



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Mr. Da Silva has been busy twittering! Check out our Twitter account.

Our Virtue focus for September – FAITH

This is our last week that we will be focussing our attention on the first of our 10 virtues - **Faith**.

Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A *faithful person* believes that we are created, guided by, and destined to be reunited with God.

A *faithful person* believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school.

A Faithful person...

- Prays regularly and reverently
- Learns from Scripture stories
- Honors people's God-given names
- Assumes that there is good in everyone
- Accepts the God-given worth of themselves and others

Let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of faith, people who can truly believe that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe at school. Amen

***"Life's most urgent question is:
what are you doing for others?"***

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY!

Our beloved Pastor, Father Rossi, is celebrating his 75th birthday on Saturday, September 28th! We pray that God will bless him with good health and much happiness. We thank Father Rossi for his love, dedication and involvement with our school, and pray that he will be with us at St. Michael's for many more years to come!

A GREAT FAMILY EVENT - FEAST DAY DINNER AND DANCE

St. Michael's Parish and School will be celebrating its feast day with a dinner/dance on **Saturday, September 28th**. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm and dinner will follow at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for children under twelve, \$15.00 for adults, and \$40.00 for families with three or more children (children must be under 12 years old). Tickets may be purchased after the Sunday Masses or you may contact the rectory at 604-521-3406.

ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY

In honor of St. Michael, whose feast day is September 29th, our Parent Association, will be giving out a small cookie (nut free) treat to all students tomorrow!

CHOCOLATE SALES

Please keep bringing in your chocolate money! Our Garfields are flying off the office counter!! Money raised will go towards a much-needed new public announcement (PA) system for our school. **October 11th** is the final deadline for chocolate payment.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO RE-TAKES

Re-take Day is **Wednesday, October 23rd** for those students who were away on the first photo day or for those who are not satisfied with their original portraits. **You must return the original proofs to the photographer on this day. If you don't return the proofs, you will not have a re-take done.**

Also, please advise your child if you want him/her to get re-takes that it is **not the responsibility of school staff to go through your child's backpack** to see if you are returning the proofs for re-takes.

WALKATHON

Our next Parish fundraising event is our annual Walkathon which is being held on **Sunday, October 20th**. This is a great family event which brings together the entire St. Michael's community. Fun activities are also planned for the day.

Watch for further details next week!

Remember...our next major fundraiser doesn't take place until April 2020!

A REMINDER

To protect the privacy and confidentiality of our students, parents are not to take photos of other children or other children's work at St. Michael's'. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PARENT PARKING

We've had a few incidents this week in the lower parking lot with drivers failing to follow school protocols in place for that area. When using the "drop off" lane, please proceed with **extreme caution** as little people may be crossing in front of or behind your vehicle. Parents should also escort their little ones through this lane.

Also, there are areas marked with pylons or lines denoting fire lane and/or disabled parking. Drivers are **not permitted** to stop or park in these areas. You may only park in the **clearly marked spaces**.

If someone else drives or picks up your child from school, please review our procedures with them to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

LET'S UPDATE THE LIBRARY!

After upgrading our Library software over the summer, we were made aware that the books in our Library are in need of some upgrading as well. If you have any suitable books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Learning Commons. In particular, refer to the graphics below to see the areas where we are in need. Any book donations not needed in the Library will be sold by donation at a book sale at the upcoming Walkathon.

If you don't have any books to donate but would like to help the Library replenish its stock, monetary donations would be most gratefully accepted.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St Michael's School Library Collection

Grades K-7; 230 Students

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

Items in collection

10,418

Average age

1999

Dewey		Avg. Age	Items
000	Computer Science, Information & General Works	2006	106
100	Philosophy & Psychology	2006	32
200	Religion	1988	243
300	Social Sciences	1996	402
400	Language	1998	34
500	Science	1998	907
600	Technology	1998	356
700	Arts & Recreation	2003	675
800	Literature	1994	163
900	History & Geography	1992	850
		1997	3,768

OPEN HOUSE

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY welcomes all prospective 2020-2021 candidates and their families to an **OPEN HOUSE** on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 6:00–8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Welcome Address starts at 6:00 pm in the auditorium (1625 Nanton Avenue in Vancouver) and is followed by guided tours. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org) or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

Thought of the week...

“By giving children the message that their lives are all about their own fulfillment, parents are actually preventing them from discovering true fulfillment. Parents who are bold enough to raise their children to be givers rather than takers, however, help their children find God’s plan for them in the process.”

Raising Unselfish Children in a Self-Absorbed World – Jill Rigby

PRAYER to ST. MICHAEL

Be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares of the devil -
May God rebuke him we humbly pray -
And do thou O prince of the heavenly host
by the power of God cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls
Amen