



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Our Virtue Focus for the month of February - Respect

During this month of February we celebrate the virtue of respect. We all deserve to be treated respectfully by others. However, in order to be respected we also have to respect ourselves. Everyone has a right to go to school/work free of gossip, name-calling, and put-downs. We should expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet – our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

"Respect yourself and others will respect you." Confucius

A respectful person...

- † uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- † avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures
- † says 'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Pardon me'
- † avoids gossip

OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Let us pray for the virtue of respect so that everyone we meet will feel like we are their brother or sister in Christ. Amen

LiD (LEARNING IN DEPTH)

A Home - School... Tip of the Week

How exciting, interesting or funny is your topic to other people?

Write down the numbers 1 through 10, where 1 is the lowest and 10 the highest. Ask lots of people to rate your topic using this scale.

Remember: Knowledge only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others.

NO SCHOOL

The school will be closed on **Thursday February 9th, Friday, February 10th and Monday, February 13th**. The staff is attending the annual Catholic Educators' Conference on Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th. Monday, February 13th is Family Day.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES – ONLINE SCHEDULING

Student-Led conferences are being held on **Thursday, February 16th from 11:00 am –7:00 pm** (Please note that the last available appointment is time is 6:30 pm, in order to end the evening at 7:00 pm).

Students are to attend their conference, wearing their school uniform, at their scheduled time. Each conference will take approximately 30 minutes and it is **mandatory** that at least one parent attend. There will not be regular classes that day.

Online appointment scheduling closes on Friday, February 10th at 10:00 pm.

Go to our school appointments web site to book your appointment: stmichaels.schoolappointments.com

IF YOU DO NOT SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT, THE TEACHER WILL GIVE YOU THE REMAINING AVAILABLE TIME SLOT.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ANNUAL PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

The Annual Parent Information Meeting for St. Michael's School will be held on Thursday, February 23rd, at 7:00 pm in the school gym. **Two participation hours will be given to each family in attendance.**

Mrs. Kennedy's presentation is entitled: "Do Grades Really Matter?" **Re-registration packages for returning students will be distributed at this meeting.** If you have a child entering Kindergarten in September 2017, registration forms will be included in the re-registration package. If you *do not* receive forms for your kindergarten child, please speak with Mrs. Bird **ASAP**. Re-registration packages for those not attending the meeting will be sent home on Friday, February 24th.

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Wednesday, February 22nd has been designated as friendship day. Students are asked to wear pink or red as a symbol of love and friendship. But more importantly than just wearing the colours pink or red, the students are encouraged to be “extra” kind to their peers by doing random acts of kindness. This day is an opportunity to do something nice for someone else, to appreciate our fellow citizens and build community. We will be collecting a minimum of \$2.00 for our community outreach projects as there will not be an opportunity for another non-uniform day in the month of February.

FLU SEASON

While we can't prevent all infections, we can control the spread of illnesses, especially in a school setting. Please keep sick children at home, not only for their own well-being but also out of consideration for their teachers and classmates. We are asking for your cooperation in following the advice given to us by the Fraser Health Authority. If your child(ren) have flu-like symptoms, including fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea, **it is important that they do not return to school for at least two full days after their symptoms have cleared.** It is also recommended that they do not attend any group events such as birthday parties etc. until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have cleared. We would like your help in encouraging your children to wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after using the washroom and prior to eating and remind your child to cough or sneeze into their elbow (not their hands).

PREPARING FOR THE WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, tune in to **CKNW AM 980 on the radio** for information regarding any school closure. Information can also be found on their web site, www.cknw.com or on our website www.stmichaelschool.ca. In the case of inclement weather in the morning, closures are usually reported every ten to fifteen minutes. **The class phoning parents will phone all the families to ensure that everyone is informed of the closure.** Please do not tie up the school and parish telephone lines by trying to call these offices. The radio station WILL NOT announce if the school is open; therefore, if you DO NOT hear the name of the school then the school is open. Likewise, if you do not receive a call from your class phoning parent then the school is open. **All calls will be made by 8:00 am. As traveling conditions vary depending on where you live, please use your own judgment regarding sending your child to school. The staff, however, will always work to keep the school open when safety is not in question.** Also, please remind your child/ren to wear clothing appropriate for the weather, (i.e. boots, warm jacket, mitts, toques). If weather conditions are reasonable, students will go outside to get some fresh air during recess and lunch breaks.

Thought of the week...

Prayer to Saint Valentine

Dear Saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and in God in each other.

LOVE

Love is patient and kind
it does not envy or boast
and it is never proud.
Love is not rude or selfish,
it does not get angry easily,
or keep track of wrongs.
Love does not delight in bad
things but it rejoices in the truth.
Love always protects,
trusts, hopes and perseveres.
Love never fails.
~1 Corinthians 13:4