MOUNT MICHAEL
BENEDICTINE SCHOOL
Featuring The David "DJ" Sokol Learning For Life Building

Monthly Benedictine Value: Service

Monthly Theme: Hands and Hearts for Others

Quote of the Month: "No one is to pursue what he judges better for himself, but instead, what he judges better for someone else." Rule of St. Benedict

WEEKLY BULLETIN 10/25 -10/31

1. A MESSAGE FROM DR. PETERS:



Tennis State Champs! For the **THIRD** consecutive year, the Mount Michael Knights are State Champions! An incredible performance at the State Tennis Championship, highlighted by two individual championships and another team title in Lincoln last weekend.

#1 Singes State Champion – **Andrew Pentel '29**
#1 Doubles State Champions – **Patrick Killeen '27 and Liam Killeen '30**
#2 Doubles – 3rd Place – **Eli Zimmerman '28 and Joseph Nord '28**

Patrick Killeen also makes history with his **FOURTH** consecutive #1 Doubles State Championship!

Pictured left to right: Coach Sheryl Vaughn, Daniel Caskey '30, Liam Killeen '30, Eli Zimmerman '28, Patrick Killeen '27, Andrew Pentel '29 Joseph Nord '28 and Coach Chase Petersen.

Senior Class Retreat – Today, the class of 2027 had their annual class retreat at Camp Rivercrest. Alumnus Luke Van Haute '18 led the retreat. Thanks to Mrs. Amanda Schleimer, Fr. Dan Lenz, and Mr. John Roshone '99 for their help.











Varsity Cross Country - Good luck to our Varsity Cross Country team as they travel to Kearney tomorrow to participate in the state meet. The team has had an outstanding season finishing first in both their conference and district! Congratulations to **Mesach Nkurubujango'27, Harrison Thiel'28, Oscar Hou'27, Nolan Cheney'29, Joe Schmitz'27, and Liam Casey'27!**

Marian Shrine Clean-up! – Recently, a group of our students and adult volunteers cleaned up our Marian Shrine as part of the **Giving Together Woodman Life** community volunteer program.

A special thank you to Mrs. Sussie DeVeney for organizing the project and helping to make it possible. We appreciate everyone who gave their time to make our Marian Shrine beautiful. Below are the before and after pictures!





Federal Tax Credit Program - You may have heard through the news or your parish about the new federal tax credit program taking effect January 1st, 2027. What this means is you can direct up to $1700 ($3400 if filing jointly) of your federal income tax liability (in 2027) to fund scholarships for students attending private schools in Nebraska.

What you will be able to do is contribute to a scholarship granting organization (SGO) and claim a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. When you do this, you can designate your tax liability (up to $1700) specifically to Mount Michael as the school you would like to support! This could provide significant support for Mount Michael students and families! Please watch for additional information from our Advancement Department throughout this school year as we share details about how you can participate.

2. ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: (Sponsored by Smile Station): Congratulations to the following athletes who were voted Athlete of the Week by their respective coaches: Cross Country – Nolan Cheney '29, Football – Jack Burke '27, and Tennis – Andrew Pentel '29.

3. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent/Teacher Conferences are **TODAY**, October 22nd from 3:00 - 6:30 pm in the Sokol building. Conferences are on a first-come, first-served basis. Since our first conferences of the year are busy, we ask parents to limit their conferences to no more than five minutes. If you feel you need more time, please schedule additional time with your son's teacher. Report cards will not be provided at conferences, so please bring your son's report card with you.

4. NO SCHOOL: There is no school on Friday, October 23rd.

5. KNIGHT SHACK VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: The Booster Club needs volunteers. Show your support by helping run the many events that Mount Michael hosts plus you get a chance to meet some great people and students will receive service hours. We are looking for volunteers to help with concessions, parking,

gate admission, etc. We invite you to sign up by clicking on the following links. Thank you for all your support.

Knights Game Day Volunteers Varsity Boys Football vs Concordia Friday, October 23, 2026

6. 5TH QUARTER: The 5th Quarter is tomorrow night! Join us for a gathering of family and friends to celebrate the last game of the season this **Friday, October 23rd at The Ponderosa Bar & Grill in Elk City** after the game**.** This is **a 21 and older** event.

7. FATHER-SON RETREAT: This year's Father-Son Retreat is on Sunday, October 25th from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at Mount Michael. This is a free day of connection, reflection and fun!

Activities include powerful talks, Lectio-Divina, Father-son time, a cornhole tournament, and Mass. The retreat welcomes fathers and sons of all ages, including middle school, high school, college and adult sons. Current and prospective families, recent graduates, alumni, and community members are invited to attend.

Register here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/fSQB0kEcHF

Questions – contact Amanda Schleimer at aschleimer@mountmichael.org



8. TRUNK-OR-TREAT: The journalism program will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat for all Pre-K-5th graders in the Omaha area on Monday, October 26th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the main parking lot of the school. This is a service opportunity that requires students to decorate their trunks and pass out candy to community members. If you would like to donate candy or decoration materials, please drop them off at the front office during school hours. For inquiries about the event, including interest in hosting a trunk, please contact mrobertson@mountmichael.org. Thank you for supporting the journalism program!

9. DEPARTMENT MEETINGS: Department meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 7:30 am.



10. HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY: We are excited to celebrate Halloween together at school! Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to wear costumes during the school day on Friday, October 30th as long as they follow the guidelines below. Any student who does not wish to participate is expected to wear their regular dress code for the day. And any students who do not follow the guidelines will be asked to change into their regular dress code and may receive demerits.

- Costumes must be school-appropriate and should not include political costumes or inappropriate characters.
- Costumes should not include profanity, vulgar language, inappropriate gestures, or offensive images.
- Costumes should not mock or disrespect another person's race, ethnicity, culture, religion, disability, or identity.
- Costumes should not make light of serious tragedies, violence, or real-life victims.
- Students should remain recognizable—no masks, face coverings, or face paint.
- No fake weapons, props that resemble weapons, or weapons of any kind.
- Please avoid costumes with excessive gore, offensive themes, or that may disrupt learning.
- Inflatables and oversized costumes are not allowed.

Costumes should be fun, creative, and respectful so everyone can enjoy the day safely. Students who are unsure whether a costume is appropriate should check with a member of the administration before Halloween. The school reserves the right to ask a student to modify or remove a costume that does not meet these expectations.

The Student Council will be sponsoring a contest for the dress down day as well! Students can win for best costume, most scary, and best group costume! Teachers can win for best costume! We look forward to seeing your school spirit and Halloween creativity!

11. ALL SOULS DAY: On November 2nd, the Catholic Church celebrates All Soul's Day as a day to commemorate the faithfully departed and pray for all those who have died. We will also be celebrating Dia de los Muertos, a Catholic tradition in Latin America by creating an Ofrenda, an altar dedicated to our deceased loved ones. All members of the Mount Michael community are invited to bring in or email a photo of their loved ones who have died to be added to the altar. Please submit photos to Mrs. Schleimer (aschleimer@mountmichael.org) by October 27th. All previously submitted photos will be included in this year's altar.

12. BOOKSTORE NEWS:

- **Hours** - The Bookstore will be closed Friday and Monday and resume normal hours starting Tuesday next week. Thank you for your flexibility with our adjusted hours.
- **Winter Sports Fan Stores** - We just launched the first round of fan stores for our winter sports which are linked here as well as on the Bookstore page of the school website. Stores close this Sunday night, October 25th. We will reopen the stores briefly during the first week of practice (mid-November). Items from the first stores will arrive within 3 weeks of closing and are delivered to the Bookstore. If you are ordering any items for gifts, please let the Bookstore know ahead of time and we can set them aside for you to pick up later rather than sending orders home with your sons.
- **Christmas Open House** - The Bookstore will host its annual Christmas Open House on Wednesday, November 11th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a sale and treats!



13. MOUNT MICHAEL'S OPEN HOUSE: Mount Michael will host its annual Open House on Sunday, November 8th from 1:00–4:00 pm. This is one of our biggest events of the year as we welcome prospective students and families to campus. If you or your son is interested in volunteering to help showcase our school and community, please contact Tim Carlson at tcarlson@mountmichael.org. Your support and presence make a lasting impression on future Knights!

14. COUNSELING DEPARTMENT: Below is the current list of scheduled college representative visits for the months of October and November.

- **Friday, October 30th**
  - Hillsdale College from 9:00 – 10:00 am
- **Monday, November 2nd**
  - Truman State University from 8:00 – 9:00 am
  - Doane University from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Tuesday, November 17th**
  - Buena Vista University from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

15. CAMPUS MINISTRY:

- **Fall Events:**
  - **All School Masses:**
    - Wednesday, November 11
    - Tuesday, December 8
  - **Retreats:**
    - Father Son: Sunday, October 25
  - **Other Events:**
    - Mother Son Paint Night: Wednesday, November 4
    - Guest Speaker: Thursday, November 19
    - Advent Reconciliation: Thursday, December 3

- **Service Opportunities:**
  - **Dominican Republic Immersion Trip**: We will be taking 10 students on an immersion trip to Santiago, Dominican Republic June 8-15, 2027, with Creighton University's ILAC Program. Students in the class of 2028 and 2029 will be eligible to apply. Applications will be available during the week of November 2nd. To learn more about ILAC, visit THIS WEBSITE! If you have questions, please reach out to Amanda Schleimer at aschleimer@mountmichael.org.

16. ST. SCHOLASTICA PRAYER GROUP: We welcome all current and alumni Mount Michael moms to join us in prayer. We have started our monthly rosary meeting via video call. Please join our group on Group Me at the following link to find out more information. Our next video call is on Monday, November 2nd at 8:30 pm.

17. WE NEED YOUR HELP - MOUNT MICHAEL'S BLOOD DRIVE: Roll up your sleeves, Knights! One pint can help save up to three lives. Let's come together, donate blood, and make a difference in the lives of those in our community and beyond.

- **When & Where**:
  Tuesday, November 3rd from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm in the gym.
- **Who Can Donate**:
  Age 17+.
  Age 16 with signed parental consent (forms available from Mrs. Raabe).
- **How to Sign Up**:
  Online: Visit www.redcrossblood.org, Search sponsor code MMKnights, and log into your donor profile.
  In-person: Reserve a spot with Mrs. Raabe in the school office or email her at graabe@mountmichael.org.

All are welcome—students, faculty, parents, alumni, and friends. Please schedule your appointment today and help us make a difference!



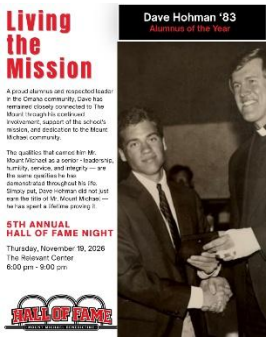
18. NIGHT OF KNIGHTS 2027: We are introducing the theme for the 2027 Night of Knights! Join us on Saturday, March 20, 2027, for this amazing night!!

Interested in finding out more about the event and volunteer opportunities? Come to the Information/Volunteer meeting on Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 pm in the Sokol library. If you have any questions, email Christi at crath@mountmichael.org.



19. SAVE THE DATE: Don't miss out on our first Night of Knights event at The Preppy Bunny on Tuesday, November 10th from 5:30-8:30 pm (8730 Countryside Plaza). This is a private shopping event and 25% of the proceeds will be donated to Night of Knights!

20. FATHER – SON BANQUET: The Father-Son Banquet on November 15th at 6:00 pm is open for registration. This complimentary event is open exclusively to current Mount Michael students and their dads. Please click **HERE** to register. Registration is open until November 6th, so make sure that you are registered right away. This year's speaker is **Astronaut Clay Anderson,** so you don't want to miss this opportunity.



21. HALL OF FAME: Join us for the Hall of Fame Induction Dinner on Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 pm at the Relevant Center in Elkhorn.

This year's honorees include

- Mr. Dave Hohman '83 - Alumnus of the Year
- Mr. Jim Krone '68 - Athletic Hall of Fame
- Dr. Alan Wasmoen - Alumni Appreciation Award
- 2005 Soccer Team - Athletic Hall of Fame

CLICK HERE to register!

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Upcoming Events:



Trivia Night - Grab your friends and a table for our 3rd Annual Mount Michael Trivia Night on Saturday, November 14th at 6:30 pm in the gym. All proceeds raised by the Booster Club help support student athletics and activities. Spots are limited so sign up today by using the link below. Registration ends November 4th.
https://givebutter.com/MMBCTrivia2026

Not interested in playing trivia, but want to take part in this fun event? We need volunteers! If interested, please email mmtrivianight@mountmichael.org

Save the Date – Mahjong at the Mount - Tuesday, December 1st, 6-9:00 pm. New and experienced players are welcome. More information coming in next week's bulletin!

Memberships: We are excited to invite you to participate in the 2026-2027 Mount Michael Booster Club Membership Class Drive! This friendly competition runs through October 30th.

The class with the most Booster Club memberships purchased will win a class wide dress down day! When a family member of a Mount Michael student purchases a Booster Club Membership that student's class will get credit for the purchase. The class with the most credits at the end of the drive will earn a dress down day! Happy Competing!

Currently, we invite all parents to join the Booster Club. Attached is our Booster Club flyer with the different levels of Knight support. As members of the Booster Club, you will not only be supporting our Mount Michael community, but you will also enjoy the newly added perks!

Please use the link provided to begin your journey as a proud Mount Michael Booster Club Member. Go Knights! Here is the link: Booster Club - Mount Michael

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out! Thank you and Go Knights!
Adam and Becky Oldehoeft, Booster Club Membership Chairs

Booster Club Advertising: Support Mount Michael by Advertising with the Booster Club. Help Support Our Students While Promoting Your Business! Are you a Mount Michael parent or family member who owns or works for a local business? Consider advertising with the **Mount Michael Booster Club**!

Your business sponsorship is a great way to support Mount Michael students while getting your business in front of the Mount Michael community throughout the school year. There are several different advertising levels including banners, print, clothing, digital ads, and social media (see attached). Your support of the Booster Club benefits all the students at The Mount - clubs, athletics, activities and facilities.

Contact Ryan or Bridget Burke for more information or sign up on the Booster Club webpage.
rmburke11@gmail.com or bburke329@yahoo.com

23.



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

Sun., October 25
Father-Son Retreat at Mount Michael – 9:30-2:30 pm
Jr. Knights Practice (10U) in the gym – 5:30-7:00 pm

Mon, October 26
Prayer and Announcements in the chapel – 7:45 am
Mock Trial at the Douglas County Courthouse – 4:00 pm
Trunk or Treat at Mount Michael – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Tues., October 27
Jr. Knights Practice (7th) in the gym – 6:00 pm

Wed., October 28
Department Meetings – 7:30 am
Wednesday Night Visits – 6:15 pm
Jr. Knights Practice (10U) in the gym – 6:30 pm

Fri., October 30
1st Round of Class C1 Football Playoffs