for those special Christmas gifts while enjoying some hot chocolate, coffee, and homemade sweets.

**6. FALL PLAY PRODUCTION:** Mount Michael stage presents *Shakespeare's Dead Dudes* by David Overton. This one-act features our very own Arlo Chubbuck '28, John Kelly '26, Conor Langan '28, Laeth Sykora '28, Rylan Pearson '27, Patrick Johansen '28, and Liam Kicken '26. Performances on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> are at 7:00 pm in the Black Box Theater (the Crypt). On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, the matinee begins at 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door (chapel courtyard entrance) for \$5.00. Mount Michael students are FREE with their student ID. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

## **7. BOOKSTORE NEWS:**

- **Adopt A Family** - Thank you to all of the generous donors who have contributed to our very successful Adopt A Family campaign! All items are covered, and now we would love to have all unwrapped gifts turned in at the front office ASAP. You can also bring them to our collection box at Trivia Night tonight. Our young men will be wrapping the gifts during free periods on Monday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a few parents to oversee this process, please sign up [here](#) for a 2-hour shift.

- **Fan Stores for Winter Sports-** Our BSN Basketball, Bowling and Wrestling Fan Stores are open again for the winter sports season and will close on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please go to the Bookstore home page [here](#) to view the links for all open stores.
- **Jingle and Mingle** - Join us for a special holiday shopping event at the Bookstore on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments and sales while you knock some Christmas gifts off your list!
- **Store Hours-** The Bookstore will be open during visits on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
- **Winter 2024 Bookstore Online** - The Bookstore has an online apparel store for select winter items including jackets, quarter zips and stocking hats at this [link](#). Samples of several items are available in the Bookstore. View the link for details on pickup and shipping options. All items are embroidered locally and available for pickup within 2 weeks of ordering.
- **St Scholastica** - We will pray virtually via Zoom on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 8:30 pm using this [link](#). If you have the Zoom app, enter Meeting ID 734 4555 3828 and passcode 2025. All are welcome!

**8. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Looking for an opportunity to bring the family out to take a picture with Santa? Come to Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 1st, right here on campus. Enjoy breakfast, a cup of hot chocolate, decorate some cookies, and meet Santa! We look forward to seeing you here!



**9. COMMUNITY EVENT:** Just in time for the holidays, we are hosting an after-hours shopping event at The Preppy Bunny in Countryside Village. The Preppy Bunny sells a variety of seasonal and everyday gifts, dining/entertaining items and stationery! Jill Lookabill, mother of Jack Lookabill ('27), owns The Preppy Bunny and is generously donating 25% of the proceeds from that evening back to Night of Knights 2025!

*Date and Time:* Tuesday, December 3, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm

*Location:* The Preppy Bunny – 8730 Countryside Plaza, Omaha, NE 68114

Wine and light snacks will be provided. In the meantime, check out The Preppy Bunny's website at <https://thepreppybunny.com/> Hope to see you there!

**10. ATTENTION JUNIORS:** The Greater Omaha Council Bluffs Area Council on Youth Leadership is currently requesting applications for the Class of 2026 "Youth Salute." To qualify, a student must: (1) be a high school junior (senior class of 2026), (2) have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher through their sophomore year, and (3) have held TWO LEADERSHIP ROLES to which their peers or an adult leader chose within the past two years in school, religious or community sponsored organizations.

All juniors who qualify should go online at [www.greateromaha.youthsalute.com](http://www.greateromaha.youthsalute.com) to apply. If you are unsure about your GPA, check with Ms. Palmer! All application forms must be completed and returned by December 15, 2024. All eligible students are encouraged to participate! Students will be saluted in a photographic banner. Please reach out to Ms. Palmer at [mpalmer@mountmichael.org](mailto:mpalmer@mountmichael.org) if you have any questions!

**11. DROP/ADDS:** Forms are now available in the counseling department or with Mrs. Raabe to drop or add a class for the second semester. The deadline to drop or add is Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

**12. INCLEMENT WEATHER:** With winter approaching, we want to remind everyone of our inclement weather policy. The policy is in our handbook but here is a recap.

Mount Michael is **NOT** part of any group closing, including Elkhorn Public Schools or Omaha Catholic Schools. Weather decisions will always be made independently by the school administration. Inclement weather may lead to school being canceled or starting late (at either 8:40 or 10:00 am). Should Mount Michael be closed due to the weather, it will always be communicated directly by the school via email, an automated voice/text system, social media, or reported to local news stations. Due to our unusual status as a boarding school, we will try to make weather decisions the evening before whenever possible. This particularly applies to Sundays or other days when many students need to make the decision to return to campus or not. However, this early decision is not always possible. When a decision to close school is made in the morning, our goal is to communicate this by 6:30 am.

Mount Michael does not always close when other schools do. Mount Michael never closes just because of extremely low temperatures or wind chill advisories. Closures will normally be limited to snow, ice, and so on. At times, the decision to close will be made when students are already on campus, especially boarding students. The residential dean staff will provide supervision and meals for these students. If a student on campus wants to return home after school has been canceled, he will be allowed to go home **ONLY** when the roads are deemed safe enough to drive on, and then only when his parent has communicated with the dean that they give him permission to leave.

**13. NIGHT OF KNIGHTS 2025:** Mark those calendars for Saturday, March 29, 2025, for Night of Knights 2025 – *All Knight Long!* Inspired by Lionel Richie's iconic 1983 hit and dedicated to the 80s, this event is one you **WON'T** want to miss! This event would not be possible without the dedication of so many amazing volunteers—including our event chairs:

**Chairs:** Beth & Charlie Boone (Will '27)

**Vice Chairs:** Beth & Dan Gard '04 (Joey '28)

More information regarding raffle tickets, sponsorships, and much more will be on our website soon! In the meantime, check out some event details and meet our chairs—[nightofknights.org](http://nightofknights.org)! For any questions about *All Knight Long*, contact Seth Pierce, Director of Events, at [spierce@mountmichael.org](mailto:spierce@mountmichael.org).

**14. SUPPORT THE NOK 2025 SILENT AUCTION:** One of the key components for Night of Knights is the silent auction. All proceeds raised go directly toward Mount Michael's operating budget and ensure that we can continue to offer the highest quality high school experience for your sons. We're asking you, as Mount Michael families, to support the building of our silent auction.

**Here's how you can support NOK's silent auction:**

- **Donate an Item:** Share an item, basket, or even something special from a favorite business. Get creative!
- **Shop Our [Amazon Gift Registry](#):** Just browse, click and purchase – your item(s) will be sent directly to the school!
- **Snag a Gift Card or Put Together a Unique Basket:** Check out specific items we're looking for [HERE](#).

- **Sponsor the Silent Auction:** If you'd prefer to support through underwriting, head to [Silent Auction Underwriting](#) on our website and we will go grab specific items to add to our silent auction!

Any items purchased outside of the Amazon Gift Registry can be dropped off with Deann Souza in the school office or with Shelly Rodgers in the MM Bookstore.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Together, we will make Night of Knights 2025 an unforgettable event that will help Mount Michael continue to provide an enriching, educational, spiritual and personal experience here for your son. Questions? Contact Seth Pierce, Director of Events, at [spierce@mountmichael.org](mailto:spierce@mountmichael.org).

#### 15. 24-25 YEARBOOK INFORMATION:

- If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook for the 2024-2025 school year, please visit the following link: <https://yearbookforever.com/school-store/O09CR02hXF6j6LVyFn5u3oHU> Contact [mrobertson@mountmichael.org](mailto:mrobertson@mountmichael.org) with questions. Thank you for supporting the journalism program!
- **YEARBOOK SALES- SENIOR FAMILIES:** You have the option to purchase and design a senior ad. You may use baby pictures, senior portraits, family photos, etc. Additionally, you may type out a message from your family, a Bible verse, or a quote to accompany the images. If you wish to purchase one, scroll to the bottom of the page where yearbook prices are listed. The deadline to purchase an ad is Friday, March 28th. Contact [mrobertson@mountmichael.org](mailto:mrobertson@mountmichael.org) with questions.

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(See rSchool for the latest updates to our calendar.)  
<https://www.rivercitiesconference.org/public/genie/433/school/784/>

#### **Mon., November 18**

Prayer and Announcements in the chapel – 7:45 am  
 Start of Winter Practice

#### **Tues., November 19**

Alumni Hall of Fame Night at The Relevant Center – 6:00 pm

#### **Wed., November 20**

Department Meetings – 7:30 am  
 Wednesday Night Visits – 6:15 pm  
 Booster Club Meeting in the Sokol Library – 7:30 pm

#### **Thurs., November 21**

Fall Play in the Black Box Theater (Crypt) – 7:00 pm

#### **Fri., November 22**

Fall Play in the Black Box Theater (Crypt) – 7:00 pm

#### **Sat., November 23**

Fall Play in the Black Box Theater (Crypt) – 7:00 pm

#### **Sun., November 24**

Fall Play in the Black Box Theater (Crypt) – 2:00 pm