

St. Michael's News

January 13, 2023

Virtue of the Month

Our Virtue Focus for the month of January - Self-Control

During this month of January we celebrate the virtue of self-control. Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. It also helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others. Each time you exercise self-control you grow stronger in the Lord and invite peace to settle over life as you avoid any guilt you may feel from having made a poor decision.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. -- St. Francis de Sales

A person with self-control...

† is patient

† knows how to wait his or her turn

† can calm him or herself down and think before reacting to situations

† knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, etc.)

† can think things through

† applies effective communication, decision making, problem-solving & resource management skills

Let us pray for the virtue of self-control so that we will resist the temptation to cause harm to ourselves or to others around us. AMEN

St. Michael's School Website

Please see our website for more information, forms, and the school calendar.



Grade 2's have plans for 2023!



Grade 4 Ski Trip



Grade 7 Elements Study

Registration

Registration for new students for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. If you have a child at St. Michaels and have a sibling entering in September, please contact Mrs. DeJulius as soon as possible to ensure we have their name added to our sibling list.

Registration forms for new families can be found on our school website

<https://www.stmichaelschool.ca/how-to-apply/>

Dress for the Weather!

Just a reminder to ensure your child(ren) wears appropriate clothing for the weather (i.e. boots, warm jacket, mitts, toques, etc.). It is recommended that children who come to or leave school wearing their gym strip, should wear fleece or other warm pants over their school shorts. However, only St. Michael's warm up suits can be worn inside the school/classroom.

Parent Association News

February & March Hot Lunch - Ordering is Open

We are very excited to announce the return of our famous and much requested in school PA cooked lunches on some lunch days. Please complete your order before the cut off on Thursday January 26. After this date we cannot add any orders for the months of February and March. The remaining months, April - June, will be available to order in the future. Place orders online at <https://sme.hotlunches.net>.

Cash and cheque payments can be dropped off to the PA only on the designated days below outside the gym doors between 2:30pm - 3:30pm. You can also pay by credit card anytime online.

Friday Jan. 13

Thursday Jan. 19

Thursday Jan. 26

Please ensure your remittance form is included with payment as it includes all the information needed to apply your payment to your account. If you can't print the form please include a note with your name, phone number, your child's name and grade. Cheques payable to St. Michael's Parent Association.

Parent Association Website

Mardi Gras

WHEN

Monday, Feb. 13th, 5-7pm

WHERE

St. Michael's School Gym

MORE INFORMATION

Save the Date!

Planning for our Mardi Gras carnival is in full swing. If you would like to volunteer on the night of Mardi Gras, please email Jessie and Jason at jessiefung827@hotmail.com.

St. Michael's Fundraising News

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. This year's theme is: Fun in the Sun!

Start Collecting Those Bottles

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on Feb. 8, and it's a tradition for school parents to bring bottles of wine and fine spirits to the meeting to support the Auction. So if you have any bottles left over from the holiday season, maybe pick up an extra bottle or two for the Auction!

NEW – Online Wine Donations

It's now super easy to buy wine online and donate it to the Auction! Simply follow these instructions:

- 1) Visit the [Everything Wine website](#).
- 2) Make sure you're viewing the Vancouver store (not North Vancouver), using the location button in the top right.
- 3) Choose and purchase your wine.
- 4) When you receive a confirmation email, reply to that email and write "Donation for St. Michael's Auction".
- 5) [Fill out an online donation form](#). We'll take care of the rest!

We Need You!

Looking for opportunities to fill your 60 participation hours? Volunteer for the Auction! Some current members will be leaving the school next year, so we're looking for 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, TUPS (child-minding service), 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 Jan. 16 at 7pm.

Donation Ideas

Not sure what to donate? 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! Donations can be dropped off at the school office or in the church.

Big Boxes Needed

If you have any large cardboard boxes from products like a TV, major appliance, or furniture, don't dispose of the box! The Auction decorating crew would love to take those boxes and transform them into decorations for Auction night. If you have a box you'd like to donate, please text Maria at 778-881-0922.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

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



Peer Helper



Peer Tutors



Peer Helper

Peer Helpers and Peer Tutors

Our students have the opportunity to share their leadership skills with the school community through the Peer Helper and Peer Tutor program.

Our peer helpers are always on hand on the playground during recess and our peer tutors support our early reading program. Thank you for sharing your talents and serving our community!

Non-Uniform Day!

WHEN

Thursday, Jan. 26th, 8:45am

WHERE

St. Michael's School

MORE INFORMATION

The Student Leadership team would like to inform everyone that the theme for the next Non-Uniform Day on Thursday, January 26th is "Pajama Day". Dawn comes pretty late and dusk pretty early these days...why not skip the outfit change and just come to school in your pajamas? Bring a food bank item with you for the St. Michael's Parish food bank. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Dates

January 13th: 9AM School Mass

January 20th: Pro-D Day **No School**

January 24th: Confession for Gr. 5; PEC Meeting

January 26th: Non-Uniform Day

January 27th: School Mass 9AM

January 31st: Confession for Gr. 5

February 1st: Gr. 2 First Communion Parent Meeting 7pm

February 2nd: Gr. 1 Assembly on Empathy

February 3rd: School Mass 9AM; Student Progress Reports go home; Used uniform Sale 3pm



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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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