



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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THIS IS A TWO-WEEK NEWSLETTER DUE TO OUTDOOR EDUCATION.

Our Virtue focus for October – Empathy

In October –we celebrate the virtue of **empathy**. God wants us to understand and care about others. God has given us the ability to form connections with each other - to live together. **Empathy** helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

An empathetic person...

- listens when people speak
- notices when someone is upset and tries to help
 - can name his/her feelings
- can see a situation from another person's point of view
 - accepts that others have different perspectives

***"Life's most urgent question is:
what are you doing for others?"***

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Every first Sunday, the 8:30 am Mass is a special family Mass. All our school families are encouraged to attend. The school choir is required to sing and our students also read at this Mass. After each of the first-Sunday morning Masses, the Knights of Columbus host a delicious pancake breakfast for the families. This is an opportunity for the children to be together as a community of faith. ALL St. Michael's School families are invited to the pancake breakfast.

GRADE THREE ASSEMBLY

The Grade Three class is hosting an assembly on Monday, October 5th. The focus of the assembly will be on "Empathy". You are invited to join us at 9:15 am for this assembly.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

This is a reminder that Monday, October 12th is Thanksgiving Day and therefore, the school will be closed.

CHOCOLATE SALES



Our Chocolate Sale Fundraiser is in full swing. **GREAT JOB EVERYONE!** Chocolates come in a box of 20 milk chocolate bars or 20 dark chocolate bars and sell for \$2 per bar. October 9th is the deadline for double entries into the prize draws. October 14 is the final deadline for chocolate payment and the draw for prizes will take place on October 20. The top seller will receive an Apple product and the top-selling primary & intermediate classes will each win a pizza party! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Felizardo (Chiu) at

annegaudier@yahoo.ca

PARTICIPATION

As we start the new school year we are well underway with our participation program. If you have any questions regarding participation or if you are not sure which category you have been placed in, please email **Marcus Juca**, our participation coordinator, at mviuca@gmail.com.

Also, please be sure to check this weekly newsletter for participation opportunities!!

GRADE 6 & 7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Grade 6 and 7 students will be participating in an outdoor education program next week. A primary goal of Outdoor Education is to provide new experiences, which will help instill life-long learning and foster an appreciation for the outdoors. The activities the students will be involved in at camp meet several objectives of the Grade 6 and 7 curricula, particularly those pertaining to the goals in Alternative-Environment Activities. Mr. Roder, Mrs. Havas, Mr. Cavaliere, Mrs. Gabriele, Miss Bird, Miss Rossi, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Giunto, Father Rodney and Mrs. Kennedy will be accompanying the students to camp. Please keep the group in your prayers.

A prayer for good weather would also be appreciated!



CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Please keep in your prayers our cross country athletes who will be competing in the Boundary Bay Meet tomorrow.

WINTER UNIFORM – DATE CHANGE

Students may wear their summer uniform until October 31st.

WINTER UNIFORM worn from November 1st to April 30th
(dates subject to change at principal's discretion)

GIRLS

- White school golf shirt*
- Tunic* (K – Gr. 3)
- Tunic* OR skirt* (Gr. 4 – 7)
- Navy blue school cardigan*
- Navy blue school vest* (optional)
- Navy blue knee-high socks OR leotards
- **All-black** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

BOYS

- White school golf shirt*
- Navy blue dress pants*
- Navy blue school sweater*
- Navy blue school vest* (optional)
- Navy blue socks
- **All-black** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS

Well done, everyone!! The student leadership team would like to thank everyone for their participation in our September non-uniform day. With your generosity we were able to raise \$940 to help feed the hungry of Burnaby. All money raised will go to Father Rossi's food bank.

On average, the St. Michael's Parish food bank serves 50 families per month. The student leadership team would especially like to thank the Grade Seven class which donated \$250. As the top donating class, Mr. Roder will be "arrested" tomorrow and put in our St. Michael's jail, providing the grade 7 students with free time without their teacher (don't worry, they will be supervised). St. Michael's community should be proud of their efforts to help the less fortunate by putting food on the tables of those in need.

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9

WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Cheung who will be taking over for Mrs. Routley. Ms. Cheung has worked at Holy Cross Elementary School for the past three years and she is excited to be a part of the St. Michael's School community.



INDIVIDUAL PHOTO ORDERS

Proofs will be sent home tomorrow. Orders for your child's individual school portraits are due on Tuesday, October 13th. Any orders submitted after 3:00 pm on October 13th may not be returned to you in time for Christmas. We strongly urge all families to order their pictures online! Instructions for doing so are included with the proofs package. Ordering online makes it easier for everyone involved!

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO RE-TAKES

Retake Day is October 19th for those students who were away on the first photo day or for those who are not satisfied with their original portraits. **You must return the original proofs to the photographer on this day. If you don't return the proofs, you will not have a retake done.**

Also, please advise your child if you want him/her to get retakes. It is not the responsibility of school staff to go through your child's backpack to see if you are returning the proofs for retakes.



WALKATHON

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding the walkathon.

BC LIONS FAITH NIGHT

The 4th annual **BC Lions Faith Night** will take place on **Saturday, October 10th vs. the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at 7:00 pm**. This is an opportunity to come out and watch the BC Lions football game at a discounted rate and, more importantly, stay after the game to listen to the players speak about Faith, Family and Football in an open discussion.



Tickets are only \$30 each and there is no minimum or maximum number to buy. Each person attending has a chance to win BC Lions prizes. If you have any further questions or to purchase tickets, please contact Steve Balletto at 604-930-5454 or at sballetto@bclions.com.

LOST

Nina H. in grade 3 has lost her school cardigan as well as her school vest. Both items are labeled with her sister's name, Emma Huang. If found, please return the item(s) to the grade three classroom or to Mrs. Hunt in the school office.

PARTICIPATION CORNER

This Saturday, October 3rd, Mr. Martin Blasiak will be clearing the "junk items" from behind the school. He can use some help! If you are interested in earning participation hours by helping out, please contact Martin for further details 604-317-7236.

Thought of the week...

Prayer for Empathy...

**Let us pray for the grace and
strength to be people of empathy – people who can
really identify with and feel the concerns of those
around us.**