



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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On **Friday, June 11th** the staff will be using the **full day** for professional development; therefore, the **school will be closed**.

LIBRARY BOOKS

A reminder to please return all library books by next week so we can get the library organized and ready for the summer. Thank you!

CALLING ALL BARBECUES!

It's time for our summer chicken sale. Make sure to find the order form attached here or on the school website so you can stock up on fresh and delicious Hallmark poultry. You're getting the freshest chicken, not the stuff that's been sitting on the shelves in the grocery store. We're all staying close to home for the summer, so wouldn't it be nice to know you're ready to host those outdoor gatherings that are so important to us now? Place your order and rest easy knowing that you've got plenty of chicken in the freezer for the summer! Tell your friends and family too! **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

FAREWELL PARADE

Please flyer on the website for more information!

<http://www.stmichaelschool.ca/farewell-parade/>

CHEQUES BEING CASHED

The following cheques will be cashed on Thursday, June 10th:

Grade 7 - Year End Activity - \$20.00 each student

Grade 6 - Year End Farewell Fee for Grade Seven - \$15.00 each student

Any cheques written for Used Uniforms

Grade 2 First Communion cheques for students currently in Grade 2 **WILL NOT be cashed until the fall 2021 in anticipation of a First Communion celebration.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE - PSG (Parent Support Group)

The PSG consists of five members: three Executives (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and two Members at Large. Members are elected to the PSG and then positions are assigned. Only these five positions are eligible for parent participation hours.

The mandate of the Parent Support Group is to administer, report and apply for gaming funds from the BC Provincial Government. This includes the per student Direct Access Grant. The PSG is responsible for all reporting and accounting on these funds, in accordance with gaming regulations. The team discusses and plans future projects/activities for the funds received.

To be eligible for a position, you must be a parent of a child currently enrolled at St. Michael's Elementary School. PSG members must be independent of the school authority. Therefore, candidates for election must NOT be a member of the school staff, administration or any governing body of the school.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about the PSG, please feel free to contact Diedre Rubino. diedre.rubino@gmail.com.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF ONE MORE MEMBER

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

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...

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasury of the Divinity, and glowing furnace of love, Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O adorable and glorious Saviour, consume my heart with that burning fire that ever inflames Thy Heart. Pour down on my soul those graces that flow from Thy love. Let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine may in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy will be the rule of both my desires and my actions.

– **St. Gertrude the Great** (1256-1302), Prayer to the Sacred Heart (adapted by St. Alphonsus Liguori)