



MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL

Featuring The David "DJ" Sokol Learning For Life Building

WEEKLY BULLETIN

12/20-01/11



FROM MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL!

1. A NOTE FROM DR. PETERS: Our last finals of the first semester were given this morning. As we wind down the semester, I want to thank all of you for your support. Mount Michael Benedictine School has the greatest impact on our young men when **all** areas of the students' life are working together. When the teachers, students and parents/guardians work together each student succeeds. Thank you for all you do!



I want to thank all our staff for all they do in making Mount Michael Benedictine the phenomenal school that it is. A big thank you to our office staff, facilities and maintenance crews, our advancement department, our tremendous faculty and staff, Creative Dining Services and our monastic community members. So many people put in countless hours making it possible for us to operate, thrive and offer the premier college preparatory education. We are blessed by their dedication and service.

I also want to thank our parents. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous Christmas gift. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much to us, especially during this busy season. Your support is a reminder of the incredible community we are so fortunate to be a part of. Thank you for thinking of us and for your continued support and prayers.

Our second semester will begin on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 7:45 am with Chapel.

I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. May the promise and hope of the newborn Christ-child be with you and your entire family!
God bless you all and take care!

2. ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to the following students who were voted Athlete of the Week by their respective coaches: Basketball – Kyle Oldehoeft '25, Bowling – Liam Casey '27, Swimming/Diving – Caleb Courtney '25, and Wrestling – Peter Trautman '26.

3. SERVICE HOURS: Just a reminder that students should be adding their service hours to the Mobile Serve Website (<https://mobileserve.com/>)! Information on logging hours and about the service program can be found on the Mount Michael service webpage (<https://mountmichael.com/service-immersion/>). At the end of the Fall semester, freshmen should have completed 5 hours, sophomores 25 hours, juniors 50 hours, and seniors 80 hours to be eligible for Dean's List. **All hours are due at the end of the school day TODAY!** If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Schleimer at aschleimer@mountmichael.org.

4. ADMISSIONS NEWS: The Mount Michael Admissions Department is excited to share some key events for prospective students!

- Join us for the "Knight Before Christmas" basketball game this Friday, December 20th, with a 6:00 pm pregame and 7:00 pm tipoff—a great opportunity to experience Mount Michael's community spirit.
- Don't miss our HSPT Bootcamp on Saturday, December 21st, from 9:00–11:00 am, designed to help 8th grade boys feel confident going into the High School Placement Test.
- Finally, mark your calendar for our Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 11th, starting at 8:30 am, the first step in becoming a Knight! We look forward to seeing you there!

5. BOOKSTORE NEWS:

- **Holiday Store Hours** - The Bookstore will be open before the basketball game on Friday, Dec. 20th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Starting next week, the store will be closed for the holidays and reopen on Monday, January 6th.
- **Textbooks for Next Semester**- If you need any textbooks for second semester, please email Mrs. Rodgers before December 20th at bookstore@mountmichael.org. All students will need a 2nd semester religion book at a minimum. Limited copies are on hand in the store, or email Mrs. Rodgers before break if you would like assistance ordering.



6. MASS SERVICES AT MOUNT MICHAEL:

Christmas Vigil – Tues., December 24th at 8:00 pm in the chapel

Christmas Day – Wed., December 25th at 9:30 am in the chapel

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wed., January 1st at 9:30 am in the chapel

7. CHRISTMAS BREAK: It is a good time to remind everyone of our absence policy. Students are not allowed to extend their breaks by either adding days at

the beginning or end. Doing so will make those days unexcused, meaning that any work missed may NOT be made up and the student will receive zeros for homework assignments, quizzes, or tests. Our official days off for Christmas break are Friday, December 20th through Sunday, January 5th. Thank you for understanding our policy and making your arrangements accordingly.

8. NIGHT OF KNIGHTS 2025: This year's event – *All Knight Long* – is set for Saturday, March 29, 2025! Inspired by Lionel Richie's iconic 1983 hit and dedicated to the 80s, this event is one you CAN'T miss! The event chairs and the various dedicated committees are continuing to work diligently behind the scenes to bring this event to life for you and the entire Mount Michael community!

More information regarding raffle tickets (ON SALE STARTING 12/29/24), sponsorships, and much more will be on our website soon! In the meantime, check out some event details — nightofknights.org! For any questions about *All Knight Long*, including how you can or would like to support, contact Seth Pierce, Director of Events, at spierce@mountmichael.org

9. CARWASH FUNDRAISER: Sales for our annual Rocket Carwash Fundraiser are closing soon! Rocket Wash vouchers (a \$25.99 value) are available for JUST \$12! Is your car covered in dirt? If it isn't today, it surely will be soon! You need some vouchers! But you probably have other friends or family members who would love a clean car as well, right? Good news – you can buy AS MANY as you want!! 50% (\$6 from each voucher) of all proceeds is donated directly to Night of Knights 2025! Vouchers are digital so it's easy to disburse to your friends and family! We're sitting at just 83 washes, and our goal is to sell 200 washes – will you help us push towards our goal?

Visit our Rocket Carwash fundraiser page to order and have a digital voucher sent right to your phone via text message.

EXTENDED: The fundraiser runs now through Saturday, December 21st, so get yours TODAY!

<https://rocketcarwash.com/fundraiser/mount-michael-night-of-knights/>

10. 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.

11. COUNSELING NEWS:

- **A NOTE FROM MS. PALMER: Juniors and Junior Parents** – I am excited to get started with the juniors in College Planning class next semester! We will be exploring study habits, time management, career exploration – among other things! I am planning to have a Junior Parent Meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025, at 7:00 pm. This will be an informational meeting about what the semester will look like for the juniors, how they should prepare for senior year, and things they can do to prepare for college.
- **Seniors and Senior Parents** – Since I will not have class with the seniors the second semester, I will be checking in with them, especially as we approach graduation, to see where they are planning to enroll and what documents they need sent. **If you could please submit any scholarship offers with amount (can submit picture of offer letter) to mmscholarships@mountmichael.org, that would be greatly appreciated.**

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please feel free to reach out to me at mpalmer@mountmichael.org or (402) 206 – 2079.

12 CLASSES RESUME: Classes resume for the second semester on Monday, January 6th. We will have prayer and announcements at 7:45 am in the chapel.

13. DROP/ADDS: Forms are 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 10th, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

14. KNIGHT SHACK – WINTER VOLUNTEERS: Show your support of Mount Michael by helping run the many events hosted at Mount Michael PLUS meet some FUN people. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Knight Shack and at the gate. Take one spot or many. Your sons/daughters can earn service hours as well. Please sign up by clicking on the link below. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BAFAE2BA2FE3-49419320-knight#/>

15. 📣 CALLING ALL BASEBALL COACHES: Mount Michael is hosting a **Free Baseball Coaches' Clinic** on **Saturday, January 11th, 2025**, from **8:00 am to 12:30 pm** in the school gym. Learn from top coaches, including Ed Servais, Tyler Goodro, and more, with sessions on infield, catching, hitting, and practice organization. Breakfast is provided! Register now: tinyurl.com/2xy96te6. Spread the word and join us for this fantastic event! 🌐

16. WINTER FORMAL: Mount Michael's Winter Formal will be held on Saturday, January 18th from 8:00- 11:00 pm in the gym! Entrance fee is \$5. Students from all-girls schools are welcome to attend with or without a Mount Michael host. More information and a request for snack donations and chaperones will come out in January!

17. SAVE THE DATE: Jay Martin from the Nebraska Department of Education is coming to Mount Michael on January 29th from 7-8 pm in the Armory. This is a presentation you won't want to miss. Mr. Martin will be discussing foundational issues involving social media, Apps, and digital platforms. This is a talk that is very informative for parents. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Crnkovich ccrnkovich@mountmichael.org

18. 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 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 with questions.

19.



(See rSchool for the latest updates to our calendar.)

<https://www.rivercitiesconference.org/public/genie/433/school/784/>

Fri., December 20

Christmas Break – No School

Teacher Workday

V/JV Wrestling Invitational at Platteview – 2:00 pm

Swimming/Diving at Common Ground Swimming Facility – 4:00 pm

JV/V Basketball vs Crete at Mount Michael – 5:30/7:00 pm

Sat., December 21

Swimming/Diving at Common Ground Swimming Facility – 8:30 am

Entrance Exam Bootcamp in S108 – 9:00 am

FR Basketball vs Gross at Mount Michael – 9:00 am

Alumni Basketball Tournament at Mount Michael in the gym – 11:00 am

Mon., December 23

No School

Tues., December 24

No School

Christmas Vigil - Mass for the Nativity of the Lord in the chapel - 8:00 pm

Wed., December 25

Merry Christmas

Mass for the Nativity of the Lord in the chapel - 9:30 am

Thurs., December 26

No School

Fri., December 27

No School

V Basketball vs Bishop Neumann at Wahoo High School - 2:30 pm

Sat., December 28

V Basketball at Wahoo High School - 2:45 pm

Mon., December 30

No School

JV Basketball (Holiday Tournament) at Gretna High School - 8:00 am

Tues., December 31

No School

JV Basketball (Holiday Tournament) at Gretna High School - 8:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family in the chapel - 9:30 am

Wed., January 1

Happy New Year

Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel - 9:30 am

Thurs., January 2

No School

Fri., January 3

No School

V Wrestling vs Elkhorn North, Fort Calhoun at Mount Michael - 4:00 pm

Mon., January 6

Classes Resume

Prayer and Announcement in the chapel - 7:45 am

Tues., January 7

V Bowling vs Omaha Westview at Bowlero - 4:00 pm

Wed., January 8

Wednesday Night Visits - 6:15 pm

Thurs., January 9

V Bowling vs Fremont at Bowlero - 4:00 pm

Swimming/Diving at Ralston - 4:30 pm

FR Basketball vs Elkhorn at Mount Michael - 6:00 pm

Fri., January 10

V Wrestling at Ashland-Greenwood - 2:00 pm

Last Day to Drop or Add a Class - 3:30 pm

JV/V Basketball vs Platteview at Mount Michael - 5:30/7:00 pm

Sat., January 11

Speech Tournament at Fremont – 8:00 am

8th Grade Placement Exam in the Sokol Building (S108) – 8:30 am

V Wrestling at Malcolm High School – 10:00 am