



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Our Virtue Focus for the Month of October - Respect

During this month of October, 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 October

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

WELCOME BABY AGNES!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Da Silva on the birth of their daughter, Agnes, who arrived at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. We ask God to bless this child and the Da Silva family.

NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that there is a Professional Development Day scheduled for **tomorrow, October 18th**; therefore, there is **NO SCHOOL** on that day.

WALKATHON THIS SUNDAY!

So far, we have received pledge forms from 20 families for a total amount of \$2400. So just 140 more families to go!! Even if you are unable to do the Walk this weekend, we really encourage your family to take part in helping to raise money for St. Michael's Parish. Our school challenge is that we hope to have close to 100% of our families support this major fundraiser.

A reminder that a family pledge of \$120 or over entitles all school-aged children in the family to receive a souvenir **Walkathon T-Shirt** with our school theme and **in support of Mrs Kennedy #TEAM KENNEDY**. These are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your pledge form to Mrs. Bird in the office to receive your T-Shirt(s).

Lost your Walkathon pledge form? Come and get another one from the office!

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO RETAKES: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23RD

A final reminder that photo 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 portrait. Remember to send in the original photo!

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

Instructors from DANCEPL3Y will be coming to St. Michael's next week to provide instruction to students in Gr. 4-7. We invite parents to join us for a special assembly on **Friday, October 25th** from 11:30 – 12:00 where these students will showcase their talents!

SPELLING BEE

Students in Grades 4-7 will begin spelling bee practice starting next **Thursday, October 24, at 8:00 am** in the Learning Commons. Students are asked to bring a duo tang or binder with them. Extra consent forms and notices can be found on the school website.

LAST CALL FOR CHOCOLATE MONEY!

We've checked our list and 23 families still have money outstanding.
Please send in all chocolate money ASAP.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCES – ONLINE SCHEDULING

Three-way conferences are being held on **Thursday, November 7th** from 11:00 am – 7:30 pm. Students are to attend their conference, wearing their school uniform, at their scheduled time. Each conference will take approximately 15 minutes and it is **mandatory** that at least one parent attend. There will not be regular classes that day.

APPOINTMENTS BOOKING


**OPENS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH at 9:00am and
CLOSES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST at 10:00pm.**

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

Please note that there are enough time slots to schedule all the families in each grade. If a time is taken, then it is taken and you will have to look for the next available time. We encourage families who are more flexible with their work schedule to choose appointment times during the day. Please arrange babysitting for pre-school children. It is very distracting for other students to have younger siblings attend conferences. Students who are waiting for their conference time are to remain in the gym while their parents are in conferences with siblings.

As usual, the Scholastic Book Fair will be held in conjunction with the three-way conferences. Thank you for your cooperation.

3 – WAY Conference – Online School Appointments Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: stmichaels.schoolappointments.com
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button. **If you registered last year, you will need to create a new account this year.**
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. If you have more than one child, click "**Insert New**" to add siblings.
4. Click the "**date**" icon  beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the teacher you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings. Repeat for each child.
6. Print your schedule of appointments when you have completed booking all your appointments.
7. When you have completed your entries – click to "LOG OUT"

NON-UNIFORM DAY

The Student Leadership team would like to remind everyone that **Thursday, October 31st** is our next non-uniform day. Our theme for this month's non-uniform day is "**Christian-Heroes**". Parents might wish to brainstorm with their children to come up with examples of Christian heroes, including saints and modern-day heroes, who live out the Gospel in their daily lives. Each student is asked to bring in a minimum donation of \$2. All money raised will be going towards the student leadership team's outreach initiatives. Students who do not wish to participate are to wear their school uniform.

BOOKS NEEDED FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

After upgrading our Library software over the summer, we were made aware that the books in our Library are in need of some upgrade as well. If you have any suitable books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Learning Commons. Any book donations not needed in the Library will be sold by donation at a book sale at the upcoming Walkathon from 9:00 -12:00 p.m. with proceeds used towards purchasing new books.

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 and support in instilling a love of reading for our students!

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Parent Support Group (PSG) will be holding a meeting on **Monday Oct 21, 2019 starting at 3:15pm** in the School Library.

The mandate of the Parent Support Group is to administer, report and apply for gaming funds from the BC Provincial Government. This includes the per student Direct Access Grant. The PSG is responsible for all reporting and accounting on these funds, in accordance with gaming regulations. In this meeting, the team will be discussing and planning future projects/activities for this school year. If you are interested in participating or learning more about PSG, please feel free to attend this meeting or contact Diedre Rubino by email diedre.rubino@gmail.com

Thoughts of the week...

"Take charge of your children. Realize that children need parents who make decisions for them until they're mature enough to make decisions for themselves. Don't go to unhealthy extremes, either: deflecting your responsibility to take charge of your parenting duties and forcing your children to be in charge before they're ready, or giving too much or too little (without regard for your children's needs) while depriving them of the ability to be mature and take charge of their own lives one day. Instead, build your childrens' critical thinking skills in age-appropriate ways by allowing them to make the decisions that they're capable of making at each stage of their development."

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