



# St. Michael's School Newsletter

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## Our Virtue focus for December – Hope

During the month of December, we celebrate the virtue of Hope. We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life. God has given us the Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us.

A hopeful person is....

† Optimistic

† inspired and inspires others

† one who sees the good in the world

Sometimes in life, bad things happen to us that we cannot explain. During these times we tend to get mad at God for putting us through so much pain. We forget God is always there for us and He does not want to hurt us. When you feel sad and alone, remember to never lose HOPE, pray to Jesus and things will get better.

Let us pray for the grace and courage to be people of hope, people who can see, participate in and contribute to God's goodness emerging around us. Amen

Advent is a time of preparation. We eagerly await the coming of Christ at Christmas. During this time, we use the Advent wreath as a centerpiece for classroom prayer, and devote extra time in the classroom to worship and praise. We hope that you can continue to prepare as a family for Christmas by attending Sunday Mass together. Our school Mass this month is on Sunday, December 11th at 8:30 AM. We hope to see you there.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Our school leadership team collected \$324 for Catholic charities on Jersey day. Thank you so much for your generosity. This money will go directly to RCAFV's Catholic Charities to help those in most need.

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

The Parent Association would like to thank everyone for coming to Craft Night on Monday. It was a creative and crafty evening and we hope you all had a great time!

Planning for Mardi Gras will be starting soon so if you are interested in being part of the next PA event, please let Sarah know at [sme.parentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sme.parentassociation@gmail.com).

### **ADVENT WREATH – THANK YOU**

A special thank you to the Lara and Castres families who made all our beautiful Advent Wreaths proudly displayed on classroom prayer tables. We need help next year, if you are interested, please contact the volunteer coordinator.

### **USED UNIFORM SALE**

Our final used uniform sale for this term will take place on Friday, December 2nd from 3pm - 3:30pm.

### **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.

As the Fine Arts Department is raising funds to cover the costs associated with this production (lights and sound,) as well as for the upcoming Spring Musical, we really appreciate your monetary donation as the entrance admission. Of course, donations of non-perishable food items for Father Rossi's Food Bank are also most gratefully accepted.

### **SKATING PARTY**

Thank you for sending in your permission forms for our Parent Association Skating Party. A reminder that this will take place on Tuesday, December 13th for Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 in the morning and Grades K, 1, 6 & 7 in the afternoon.

### **CHOIR AT LOUGHEED MALL**

The choir from grades 3-7 will be singing at Lougheed Town Centre for their annual 'Christmas In Song' event. The students will be performing from 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm in front of London Drugs.

### **NON-UNIFORM DAY - DECEMBER**

The Student Leadership Team will be hosting a non-uniform day on Thursday, December 15th. The theme is Christmas. Let's spread our Christmas cheer by decking ourselves out in the most outrageous Christmas-themed items we can find! Please bring a minimum of \$2 to support our Christmas outreach initiatives, and please consider adding a food bank donation too so we can support our local families in need during this season.

### **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Our last day of term before the break will be **Friday, December 16th**. Dismissal will be at 12PM.

### **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!

#### **Early Bird Draw**

Make a donation worth \$100 or more before the deadline and you'll be entered to win a great prize. Don't delay — the deadline is tomorrow, Dec. 2!

#### **Early Bird Prize**

2 tickets with reserved front row seating for the Christmas Concert (evening)

Every donation worth \$100 or more gives you 1 chance to win. You can drop off donations in the box at the main school entrance.

### 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 cataloging, 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](mailto: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.

### Donation Ideas

Black Friday is over, but there are still plenty of sales going on 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!

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsauction/>

### 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

December 6th	St. Nicholas Feast Day Confession for Gr. 5 A Christmas Yarn Performances at 1:30PM and 7PM
December 8th	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 9AM Mass
December 9th	9AM School Mass
December 11th	8:30AM Family Mass with school choir; Pancake Breakfast
December 13th	Confession for Gr. 6 PA Skating Party
December 14th	School Choir Caroling 12PM at Lougheed Mall
December 15th	Non-Uniform Day: Christmas
December 16th	12 Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break
January 1st	Feast Day of the Holy Family
January 3rd	Return to School

*May today there be peace within.*

*May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.*

*May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you*

*May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.*

*Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise  
and love.*

*It is there for each and every one of us.*