



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Our Virtue Focus for the month of January - Self-Control

During this month of January we celebrate the virtue of self-control. Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. It also helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others. Each time you exercise self-control you grow stronger in the Lord and invite peace to settle over life as you avoid any guilt you may feel from having made a poor decision.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. -- St. Francis de Sales

A person with self-control...

† is patient

† knows how to wait his or her turn

† can calm him or herself down and think before reacting to situations

† knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, etc.)

† can think things through

† applies effective communication, decision making, problem-solving & resource management skills

Let us pray for the virtue of self-control so that we will resist the temptation to cause harm to ourselves or to others around us. AMEN

COVID REMINDERS

MORNING DROP OFF PROTOCOLS – WILL REMAIN AS IS.

AFTERSCHOOL PICK UP PROTOCOLS:

Parents will pick up their child **punctually** at their designated staggered time.

Surnames beginning with **A-K** will pick up between 2:55-3:10 pm (M, T, Th, F)

Surnames beginning with **L-Z** will pick up between 3:10-3:25 pm (M, T, Th, F)

Surnames beginning with **A-K** will pick up between 2:25-2:35 pm (W)

Surnames beginning with **L-Z** will pick up between 2:35-2:45 pm (W)

WE ARE ASKING ALL PARENTS TO PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE PROTOCOLS. WE NEED TO REDUCE THE CONGESTION IN THE PARKING LOT. IN ORDER FOR THESE PROTOCOLS TO WORK, YOU MUST ENSURE THAT YOU PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN AT THE DESIGNATED TIME. TEACHERS WILL ONLY TAKE OUT ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS AT A TIME BASED ON THEIR LAST NAME. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THESE WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER. OTHERWISE FOLLOW THE PROTOCOLS BECAUSE WHEN YOU DO, IT WORKS VERY WELL!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS AFTER THE LAST PICK UP TIME. STUDENTS NOT PICKED UP WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR. WE CANNOT HAVE STUDENTS WAITING INSIDE THE LOBBY OF THE SCHOOL.

Children are to go straight home and not to play on the school grounds after school.

PLEASE PRAY

We ask that you keep in your prayers Mr. Roder, our gym teacher. Mr. Roder will be undergoing surgery on Thursday, January 21st. We pray for a successful surgery and that our prayers give Mr. Roder peace and calm and that he will trust in God for protection and health.

REQUEST FOR DVDs

We have had a request from one of our local senior’s homes for movie DVDs. If you have cleaned out your cupboards and have some movie DVDs you no longer watch, we would gladly take them from you and donate them to the senior’s home.

GRADE 2 FIRST CONFESSION

The Grade 2 First Confession is scheduled for January 20th at 7:00 pm. The Grade 2 teachers will send you information about how confessions will be organized in a separate letter.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL

Please note that there will be **no school on Monday, January 25th** as the staff will be attending a workshop that day.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES

On **January 28th**, we will be hosting a virtual open house for **new** families interested in the school. A link to the online video will be posted to the school’s website on January 28th.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

The Student Leadership team would like to inform everyone that the theme for the next Non-Uniform Day on **Thursday, January 28th** is “*Pajama Day*”. A minimum of \$2 is required for participation. All money raised will go towards Student Leadership Initiatives. Thank you for your continued support.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2021

Please find the basketball practice schedule.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45 - 8:30 am					
12:15 - 12:50 pm	Grade 5 Girls	Gr. 5 Boys	Gr. 6/7 Girls	Grade 5 Girls/Boys	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Grade 6/7 Girls	Grade 6/7 Boys		Grade 6/7 Boys	

WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

With the cold days of winter upon us, 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.

In the event of inclement weather, such as snow, 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.

You will receive an email to let you know if the school is closed.

All emails will be made by 8:00 am.

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 an email from your school administration email allparents@smeschool.ca then the school is open.

As traveling conditions vary depending on where you live, please use your own judgment regarding sending your child(ren) to school. The staff, however, will always work to keep the school open when safety is not in question.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGHSCHOOL

Join STMC's first fully Virtual Open House! Every year, our Open House is one of our most heavily attended events and this year is priming up to be another one. Things do look a little different however, as there won't be any in-person visits. This online and interactive event will provide you a sense of what it means to be a part of our family in a new exciting way.

When: Thursday, January 14, 2021

Time: 6:30PM-8:30PM

Where: **STMC Virtual Open House – Jan 14th 6:30PM**

CARIBOO HIGHSCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

6:00 PM on Zoom

Please join staff members from École Cariboo Hill Secondary School for an informational evening about programs and courses offered at the school.

Zoom details will be posted on the Cariboo Hill website here:

<https://cariboohill.burnabyschools.ca>

Thought of the week...

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta