



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Our Virtue Focus for the Month of October - Respect

This is the last week that we will be focusing on the virtue of respect. When Jesus was asked, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36), He surprised His questioner by giving what appears to be more than one law! First, Jesus responded that we should love God with everything we have. Then He said we should love our neighbour as ourselves. Love, therefore, finds expression in how we relate to God, to others, and to ourselves. Jesus indicates that all who follow Him must obey one law: love. Clearly then, if we want to be loving we need to show respect. Jesus teaches us that if we want to respect God, we need to respect those around us and recognize that they are a gift from God who has made all things good.

We have been developing this virtue with our students, teaching them that to respect others is to live out Jesus' commandment. This could be a good conversation at the family dinner table, and a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to share ways that you show respect at home, at school, at work and in the wider community. *"How am I 'wonderfully made' (Ps139:14) and so care for my spiritual and physical health? How do I show respect for myself? How do I show respect to others? Do I speak kindly and do things to help them? How do I show respect for God? Do I thank him for all He has done, and do I desire to grow closer to Him in prayer and in the Sacraments?"*

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

A NOTE FROM THE DA SILVA FAMILY

The Da Silva family wishes to extend thanks for the many heart-felt congratulations on the birth of their daughter Agnes. She is a blessing.

Agnes has undergone surgery and remains in hospital as she continues to heal. The Da Silva family appreciates your prayers for Agnes and asks for privacy in this matter.

WALKATHON THANK YOU'S!

We don't have our Walkathon total yet; however, we wish to thank all the parents and students who helped make this event a success. Despite the rain, many families came out to do the walk. We were thrilled to have Mrs. Kennedy among us as well! Special thanks to the event organizers, Mrs. Nechita and Mrs. Cartina whose planning was instrumental in ensuring this was a fun day for all. The games in the gym were a big hit with young and old! And the delicious food lovingly prepared by our Parents' Association was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the volunteers. Without your help, this event would not have been possible!

DANCE CELEBRATION!

Our Gr. 4-7 dance unit is ending, and the students invite you to a special assembly tomorrow, **Friday, October 25th** from 11:30 – 12:00 to celebrate the joy of dancing!

CHOCOLATE SALES AND WALKATHON WRAP UP

We are having a special Walkathon and Chocolate Sales Wrap Up Assembly on **Monday, October 28 at 2:30 p.m.** All parents are welcome to attend.

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**". 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.

SEXUALITY AND YOUR CHLD PARENT MEETING

A reminder to all parents of students in Grades 4-7 of the mandatory Parent Meeting this coming **Monday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.** The topic is *Sexuality and Your Child*. The purpose of the meeting is to support parents as the first and primary educators to transmit the truth and meaning of human sexuality to their children.

We have invited 4 speakers who will give individual presentations in your child's classroom. These sessions are designed to help you gain confidence in your ability to communicate the truth and meaning of human sexuality to your child. Looking forward to seeing you on October 28th!

OCTOBER INTERIM REPORT

Interim Reports will be sent home next **Friday, Nov. 1st**. These reports will include information to address the curricular areas of literacy, numeracy, and your child's transition to the new grade. Students have set learning goals, which will also be included in the Interim Report.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCES – ONLINE SCHEDULING

As you know, 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 be **no regular classes** that day.

Thank you in advance for making babysitting arrangements for pre-school children, as 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.

ON-LINE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST at 10:00 PM. 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 already taken, then 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.

As usual, the Scholastic Book Fair will be held in conjunction with the three-way conferences.

THE ON-LINE SCHEDULING SYSTEM IS NOW OPEN!

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”

BOOK FAIR

The Arctic Adventure Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on **Thursday, November 7 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm** and everyone is invited to join in the fun! There will be fun activities, awesome contests, and a chance to win free books! Come either before or after your 3-Way Conference time to check out a huge selection of popular titles and support our school library.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We have received the follow note from the BC Cancer Foundation:

Dear Students & Staff

I write to extend my deepest gratitude for your incredibly generous and thoughtful gift in honour of your Principal, Mrs. Kennedy. Thank you! With your help, the doctors and researchers at BC Cancer are able to provide exceptional care and change the outcome for so many affected by breast cancer.

With gratitude, Vanessa Stevens (Development Officer Leadership Giving)

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS

Please join the school children as we celebrate All Saints' Day Mass next **Friday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our Remembrance Day assembly on **Friday, November 8th at 11:00 a.m.** Parents are most welcome to attend. Students who are involved in Cadets or any of the Scouting programs (including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks, Brownies and Guides) may wear their troop uniform to school on November 8th.

SCHOOL CLOSED

On Monday, November 11th the school will be closed for Remembrance Day.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL

On Tuesday, November 12th there is a Non-Instructional Day; therefore, there is **no school** on that day.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that the complete winter uniform is to be worn to school beginning **Friday, November 1st**.

GIRLS

- White school golf shirt*
- Tunic* (K – Gr. 3)
- Tunic* OR skirt* (Gr. 4 – 7)
- Navy blue school cardigan*
- Navy blue school vest* (optional)
- Navy blue knee-high socks OR leotards
- **All-black** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

BOYS

- White school golf shirt*
- Navy blue dress pants*
- Navy blue school sweater*
- Navy blue school vest* (optional)
- Navy blue socks
- **All-black** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

Thoughts of the week...

“Meet all of your children’s needs, but not all of their desires. Refuse to overindulge your children. Don’t fall into the trap of doing for them what they can do for themselves, buying them too much material stuff, not expecting them to do chores, not having clear rules, giving them things or experiences that aren’t appropriate for their age or interests (that is a very good one), giving them things to meet your own needs (such as looking good to others) rather than their needs, giving too much while expecting too little, and neglecting to teach your kids the life skills they need to survive in the world beyond your home.”

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