



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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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 makes 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 a major part 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 they need."
~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

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

This is a reminder that the last day of school for students is Tuesday, June 29th. Our final school Mass will be live streamed. The students will be participating in all the traditional last day activities; however, unfortunately, these events are not open to the public.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am and we will have our **farewell parade** between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE PARADE THE DRIVEWAY WILL BE BACKED UP CONSIDERABLY! THIS WILL BE OUR TIME TO SAY OUR GOOD-BYES TO MR. RODER, MRS. BIRD, MR. PATZER AND MRS. BENES.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep our Grade 2 and 7 students in your prayers as they receive either their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Although the reception of these sacraments may look a little different than in past years due to the pandemic, we are still blessed that our children will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus and the Holy Spirit this year.

CALLING ALL BARBECUES!

Chicken Orders are due Friday, June 18 and pickup is Thursday June 24 from 1:30 – 3:30 in the church driveway. Safety protocols will be followed; please wear a mask and make sure to prepare your vehicle **BEFORE ARRIVING** (ie. Make space in the trunk and lay down newspapers or garbage bags). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Roche: kroche@smeschool.ca

PLEASE RETURN BORROWED SCHOOL MATERIALS

Please check at home if you have any school library and/or textbooks and return all books to the school before the summer.

WALKATHON/FUN DAY SUCCESS

We had a wonderful walkathon/fun day last week. The morning started off pretty soggy, but the clouds began to disappear and blue skies emerged right when the students were ready to begin their walk! God blessed us with a great day. The students raised \$10,652.00! Well done! A very special thank you to our walkathon committee for organizing the event and thank you to our PA who organized the lunch orders. Thank you, thank you!

Class Amount raised:

K - \$1,520.00
1 - \$1,717.00
2 - \$1,170.00
3 - \$1,780.00
4 - \$1,085.00
5 - \$1,450.00
6 - \$1,030.00
7 - \$900.00

Total: \$10,652.00

Class prize - Grade 3: \$1,780.00

MEDICATION TO BE RETURNED

For those parents who have children with medication stored at the school (e.g. epi-pen, puffers, etc.) any **expired medication will be sent home with your son/daughter on the last day of school.** As well, copies of your child's medical alert information will be sent home with new blank forms. The forms must be reviewed by a doctor over the summer. If there are any changes to your child's medical plan, the new forms must be completed. If no changes are required, then the school will continue using the forms we have on file.

In addition, please ensure that any new medication (e.g. epi-pen, puffers Benadryl) is brought to the school the **first day you return in September.** Please remember that no medication can be stored or administered without the appropriate forms **signed by your doctor.** We want to ensure that the school has all required medications and forms on the first day your child returns to school.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Da Silva (adasilva@smeschool.ca).

TUITION FEE PAYMENTS

The first tuition payment for the 2021-2022 academic year is due on **August 1st** and the last tuition payment will be taken on **May 1st.** No payment is taken in June. Please remember that the first month's tuition (August 1st) is **non-refundable** if written notice of withdrawal for the upcoming school year is not received **prior to July 1st.**

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC) ELECTIONS

As directed by the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese, the Parish Education Committee Election will be held on **Sunday Sept. 26th, 2021.**

There will be 4 PEC positions up for election. Thus far, the nominees include:

- Mrs. Anita Manalo – Currently in the role of Chairperson
- Mr. Steven Han – Currently in the role of Parent Participation Coordinator
- Mrs. Jenny Finnegan – Currently in the role of Secretary and Vice Chairperson

If you are interested in running for a position with the PEC you must:

- Be an active member of St. Michael's Parish who is committed to Catholic schools and to the fostering of the Christian community in their parish. (*CISVA Governance Policy 107*).
 - Obtain and complete a nomination form from the Parish Office.
- Return the nomination form to the Parish Office by 5pm on Sept. 15th, 2021.

Questions can be directed to the PEC Nomination Committee:

- Mrs. Golding – sarahgoldstar@hotmail.com
- Mr. Blasiak - martin.blasiak@gmail.com

SUMMER HELP – PARTICIPATION HOURS

If you wish to get a head start to earning participation hours for 2021-2022, **HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!** The school is in need of help during the first two weeks of July and the two weeks **prior** to the start of the new school year.

Examples of jobs that need to be done:

- Packing up classrooms to get them ready for summer cleaning
 - scrubbing desks (inside and out)
 - outdoor clean up
 - rubbish removal
 - prepping surfaces for painting
 - power washing
- If you are interested in helping with any of the above jobs, please leave your name and contact information with Martin Blasiak at martin.blasiak@gmail.com.

Parent Participation Hours e-mail notification

An e-mail reminder will be sent out starting this week to the families who have not submitted a total of 30 participation hours. This is a general reminder (not an invoice) for families to keep track of currently submitted parent participation hours to our participation hours website (ParticipationHours.com).

Parent Participation Hours Deadline Reminder

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

Families must submit all parent participation hours to our parent participation website (ParticipationHours.com) in order to receive parent participation hours approved for this school year.

Category manager's log book(s) or hard copy notes will not be accepted as approved Parent Participation Hours.

**Participation Hours website technical support and inquiry
contact: participationhours@gmail.com**

Thought of the week...

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.

- Author Unknown