

St. Michael's News

February 3rd 2023

OUR VIRTUE FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY—EMPATHY

In February, we celebrate the virtue of *empathy*. God wants us to understand and care about others. God has given us the ability to form connections with each other - to live together. *Empathy* helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

An empathetic person...

- listens when people speak
- notices when someone is upset and tries to help
- can name his/her feelings
- can see a situation from another person's point of view
- accepts that others have different perspectives

Thank you to our Grade One students for leading us in a beautiful assembly today to teach us about empathy.

Annual General Meeting

St. Michael's PEC, Monsignor Rossi, and Mrs. Grant would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, February 9th at 7PM** in the school gym.

This is an important opportunity for us to gather and grow together as a community as we work towards our school mission.

Part of the evening will be reserved for a question and answer session. We invite you to use the form below to submit any questions you may have for the PEC and school administration. Please note questions must be submitted by Monday, February 6th to be addressed at the AGM.

AGM Question and Answer Form

Please use this form to submit any questions you would like to be addressed at the AGM

St. Michael's School Website

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



Gr. 6 French Cafe

Family Mass

WHEN

Sunday, Feb. 5th, 8:30am

WHERE

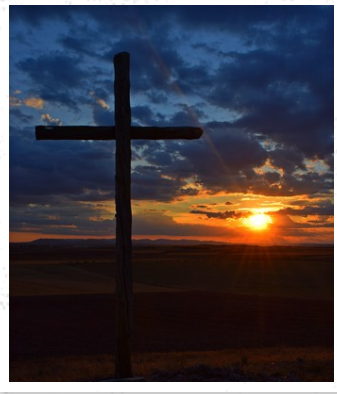
St. Michael's Parish

MORE INFORMATION

Please join us this Sunday for our family Mass at 8:30AM.

School choir members should meet in the choir loft in full uniform.

We look forward to seeing you there



Grade 2 First Reconciliation

Please keep our Grade 2 students in your prayers this weekend as they receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We pray that through your loving mercy, Oh Lord, our children grow closer to you always and feel your healing grace upon them.

Class & Team Photographs

WHEN

Tuesday, Feb. 14th, 9am

WHERE

St. Michael's School

MORE INFORMATION

Lifetouch will be here taking class and team photographs for the yearbook.

Students must come to school in **full school uniform**, with school sweater. They will NOT changing for PE that day.

Spelling Bee

The Written Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The top 20 students will advance to our in-house Verbal Bee in March. Continue to study hard and good luck to all our participants!

Registration for 2023-2024

Re-Registration

Re-registration packages for returning families will be distributed at the AGM. Please review the package carefully and return all documents and required payments in person to the school office no later than Monday, March 3rd.

The school office is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday to receive re-registration packages. The office will also be open until **7.30pm on Tuesday, February 28th** for those unable to stop by during school hours.

Registration for New Families

Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 year is now closed. If you wish to be added to our waitlist, please contact the school office.

Grades 1 - 7

Waitlist applications are currently being accepted for Grades 1 - 7. For further information on availability in each Grade, please contact the school office.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be distributed with re-registration packages at the AGM on Thursday, February 9th.

Scholastic Book Orders Program – Class code RC249384

January flyers will be distributed this week.

Ordering options:

Go to [scholastic.ca/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.ca/readingclub)

Create an account or login to an existing account, place order, enter school code during checkout (RC249384)

Shipping is free when you spend over \$40 and enter the school code, under \$40 is \$7.50 (delivered to your home).

Parent Association News

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.

Fun, Fun and more FUN! Mardi Gras is our annual carnival before Lent begins and is definitely a favorite at our school! An evening for the whole family and open to everyone, so bring your friends.

\$5 and \$10 PLAY PASSPORTS: available online, at the office and at the entrance table. We will also be selling tickets outside the gym doors this Friday Feb 3rd 2:30-3:30pm and at the AGM.

Guessing jars back again this year and the completed passport draw. Enter these to win free movies passes! Dress up in costume for a chance to win a prize. Prizes for best girl and boy costumes.

The Concession will be open for dinner with hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta and more. Don't Forget your candy jars & cakes: primary student (grades K-3) bring in a cake, cupcakes or donuts and each intermediate student (grades 4-7) bring in a candy jar, bar or bag for the Candy Jar Game. Candies may be packaged in any type of container...be creative. Candy jars and cakes can be **dropped off in the morning of school that day in the gym**. Remember to give your students name and grade so they receive credit. Prizes for the classes with the most donations!

Please note online sales are credit card only. To pay with cash or cheque please do so in person. All unpaid online orders will be deleted. <https://sme.hotlunches.net>

Everyone sincerely appreciates your support...especially the kids!

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. 9, 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 bring some 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 a donation form](#) and drop it off in a donation box at the school office or church.

Class Competition

Keep the donations coming so the kids can join in on the fun:

- Extra recess: Class with highest participation (largest number of families who make a donation)
- Pizza party: Class with the highest overall donation amount

Wednesday Donation Drop-offs

The Wednesday afternoon drop-offs are back! We'll be accepting donations in front of the

Dates: Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, and Mar. 29

Times: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Donations are also accepted at the school office and church vestibule, whenever they're open.

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: Secretary, marketing/communications, donation cataloging, 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 Feb. 6 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.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

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

Student Leadership Corner



Friendship Day

Friendship Day is coming up on February 15th! To help prepare St. Michael's students to celebrate all things friendship, the Grade 7s have come up with helpful tips on how you can be a good friend to others:

- We can show friends we care by doing something as little as giving them a compliment or a smile. We might not think much of it, but it could make your friend's day. It doesn't matter how big or small the gesture is to show your friend you care but what really matters is the thought you put into it.
- A simple thank you can make your friend's day, or saying hi or good morning is also nice too. A smile goes a long way. Smiling can always brighten someone's day.
- Make everyone feel happy and comfortable in your school community, offer lots of help to those who need it, and always be loyal and trustworthy.
- If your peers are struggling with something, you can help them. For example if they're struggling with math, you can offer to help them with their math homework.
- To show our friends we care about them, we can be there for each other when the other is going through a hard time in her/his life. Also standing up for your friend is great too. It tells your friend that you are loyal to them and care about them.

Upcoming Dates

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

February 4th: Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Gr. 2 10AM

February 5th: 8:30AM Family Mass; Gr. 2 First Communion Preparation Mass

February 7th: Written Spelling Bee Confession and food bank donation for Gr. 5

February 8th: Gr. 2 First Communion Parent Meeting Liturgy of the Word

February 9th: AGM 7pm; Re-registration begins

February 10th: 9AM School Mass

February 12th: 8:30AM Gr. 2 First Communion Preparation Mass

February 13th: Mardi Gras 5 - 7pm in the school gym

February 14th: Confession and food bank donation for Grade 4; **Class and Team Photos**

February 15th: Friendship Day - no uniform

February 16th & 17th: Pro-D **no school**

February 20th: Family Day Holiday **no school**

Community News

Snowpass

For our Grade 4 and 5 students who are interested in skiing or snowboarding, Snowpass offers access to multiple ski resorts for a one time fee of \$29. Details can be found on the website.

<https://snowpass.ca/>

Community Basketball

Please see the attached flier for community basketball registration at Saint Francis De Sales.



St. Michael's School

As our Grade 2 students prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we pray that we too, can be forgiven for our sins.

Come, Holy Spirit, into my soul.

Show me my sins,
both the wrong that I did
and the good I failed to do.

Give me the grace
to be sorry for my sins
out of love for God,
so that through Confession
my soul might be healed
and strengthened to do good.

Amen!

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