



# St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We are located on a busy street and have very limited space for cars in our main parking lot. This makes it particularly important that we continue to follow the traffic safety rules and traffic directions we have in place for pick up and drop off. Please take careful note of the following:

### When Parking

- Drive slowly and carefully to keep our children safe
- Park only in designated spots and ensure you stay within the boundaries of the spot.
  - Never stop or park in our fire lane (highlighted with yellow paint)
- Escort children **to and from** the playground area using ONLY the designated crossing points (yellow crosswalk by the swings or at the top point of the drive through lane)

### When using the morning drive through lane

- Drive slowly and carefully to keep our children safe
  - Pay close attention to your surroundings
  - Stay within the boundaries of the cones
- Drop off only at the top of the lane before you turn right to exit

We greatly appreciate your attention to this important matter. By exercising patience and diligence, we can ensure the safety of all of our families.

Mrs. Grant

### **REPORTING ABSENCES**

Our new look website is up and running. Many thanks to the parents and Mr. Da Silva who worked so hard to put this together. When you scroll down on the landing page, you will find a link to our online absentee form. By filling in this form, our school office is immediately notified of your child's absence. Please feel free to use this link to let us know if your child(ren) will be absent from school. If preferred, you can continue to call the office.

### **HALLOWEEN CANDY**

Thank you so much for sending in your generous candy donations. We are thrilled to be sending so much to our downtown ministries.



### **OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES**

The school administration team will be hosting a question and answer session and open evening for new families on **Tuesday, November 15th from 6:30 - 8pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school and meet the principal, as well as ask any questions you may have about our community.

There will also be an **open house on Tuesday, November 29th from 9am - 11am** to allow interested families to tour the school while we are in session.

Registration for Kindergarten 2022/2023 will open on Tuesday, November 29th. More Information will be shared at our Q & A evening and Open House and further details can be found on our website.

### **ARCHBISHOP CARNEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**New Parent Information Meeting for Grades 6 & 7 Families**  
**November 15, 2021, 6:00pm at St. Michael's School**

In anticipation of the Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School Open House, which takes place on November 23, Mr. Len De Julius will be visiting our school to offer a parent information session on Tuesday of next week.

### **FALL RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY**

We have so much to celebrate here at St. Michael's, so we want to acknowledge and recognize the many students who have participated in school events and extra-curriculars this fall. At the Assembly we will be recognizing our chocolate sale winners, as well as our walk-a-thon pledge winners. We will celebrate our soccer and volleyball teams and share some of the acts of service our students have been involved in. This assembly will take place on Wednesday, **November 16th 11:30AM**. Students are asked to wear full uniform on this day.

### **3-WAY CONFERENCES**

Our 3-way conferences will take place on **Thursday, November 17th** between the hours of 9am and 6pm. There will be **no regular classes that day** as teachers will be meeting with families all day.

Please note our online scheduling closes on Sunday, November 13th at 10PM

Students are to attend their conference, wearing their school uniform at their scheduled time. Each conference will take approximately 15 minutes. To sign up using our online scheduling platform, please follow the instructions below.


### Online Scheduling

- **Closes Sunday, November 13th at 10PM**

**If you do not schedule an appointment, teachers will allocate a time for you from their remaining time slots.**

### **3 – WAY Conference – Online School Appointments**

#### Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site: [www.stmichaels.schoolappointments.com](http://www.stmichaels.schoolappointments.com)
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. If you have more than one child, click "**Insert New**" to add siblings.
4. Click the "**date**" icon  beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the teacher you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings. Repeat for each child.
6. Print your schedule of appointments when you have completed booking all your appointments.
7. When you have completed your entries – click to "LOG OUT"

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AND RAFFLE TICKETS**

We are excited to bring back our in-person Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 9am-5pm. Come take a look at popular titles and start your Christmas shopping early! If we sell more than \$3000 in products, the school will get back 50% in Scholastic rewards. Thank you to all those who have bought raffle tickets for our Scholastic Book Fair. The last day for raffle ticket sales will be Monday, Nov. 14. The draw will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

### **A CHRISTMAS YARN**

As you may have heard, our school will be presenting a production of A Christmas Yarn in December for our annual Christmas musical. To build excitement and promote our production, we will be selling white souvenir t-shirts for \$15 with a logo on the front, and the school name and year printed on the back. As soon as they arrive, the t-shirt may be worn in place of the regular polo shirt leading up to the Christmas concert (with the exception of Mass days). If you would like to order a t-shirt, please complete the order form that was sent home with your child earlier this week, and send it to school by Monday November 21st. This is a firm deadline, as no late orders will be accepted, and no extra t-shirts will be ordered. If your child will not be at school before the due date, please email [aalberti@smeschool.ca](mailto:aalberti@smeschool.ca) with the details of your order by Monday November 21st.

**\*\*New for 2022 – RAFFLE!\*\*** To help offset the costs of our first "live and in person" concert in over 2 years, we ask that you please consider contributing an additional monetary donation on your t-shirt order form. Even if you are not ordering a t-shirt, a donation would be greatly appreciated. For every \$5 donation, you will be entered into a raffle for one of two exciting prizes. The first is for an Official FIFA World Cup hat, signed by Victor Montagliani: President of CONCACAF and Vice President of FIFA. Here is your chance to win a piece of soccer history as we cheer Canada on in the upcoming World Cup! The second prize is a Vancouver Canucks hat signed by the 2021-2022 team leading goal scorer JT Miller.

Thank you for your support of the Fine Arts Department!

## **AUCTION NEWS**

**Join the Auction and get your volunteer hours!**

The yearly Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and provides plenty of opportunities to complete your volunteer hours.

The first Auction meeting is on Monday, Nov. 14, 7pm - 9pm at the Shrine Room under the church. (You can find the Shrine Room by following the cement path that curves around the left side of the church, between the church and the parish office. The door to the Shrine Room is at the end of the cement path.)

For more details about the Auction, please email [stmichaels.auctioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaels.auctioncommittee@gmail.com).  
Hope to see you there!

## **ST. MICHAEL'S FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT**

Monday, November 28th at 6:30pm

Get together with family and friends for a fun night out together. Start the Christmas season creating your very own candle centerpiece using fresh greens. Kids can make their own ornament keepsake and other Christmas crafts.

Appetizers and doors prizes included!

Tickets:

Adult Centerpiece Kit: \$35

Kids Ornament Kit: \$10

Add on extra ornaments: \$5

Tickets available online at [sme.hotlunches.ca](http://sme.hotlunches.ca) or at the office.

Please bring your own pruning shears as we do not have any for you to use. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

This year, we have decided to expand how we approach the topic of Sexuality and Your Child through an alternate delivery method. Historically we have hosted parent evenings for parents with children in Grades 4-7 through individual grade level sessions. This year, St. Michael's school will be providing access for our parents to Colleen Mast's program "LoveEd". This program involves a series of online videos for you to watch with your child.

In the coming weeks, we will provide you with the video links as well as a discussion guide for you and your family to work through. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Grant or Mr. Da Silva.

## UNIFORM

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)

## INSTAGRAM

Our Instagram account is being updated weekly celebrating learning and activities here at St. Michael's school. Please take a look for @stmichaelsbby and follow us! [\*If you have requested to follow us and have not been added yet, please email Mr. Da Silva, as it is a private account and we will only add those we know.\*](#)

## UPCOMING DATES

November 11th	Remembrance Day <b>No School</b>
November 15th	Confession for Gr. 4; Question and Answer evening for new Parents
November 16th	11:30AM Fall Recognition Assembly
November 17th	9AM to 6PM 3 Way Conferences <b>No regular classes</b>
November 18th	9AM School Mass
November 22nd	Confession for Gr. 3; PEC meeting
November 24th	No Uniform Day: Jersey Day
November 25th	CISVA Pro-D <b>No School</b>
November 27th	First Sunday of Advent
November 28th	Advent Craft Night 6 - 8PM
November 29th	Confession for Gr. 7; <b>Open House 9AM to 11AM</b>
November 30th	Gr. 2 Advent Assembly

*A Prayer for Remembrance Day*

*God of love and justice,*

*Today we remember all men and women  
who died in defense of our country and its freedom.*

*Help us to honour their sacrifice*

*through our prayers and actions for peace in our world.*

*Send your Spirit to help us to let go of misunderstandings,  
hatred and prejudice,*

*so that we may grow together as one family.*

*Guide our steps in the way of peace.*

*We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
the Prince of Peace.*

*Amen.*