



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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OUR VIRTUE FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL...LOVE

During the month of April, we will focus on the virtue of love. God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of LOVE. Our families, teachers, and friends show us their love every day. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even by saying "thank you". We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry. Sometimes the greatest acts of love happen when we are angry, such as not hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus is always with us and we should always try to remember His most important lesson, the lesson of love, because love is not about us – it is about looking out for the good of others.

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."
~Dalai Lama*

**A loving person...
† wants the best for others
† is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
† knows that we are all lovable
† prays for others**

OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR APRIL

Let us now pray for the virtue of love so that we will never be satisfied until all are satisfied. Amen.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS!

In the last week we have had to send out a multitude of emails. Some parents have reported that they have not been receiving these emails from the school. Please check your SPAM folder/JUNK mail as emails from the school office or principal's office may be going into that folder. The school uses the emails provided on your registration or re-registration forms.

We send out emails to all parents using a master list and we also send out emails to one grade at a time using the same master list of emails. If you are receiving emails from your child's teacher then you should also be receiving emails from the school office UNLESS you gave the teacher a different email. Please contact the office if you are not receiving the emails (BUT first check your SPAM and JUNK folders).

I understand how challenging these times are for everyone. The information I send you is all the information that I am allowed to send. The Health Authority will NOT permit me to provide you with any more details.

I do thank the parents who are letting me know immediately of any news about test results. This allows me to speed up the process with Fraser Health and get the information out to you all as quickly as possible.

I extend my gratitude to the staff who are working very hard to ensure that all protocols are followed and making sure that the school is very safe.

HOW AT HOME LEARNING WORKS...

Teachers will only be able to provide at home learning packages to the following students:

- 1) Students who have tested positive for COVID and are at home recovering.
- 2) Students who have been asked to self-isolate.
- 3) Students who are in the Transitional Learning Option.

As you can imagine, it becomes very difficult for teachers to organize learning packages for students going in and out of in-school learning.

If you choose to keep your children home for any other reason than the ones stated above, teachers will NOT be able to provide learning packages. If you choose to move your child into transitional learning you MUST provide the teacher one week notice to prepare materials AND you must give the teacher one week notice before sending your child back to school. We understand how difficult this is and we also need to understand how difficult this is for our teachers.

Please note that primary at-home learning and intermediate at-home learning will look different due to the technology platforms used in primary and intermediate. If you have any specific questions about at-home learning, please speak to your child's teacher directly.

WHEN CAN YOUR CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL IF HE/SHE IS RECOVERING FROM COVID OR HAS HAD TO SELF-ISOLATE DUE TO A POSSIBLE EXPOSURE?

- 1) Covid positive person: after self-isolation (duration is determined by public health) is over, the individual can return to school and other activities. The self-isolation duration is usually 10 days from symptoms onset.
- 2) Person told to self-isolate due to possible exposure to a covid positive case: self-isolate for 14 days from last contact with covid positive patient.

EVEN IF YOUR CHILD HAS HAD A COVID TEST (i.e. on day 5 or day 6 or day 7 or day 8....) AND THE TEST RESULTS COME BACK NEGATIVE YOU MUST STILL SELF-ISOLATE FOR THE FULL 14 DAYS!

If your child has no symptoms after 14 days, he or she can return to school and other activities. If your child develops any symptoms, your child MUST get a covid test (self-isolate until test comes back negative) and duration of further self-isolation (if positive) will be determined by public health.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Introducing a *new theme* for our non-uniform days: Fine and Performing Arts!

There are many aspects to explore; how creative can you be in your costume? Let's fill the school with artists, mimes, dancers, famous roles from stage or screen, or perhaps the critical players behind-the-scenes such as stage crew, lighting and sound crew, or maybe even a paintbrush? Will there be siblings who come as a tableau?

Bring your most creative self, and a toonie to support our charitable causes. Donations and art: two things that are critical to get us through these times!

AUCTION

Our 20th Auction is opening today April 19th @ 5PM

Please visit the link, there is something for everyone!

<https://www.32auctions.com/stmichaels-auction2021>

Please feel free to share with your extended family and close friends Every \$ we raise counts for a new school!

Thank you for your support & Happy Bidding!

The Auction Committee

CHANGE IN DATE FOR KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We will be holding a mandatory meeting for parents who have a child entering Kindergarten in September. The meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY** on **Thursday, May 27th, at 7:00 pm.**
Mrs. Buric will send you a link to zoom closer to the date.

EMERGENCY RELEASE DRILL

There will be **NO** emergency release drill this year. Teachers will continue to review emergency protocols and conduct safety drills with their students.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students may begin wearing their summer uniform on **MONDAY, May 3rd.**

GIRLS

- White school golf shirt*
- Navy skorts*
- School cardigan*
- School vest* (optional)
- White socks - no logos and above the ankle
- **ALL BLACK** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

BOYS

- White school golf shirt*
- Navy walking shorts*
- School sweater*
- School vest* (optional)
- White socks – no logos and above the ankle
- **ALL BLACK** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

Scholastic Weekly Order Reminder – Class code RC249384

Reminder Scholastic Orders are now completed online!

April/May 2021 flyer is now available online.

Remember orders can be completed at any time in the month

Quick summary to order Scholastics:

Go to [scholastic.ca/clubshop](https://www.scholastic.ca/clubshop)

Create an account or log in to existing account; place order.

Very Important! Enter school class code **during checkout.**

Enter class code at the final stage of checkout before submitting in the Coupon Codes/Class Code box. (RC249384)

Orders will ship direct to your home to reduce handling.

Thanks for your support of this school program!

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS

Please contact below parent participation category managers or email
ParticipationHours@gmail.com to sign up!

Crossing Guard – Yard Supervision

School Cleaning (Weekday Evening)

Outdoor Learning Area

Auction

Walkathon

Technology Support - Live Streaming Mass (Weekday Mornings)

Please submit all participated Parent Participation Hours in 2020-2021 School Year by **June 27th, 2021** on ParticipationHours.com.

Thought of the week...

“Not once does the Bible say, ‘Worry about it,’ ‘Stress over it,’ or ‘Figure it out.’ But over and over it clearly says, ‘Trust God.’”