



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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FRIDAY MASS

Please join us for the Friday school Mass tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. The link to the Mass can be found by clicking <http://stmichaelsparish.ca/>. Hymns can be found on the school website.

At the end of Mass, we encourage you and your child to prayer the following:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

*As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.*

Amen

OUR VIRTUE FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: FAIRNESS

During this month we will celebrate the virtue of **fairness**.

Fairness is the ability to be open-minded and act in a just and fair way. Fairness allows us to treat others with mercy and compassion -- to feel and act with and for another person. God wants us to live together as a family in creation, to share and to help each other. Being Christian is all about living together in community--ideally, one big happy family! Jesus spent much of his time on earth showing us how to care for people in need. He spent a lot of time showing us how to follow God's rules. Everyone needs a FAIR chance to succeed--to overcome their disadvantages and disabilities. A fair team player makes sure the rules of the game give everyone an even chance to participate. Not everyone has to win. Everyone deserves a chance to be in the game.

"Fair doesn't mean giving every child the same thing; it means giving every child what he/she needs."

~Rick Lavoie

A FAIR person...

† takes turns and shares

† listens to both sides of the story

† plays by the rules

† takes only his or her portion

† treats others equally

† treats others as they would like to be treated

† asks themselves: W.W.J.D. (What Would Jesus Do)

† works to bring about peaceful solutions to problems

† cheers on the successes of others.

OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR JUNE

Let us pray ...for the virtue of fairness, the desire to live by the rules of God's kingdom every day of our lives. AMEN

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. MARQUEZ

Our Grade 3 teacher, Mrs. Marquez is the proud mother of a beautiful boy, Joseph Thomas, born on Tuesday, May 26th and weighing 7 lbs 2 oz. We ask God to bless Mr. and Mrs. Marquez and their new baby.

Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Information was sent home to all families yesterday providing you with a copy of our *St. Michael's School Safety Plan*. A copy is also posted on the school website. A number one priority is that **no one who is sick or showing symptoms is to come to school.** Furthermore, for the safety of all, the Public Health Officer and the BCCDE state that the following conditions necessitate an individual remaining at home and self isolating:

- All students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days (symptoms include but are not limited to: fever, chills, new and worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new muscle aches or headache).
- Anyone who travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days.
- ****Anyone identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak.**
*** Please note the last item is a new addition to the Safety Plan.*

SCHOOL RESTART MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

A detailed letter containing important information on our “new normal” was sent home yesterday. As teachers have been setting up their classrooms based on the confirmed number of students returning, families that change their mind and would like their child to come to school on Monday, June 1st, must contact their child’s teacher **before noon tomorrow, Friday, May 29th**. After that time, the class limits will be set for the week and, should you wish your child to come to school starting the week of June 8th, please advise the teacher well in advance so that arrangements can be made. If the class size becomes too large to take physical distance measures into account, additional students may be moved to another classroom or the class will be split.

Classroom teachers have also sent home specific information to their students who are returning, and parents are reminded of the following:

Daily Health Assessment “Ticket”

Parents must complete the daily health assessment check and **complete the special form** which was included in yesterday’s communication. This “ticket” is to be given to the teacher when the child reports to his/her lineup **first thing** in the morning. Students arriving without their “ticket”, will not be permitted into the classroom until the parent has verified the health assessment. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies but otherwise has no other symptoms of COVID-19 or influenza, the parent is to send a note to the teacher.

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

All parents are to drop off/pick up their children from the **lower parking lot only**. Children will lineup in the spot where their teacher is standing. Morning Drop Off is between **8:40 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.** If parents arrive earlier, please have your **child wait in the car** until the teacher is at the designated waiting area. Unless your child needs you to walk him/her to the lineup, please remain in your vehicle. We are to limit the number of adults coming into contact with other children and staff. At 3:00 p.m. staff will bring children back to this spot for pick up.

We thank parents for being punctual and patient.

Student Supplies

Students are to bring specific items and supplies their teacher has requested as well as their health assessment “ticket”, a backpack containing their lunch/snack, a filled water bottle, outdoor equipment (e.g. a ball, skipping rope, etc.) and, if they wish, a personal sized hand sanitizer. A hat and sunscreen is also advisable. All items must be clearly labeled and fit into the child’s backpack. Items are to be taken home each day.

Students may wear their summer, winter, or gym uniform. Runners are acceptable.

Restricted Access to the Building

Thank you for understanding that the building is restricted to **students and staff only** unless there is an urgent matter. Parents are to ensure their children have all the necessary supplies for the entire day, including lunch.

School Playground

The City of Burnaby is in the process of reopening playgrounds. We will follow suit; however, the use of the playground will be restricted to **use only during the school day**.

It will remain out of bounds before and afterschool.

FRASER HEALTH INFORMATION LETTER

The Fraser Health has a letter regard “A Safe Return to School in the Fraser Health Region”. This letter can be found on the school website at the following link: <http://www.stmichaelschool.ca/fraser-health-information-letter/>

Thought of the week....

“Remember, this is not forever. This is just for now. We’re going to get through this.”

Dr. Bonnie Henry BC Provincial Health Officer