



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week was an exciting one at St. Michael's. The students participated in a celebratory assembly recognizing the incredible efforts and talents of our school community.

Congratulations again to our chocolate sale winners, our soccer and volleyball teams, our STEAM club, Rosary Club, and newly appointed Peer Tutors, as well as to our walkathon and book fair prize winners (both listed below). We are so proud of you all!

A special thank you to you, the parents, as you support and encourage your children to take risks, share their talents, and work to be effective contributors to the St. Michael's Parish community.

Mrs. Grant

WALKATHON NEWS

First and foremost, a huge THANK YOU to the dedicated team of parents who made this event such a success. It was such a joy to watch the children and their families come together as a community to raise funds for our school and Parish.

Together with parishioner donations, we raised approximately \$17 000! Well done St. Michael's! Congratulations to our Walkathon Pledge Winners:

Draw winner:

Cecilia B

Principal's Lunch winners:

Marseille Y

Emilee M

Olivia G

Owen W

Class Winners:

Grade One

BOOK FAIR

Thank you so much for your support of our Scholastic Book Fair Raffle sale! We raised over \$900 for new books in the library! Congratulations to the following winners:

Mason G., Matthew P., Grace S., Marina S., Dario N., Sean K., Blaise S., Jacob B., Ella C., Alisha B., Charlotte W., Olivia L., Anton M., Liam Y., Eunice P., Leo H., Hannah L., Elise G.

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success and we sold over \$4400 of books and products! Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries.

Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn valuable Rewards that can be redeemed for new books for our school and classroom libraries, as well as supplies and Education Resources to benefit our students.

Thank you again for participating in our Scholastic Book Fair!

A CHRISTMAS YARN

Practices are well underway for our Christmas Concert "A Christmas Yarn". We will have 2 performances on Tuesday, December 6th at 1:30pm and 7pm.

If you would like to order "A Christmas Yarn" T-shirt or enter our raffle, please return your form and payment by **Monday, November 21st**.

ARCHBISHOP CARNEY OPEN HOUSE

Archbishop Carney welcomes all prospective students and their families to an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

The Open House is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about our Faith and Learning Community.

NON-UNIFORM DAY: JERSEY DAY

Thursday November 24

Calling all sports fans! Throw on your favourite jersey or team colours and support your team! If your favourite team is St. Michael's, come in red! Please bring a minimum donation of \$2 for RCAV's Catholic Charities.

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 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.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES

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

Registration for 2023/2024 also opens on Tuesday, November 29th. Forms will be made available at the Open House and on our website on November 29th and can be submitted online or in-person to the school office. We will be accepting applications into the new year.

AUCTION NEWS

The annual Auction is St. Michael's School's largest fundraiser of the year, and we're gearing up for another great event. Stay tuned for the unveiling of this year's theme!

We Need You!

Looking for opportunities to fill your 60 participation hours? Volunteer for the Auction! Some current members will be leaving the school in the next year, so we're looking for some fresh faces to keep the Auction going. And if you join now, you'll be able to learn from some of our veteran members.

We have opportunities available in these roles: Co-chair, secretary, treasurer, marketing/communications, donation cataloguing, corporate donations, online auction setup, live auction setup, and auction closing.

If you're interested in any of these roles, or want to help out in a different way, please email stmichaels.auctioncommittee@gmail.com. You can get more info by joining our next meeting, which will be held over Zoom on Dec. 12 at 7pm.

Black Friday Sales Are Perfect for Donations

The discounts are always deep during Black Friday sales, so it's the perfect time to get great deals on exciting items you can donate to the Auction!

Some popular donation ideas are:

Electronics

Bottles of wine and fine spirits

New items that can be sold

Hotel and spa gift cards

Sports tickets

Gift cards in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100

If you're eyeing an item that's out of your budget, team up with friends or fellow parents so you can all pitch in and get something awesome!

Early Bird Draw

Make a donation worth \$100 or more before the deadline and you'll be entered to win a great prize!

Early Bird Donation Deadline: Dec. 2, 2022

Early Bird Prize

2 tickets with reserved front row seating for the Christmas Concert (evening)
Each donation worth \$100 or more gives you 1 chance to win. You can drop off donations in the box at the main school entrance.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:
<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsauction/>

RESERVED PARKING

As was mentioned last week, we care deeply about the safety of our families and ask that you pay close attention to signage in the parking lot and on Holmes Street. Please slow down and exercise patience when entering the parking lot. Please **DO NOT PARK** in the fire lane, drive through lane, or **RESERVED** spots at any time. Please note the parking restrictions on Holmes street and **DO NOT PARK** in the no stopping zone as this makes it difficult for those using the crosswalk, and those turning.

BOTTLE DRIVE

St. Michael's Youth Group has set up an account with Return-It Depot, with proceeds going to our Parish Food Bank.

To support the Parish, parents can go to any depot in the area that has the express machines. You simply enter the parish phone number to print out labels for the bags and the refund will go directly to support the Parish Food Bank.

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 21st	Basketball Practices start this week
November 22nd	Confession for Gr. 3; PEC meeting
November 24th	No Uniform Day: Jersey Day
November 25th	CISVA Pro-D No School
November 27th	First Sunday of Advent
November 28th	Advent Craft Night 6 - 8PM
November 29th	Confession for Gr. 7; Open House 9AM to 11AM
November 30th	Gr. 2 Advent Assembly
December 2nd	9AM School Mass; Used Uniform Sale 3 - 3:30PM
December 6th	St. Nicholas Feast Day A Christmas Yarn Performances at 1:30PM and 7PM
December 8th	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 9AM Mass
December 9th	9AM School Mass

A Prayer as we prepare for the Feast of Christ the King

*O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy,
peace, justice and all good things.*

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us, we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

Amen.