



# St. Michael's School Newsletter

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## **OUR VIRTUE FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY – ACCEPTANCE**

During the month of May we will focus on the virtue of acceptance. The virtue of **ACCEPTANCE** means we accept ourselves and others just the way we are. God created all of us in His image, and God does not make mistakes. Being part of God's family means that we love and welcome everyone just the way Jesus did. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where it is easier to follow the crowd than to stand up for what we know is right. However, Jesus wants us to accept everyone even when it is hard.

### *An accepting person...*

- † sees the positive traits in all people even if she/he disagrees with them
- † is friendly and open to all God's people, regardless of age, beliefs, gender, culture or ability
- † avoids judging or stereotyping others
- † understands that there may be more than one way to do things
- † sticks up for the "underdog"

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually a member of it". -- 1 Cor. 12:26-27*

## **OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR MAY**

Let us now pray...for the virtue of acceptance – the strength to trust that God is at work in everyone's life despite what we think. Amen

## **CONGRATULATIONS – CHAMPION!!!!**

Congratulations to Benjamin in Grade 5 who was declared the CISVA Spelling Bee CHAMPION for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the CISVA 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee held virtually on Tuesday. Benjamin competed against 16 other finalists! A special thank you to Mrs. Tantonco for coaching our spelling bee team this year! WELL DONE!

## **MAY CALENDAR**

Please find the May calendar posted on the school's website.

<http://www.stmichaelschool.ca/may-calendar/>

## **SCHOOL AUCTION: ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT!**

The Auction ends on Saturday, May 1 at 11pm, so there are only a few days left to snap up some incredible deals!

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

### **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **AFTERSCHOOL CARE UPDATE**

The PEC continues to follow-up with After-School care options for families. The SFU Childcare Society is planning to open an afterschool program in the building directly behind St. Michael's School. The program coordinator Jacqueline Ewonus **strongly advises** the families who are interested **to submit a waiting list application** and based on the requirement they will adjust their personnel to try and accommodate everyone. The expected opening date was October 1<sup>st</sup>, however construction work and renovation are still taking place.

LINK to the WAITLIST APPLICATION: <https://www.sfu.ca/childcare/enrollment.html>

The first priority for spaces will be given to the Burnaby District schools (as part of their agreement for the rights of using the structure), and the second priority is given to the surrounding community (i.e. St. Michael's).

All the info (fees, availability, enrollment process, etc.) and details can be found on their website <https://www.sfu.ca/childcare.html>, by phone 778-782-4569 or by email [ccsinfo@sfu.ca](mailto:ccsinfo@sfu.ca)

#### **Enrollment & General Questions:**

Office Assistant: Kathy Hart

Tel: 778.782.4569

Email: [ccsinfo@sfu.ca](mailto:ccsinfo@sfu.ca)

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#### **3-5 Programs & School-Age Programs:**

Program Director: Jacqueline Ewonus

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### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

Students may begin wearing their summer uniform on **MONDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### **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)

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS**

### **16 Participation Hours Opportunity!**

Wednesday Classroom Fogging participation task is available for the month of May and June (8 times). It will be every Wednesday evening. Please send an email to [participationhours@gmail.com](mailto:participationhours@gmail.com) to sign up.

### **Parent Participation Help needed in May**

Please contact below parent participation category managers or email [participationhours@gmail.com](mailto:participationhours@gmail.com) to sign up!

Maintenance

Outdoor Learning Area

Classroom Fogging (Every Wednesday 4-6pm)

### **Parent Participation Hours Deadline Reminder**

Please submit all participated Parent Participation Hours for the 2020-2021 School Year before/by **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021** on ParticipationHours.com.

Participation Hours website technical support and inquiry contact:

**[participationhours@gmail.com](mailto:participationhours@gmail.com)**

### ***Thought of the week...***

“Give me and preserve in me that ardent faith which will make me believe and work for Your love alone.”

~St. Padre Pio