

# Laker Newsletter

March 6, 2024

**ST. EDWARD ON THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**School Hours**

**7:45AM-3:05PM**

**Office Hours**

**7:30AM-3:30PM**

**1-810-385-4461**



## Mission Statement

*We at St. Edward on-the-Lake Catholic School, work together with our families and community to create a Christ-centered environment which promotes Catholic faith formation, academic excellence, and personal development. Our students will have the opportunity to become confident, independent thinkers, and life-long learners who are responsible to God, to themselves and to society.*

## No School March 11th and March 15th

Please be aware that school will not be in session on Monday, March 11th and Friday, March 15th. March 11th is an off site AOD Professional Development Day for our teachers, and March 15th is the end of the 3rd Marking Period and is a Records Day for our teachers. Please make childcare arrangements for these days if needed.

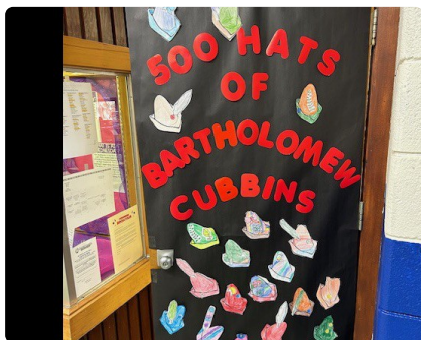
## March is Reading Month Continues...

Our March is Reading Month activities continue next week...

March 12th: Read Under the Stars: Bring a Flashlight to School To Read With!

March 13th: Read My Shirt Day

March 14th: Read and Feed Day



## 2024-2025 School Registration Process for Returning Families

We have attempted to streamline the process for returning families to be able to register for the 2024-2025 school year here at St. Edward on the Lake. Using the directions below, you should find it easier to enroll for next school year. A reminder, that returning students do not need to complete a new application, you only need to enroll for next school year. Families with incoming preschoolers, will need to create a new application when the window opens for new students starting on March 18th.

### 2024-2025 Registration Enrollment Process for Returning Families

Many of you are in the process of registering your returning child(ren) to St. Edward on the Lake for the 2024-2025 school year. In order to enroll, utilize the steps below for a pain-free experience!

1. Go to [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com)
2. Click on the Family Log In, then click on the family portal button – it will ask for the district code which is SEL-MI. Once you enter the district code it will ask for your User Name and Password. You will need to register as a new user and create the User Name and Password.
3. Once you are logged in, there should be a blue menu bar on the left side of the screen. At the bottom it should say Enroll/Re-Enroll. This is where you will complete the enrollment. There are several pages where you will need to fill in the information and then sign



4. Continue to the bottom until you see the Review and Submit button. Once you review and submit, the \$300 registration fee will be taken and the enrollment is complete.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office for assistance.

**A reminder that enrollment opened on March 4th for returning families and will be open for returning AND new families on Monday, March 18th.**

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## School Open House and Children's Mass April 14th

We will be having a Children's Mass on Sunday, April 14th at the 10:00AM Mass, followed by an Open House for parishioners and potential new families from 11:00AM-12:00PM here at the school that day! Current families, feel free to stop by as well and check out the progress on our six classroom expansion. Our students will be taking part in the choir, altar serving and doing the readings that day at Mass, followed by our open house from 11:00AM-12:00PM. We will have more information on the Open House for our parishioners in an upcoming church bulletin. Those students participating in Mass that day will be contacted by their child's teacher.



## St Edward on the Lake Students Participate in Port Huron Chess Competition

We had four of our St Edward on the Lake Chess Club students participate this past weekend in the Port Huron Chess Tournament. They represented our school well and we are proud of their accomplishments.



## March Happenings

March

7-Students Attend Beauty and the Beast Play

9-Bowling Fundraiser at Port Huron Lanes

11-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Teacher Professional Development

14-Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Round Up 4:00PM-5:30PM

15-End of 3rd Marking Period:Records Day-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

18-All School Stations of the Cross with Father Acervo

21-PTO Meeting 7:00PM Zoom Mtg.

22-All School Mass with Bishop Fisher 8:00AM

March 23-April 2nd Easter Break

March 26-Father Acervo Birthday

## Next PTO Meeting March 21st

Mark your calendars for our next PTO Meeting, to be held on **Thursday, March 21st at 7:00PM** (March 14th was mentioned at the February Meeting, but the date is the 21st of March). This will be a Zoom Meeting and we will send the link and agenda out when we get closer to the date.

## Stations of the Cross

As part of our Lenten activities here at the school, our students and staff will be participating in the Stations of the Cross with Father Acervo. We participated in the stations this past Monday, and will also be going for our last time on March 18th at 2:30PM in the Church.

## 52 Sundays

52 Sundays is a free weekly resource that can help families reclaim Sunday and prioritize time spent with each other and our Lord. Each week you will receive:

- A prayer to grow in faith as a family
- Activities to help bring the lessons of the Gospel to life
- Recipe of the week to make meal planning easier
- And more!

[52 Sundays](#) content is free and fully accessible online, with the option to print each week's resources. Check out the link below, as there is a ton of information and resources for families

## 52 Sundays - 52 Sundays

🔗 [52sundays.com](https://52sundays.com)

## Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kinder Open House Thursday, March 14th

On Thursday, March 14th, we will be having our Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kinder Open House here at the school from 4:00PM-5:30PM. If you know of any family that may be interested in having their little ones attend St. Edward on the Lake for the 2024-2025 school year, please be sure to share the attached information below for this introductory activity here at St. Ed's!

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## Parent Lunch Aid Volunteers

-Lunch Volunteers:

We are always in need of parent volunteers to assist us in supervising our students during the daily lunch cycle. Our lunch period runs from approximately 11:15-12:35, Monday-Friday. If you are interested in learning more about how you can assist in being a lunch volunteer, please contact us at the office and we can give you more information on how to sign up during the week.

Please find the link below to sign up to be a lunch volunteer during the month of March! We need at least three lunch volunteers each lunch period to cover the lunchroom and recess periods listed above. Thank you for your help with this volunteer opportunity.



## March Lunch Volunteers

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

🔗 [na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com)

## March Breakfast and Hot Lunch Menus

Please find the March Breakfast and Lunch Menus attached below. For those ordering, you have been receiving a weekly ordering sheet from our cook, that will be due the week before. This will let him know how much to make on a given day, so we appreciate your help with filling that out in a timely manner, now that those are going home.

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### St. Edward - March Lunch.pptx

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## Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes St. Ed Fundraiser Days

Hungry Howies and Jersey Mikes have once again offered to hold monthly fundraiser days where a portion of your sale will come back to our school. We appreciate their support and involvement with our school. Please see the attached flyers and mark the dates each month to go and visit to support our school! Our first Jersey Mikes Day is September 26th and Hungry Howies is September 28th.

### St Ed Hungry Howies Fundraiser Days.pdf

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### Jersey Mikes Flyer.pdf

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## Background Checks and Protecting God's Children Refresher Course Requirements

The AOD Office of Child and Youth Protection has implemented new requirements for all employees and volunteers who work at the school, along with parents wishing to attend field trips with their child during the year. The Protecting God's Children Program and training has been updated and anyone that completed their PGC class prior to January 1, 2020, are required to take a refresher course module online. Those that need to take this module should have received an email, but if you didn't, due to using an older email at the time that is no longer in use, you can go



onto the Virtus site at the below address, log into your account, and take the two-hour session. It is self-paced and doesn't need to be completed in one sitting. Once you are done, please print a copy of the certificate for us to have on file here in the office. As was mentioned above, this refresher module will pertain to ALL family members that volunteer at the school, attend field trips, etc. We will have access to the list of people that need the refresher, and will be cross checking before you are allowed to work, volunteer or attend field trips with your child. If you took the PGC class BEFORE January 1, 2020, you will need to take the online refresher module.

You can access the Virtus site at: [www.Virtusonline.org](http://www.Virtusonline.org)

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT, WE CAN RETRIEVE YOUR ID AND GIVE YOU A NEW PASSWORD. IF YOU ARE TAKING THE ACTUAL COURSE AND ARE LOGGING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE INITIAL COURSE.

#### -Background Check Forms:

We recently sent home a hard copy Background Check form for our parents to fill out to be background checked. Per new AOD guidelines, everyone involved with our school that volunteers will also need to be background checked every TWO years. In the past, this was done one time, and you were good to go. This is no longer the case, as we look to ensure the utmost safety for our students and staff here at St. Ed's. If you have other extended family that volunteers or attends field trips at our school, they will also need to fill out the form and be background checked as well. If you have not filled this form out yet, please do so and send back to the office. We would like to get these completed this month before field trips and other on-site opportunities take place for our families to take part in. Thank you for your help with this.

#### **VIRTUS® Online**

Unless otherwise noted all sessions are conducted in English.

🔗 [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)

#### **2023-2024 School Calendar**

Please find a copy of the 2023-2024 St. Edward on the Lake School Calendar below.

##### **St Edward on the Lake Catholic School 2023-2024 School Calendar.pdf**

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#### **St Edward on the Lake Facebook Page**

Did you know that we have a St Edward on the Lake Facebook Page?

Check us out at the link below! We try to post happenings at the school, along with some cool pics of the activities going on at St. Ed's during the week!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063497019809>



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