



MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL

Featuring The David "DJ" Sokol Learning For Life Building

WEEKLY BULLETIN

01/19-01/25

1. A NOTE FROM DR. PETERS: This past Wednesday we had Sarah Burch, who is with Madonna School organization, present to our young men the opportunities of getting involved with **Unified Sports**. For the past few years, we have had a growing number of our young men volunteer their time as members of a joint Unified Sports team(s) in both flag football and basketball, with Madonna School <https://madonnaschool.org/>. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to be involved as a means of support, relationship building and giving of themselves as members of team. I ask that they all prayerfully consider this as an option for them in the realm of giving their time and talent to others. Our students were given two links on how to participate. One to be part of their leadership team: <https://forms.gle/V5y3rfHDRGpnFvKC7> and another link to participate in the Polar Plunge: <https://www.classy.org/team/629109>

Tomorrow night is our **Winter Formal**. It takes place from 8:00 to 11:00 pm in our gym and armory. I want to thank all those who have volunteered to help and assist. The Winter Formal is planned and organized by our student council.



The **chess club** competed at Lewis Central on Tuesday of this week as part of the Metro Chess League. We tied (each school won 2 games). **Timur Guliev'26** and **Grant Snyder'27** won their games. **Jaxson Pigg'26** and **Will Gray'27** also competed.

Catholic Schools Week is January 27-31st. Some of the events we have planned that week include beginning each day in chapel with a short Benedictine presentation by some of our alumni.

On Wednesday of that week, we will have an outing to the Skate Ribbon. We will also have a presentation for students and parents on *Building a Better Digital Culture* by Mr. Jay Martin. The student presentation will be at 2:00 pm and the parent presentation will be at 7:00 pm. We will also have an all-school Mass on Friday, January 31st at 9:46 am in our Chapel.

2. NO SCHOOL: There is no school on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. Martin Luther King, Jr was a prolific leader of the non-violent Civil Rights Movement that protested racial discrimination at the federal and state levels. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 21st.

3. ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to the following students who were voted Athlete of the Week by their respective coaches: Basketball – Gavin Torczon '27, Bowling – Wesley Cobb '25, Swimming/Diving – Patrick Johansen '28, and Wrestling – Xavier Zimmerman '26

4. WINTER FORMAL: Mount Michael's Winter Formal is this Saturday, January 18th from 8:00-11:00 pm! Admission is \$5.00 at the door. We are also looking for more parent volunteers to chaperone the dance and for parents to donate snacks. If you can chaperone or donate snacks, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Hx80kqVHG8>.

5. IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Junior Parents** – There is a parent meeting next Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the study hall room. This will be an informational meeting about what the semester will look like for the juniors, how they should prepare for senior year, and the things they can do to prepare for college. Also, don't forget to register your student(s) for 3MT Test Prep for the ACT in February!! Ms. Palmer will send out reminders as we get closer to those dates.
- **Senior Parents** – There is a FAFSA Workshop Night next Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm in the study hall room. Please refer to the email Ms. Palmer sent and fill out the form! You will need to have your FSA ID created **at least 3 days beforehand**.
- **Seniors** - Please submit any scholarship offers with amount (can submit picture of offer letter) to mmscholarships@mountmichael.org.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Mikaela Palmer at mpalmer@mountmichael.org

6. BOOKSTORE NEWS:

- **Hours** - The store will be open late on Wednesday, January 22nd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
- **Spring Fan Stores** - The spring fan stores are now live on the Bookstore [webpage](#). Please note the stores close on Thursday, January 30th. A much smaller store with limited options will reopen at the start of the season. This is different in years past, and the smaller stores offer a much faster turnaround.

7. AUDITIONS: Mount Michael Stage announces auditions for the spring play, *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose on Monday, January 27th and Tuesday, January 28th from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Black Box Theater (the Crypt). Please direct any questions to Br. Roger Mangels at rmangels@mountmichael.org



8. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for the week of January 27th. We will have dress down days and daily speakers (except for Friday) at 7:45 am in the chapel.

Dress themes include:

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| Mon., Jan. 27: | USA |
| Tues., Jan. 28: | Twinning (dress the same as another person) |
| Wed., Jan. 29: | Pajama |
| Thurs., Jan. 30: | Tropical |
| Fri., Jan. 31: | Normal Dress (Mass at 9:46 am followed by Homeroom) |

9. COAT DRIVE: During Catholic Schools Week (January 27-31) students will be collecting new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens to be donated to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! All items can be dropped off at the front desk!



10. ICE-SKATING EVENT: The Student Council would like to invite students to an upcoming event at the Omaha Riverfront Skate Ribbon in downtown Omaha. This ice-skating outing is FREE, and any student is welcome to participate.

Details include:

- **Location:** Skate Ribbon, (South 8th Street & Farnam St)
- **When:** Wednesday, January 29th
- **Time:** approximately 6:30-8:00 pm
- **Cost:** Free
- **Sign-up:** Students **MUST** sign up at the front desk by January 27th to get an accurate head count
- **Transportation:**
 - Boarders: Must take the bus
 - Day Students: Will meet at Skate Ribbon

11. GUEST SPEAKER: Jay Martin from the Nebraska Department of Education is coming to Mount Michael on January 29th from 7-8:00 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. See flyer for more details. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Crnkovich ccrnkovich@mountmichael.org

12. SUPERSTAR CONTEST: Vote for your favorite Catholic school in Spirit Catholic Radio's Superstar Contest! For 13 years, Spirit Catholic Radio has been shining a spotlight on Catholic high schools and elementary schools in their listening area with the Superstar Contest. Voting is open January 27th through February 7th. Contest winners will receive some great prizes. Please spread the word to family and friends. All are welcome to participate in the voting! Visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar2025> for more information or to vote!!



13. POLAR PLUNGE: Help support Unified Sports and Unified Special Olympics by participating in the Polar Plunge! The plunge is on Saturday February 8th at Zorinsky Lake. Check-in is at 9:30 am; plunge at 11:00 am. The class that has the most students registered will win a dress down day. The winning class must have at least 25% of their class take the plunge OR just the individuals who plunged will earn a dress down day. If there is a tie, it will go to which grade raised the most money. Each plunger must raise a minimum of \$75, which includes a long-sleeved t-shirt, to wear on their dress down day!

Link to join Mount Michaels team- <https://www.classy.org/team/629109>

14. BASEBALL AND BREWS: Celebrate Mount Michael Baseball at Baseball & Brews! This adult-only community-building event is for parents, alumni, and all supporters of our baseball program. Join us at Monolithic Brewery on Saturday, February 8th from 1-3:00 pm to connect and gear up for the spring season. RSVP by clicking on the link today! <https://givebutter.com/mmbaseballbrews> We look forward to seeing you there.

15. 4th ANNUAL WHISKEY AND WINE TASTING:



Saturday, February 8, 2025

6:00-8:00 pm

Old Vine Wine & Spirits (3821 N. 167th Court)

Come taste test various whiskeys and wines at this fun and kids-free private event! Hosted at a local shop, our expert host will walk and talk you through the different items you're tasting! Samples, light snacks, and a 10% discount. all in one night? Bring a friend (or two) and enjoy an evening of fun!

Purchase your ticket [TODAY!](#)

16. NIGHT OF KNIGHTS RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets are now on sale! Head to nightofknights.org to snag yours today! 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

17. SAVE THE DATE - MOM PROM 2025: Mount Michael's annual Mom Prom is Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm at The Barn (15220 Military Rd, Bennington, NE 68007). This event is free to attend for all Mount Michael mothers and sons. More details will come out later.

18. NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:

- **For Juniors and Seniors:** Attorney General Mike Hilgers is inviting high school juniors and seniors to participate in the Nebraska Attorney General's Youth Conference at the Nebraska State Capitol on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. A limited number of high school juniors and seniors from across the state will be selected to attend. **Students who are applying should be interested in the process of government and law.** This conference will provide attendees with an experience of state government and law, as well as discussions and debates about current issues, hearing from AGO Bureau Chiefs, expanding their understanding

of the legal process in Nebraska, and eating lunch at the Governor's Residence. **Applications should be submitted by March 1, 2025.** Selected students will be notified by March 15, 2025. Applications can be accessed here: [Attorney General's Youth Conference | Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers](#). Applications can be emailed to Heather.Buell@Nebraska.gov. Please refer to the email Ms. Palmer sent last week for more information.

- Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries will host a Leadership Camp in June and July. The Leadership Camp is a comprehensive, three-week experience outside of Ashland, Nebraska. For more information, go here: [NLOM Leadership Camp.pdf](#)
- **Seniors:** The Nebraska Society Professional Engineers (NeSPE) is offering scholarships to high school seniors. The application includes teacher recommendations, optional employer recommendations, essay, official transcript, and SAT or ACT score sheet DUE by **March 1, 2025**. Please refer to the email Ms. Palmer sent on January 6th for more information.
- The Nebraska Press Association Foundation scholarship will be offered to up to 5 students at \$2,000 each. **The application is DUE today, Friday the 17th.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Mikaela Palmer at mpalmer@mountmichael.org or (402) 206 – 2079.

19. 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#/>

20. 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.

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

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

Mon., January 20

NO SCHOOL – MLK DAY

JV Wrestling Tournament at Elkhorn High School – 2:00 pm

JV/V Bowling vs Skutt Catholic at Mockingbird Lanes – 3:00 pm

Tues., January 21

Prayer and Announcement in the chapel – 7:45 am

V Wrestling at Lincoln Pius X – 5:00 pm

Wed., January 22

Wednesday Night Visits – 6:15 pm

Junior Parent College Presentation in the study hall room – 7:00 pm

FAFSA Workshop Night for Senior Parents in the study hall room – 7:30 pm

Thurs., January 23

V/JV Bowling vs Westside at West Lanes – 3:00 pm

RCC Basketball vs Omaha Roncalli at Mount Michael – 6:00 pm

Fri., January 24

RCC Basketball – TBD

V Wrestling at David City – 10:00 am

Sat., January 25

Diving at Ralston – 9:00 am

Swimming at Lewis Central – 9:30 am

FR Basketball at Ralston – 10:00 am

RCC Basketball Finals 5:00 pm (location to be determined)