

St. Michael's News

February 10th 2023

Catholic Schools Week

Dear Parents,

Next week is Catholic Schools Week here in Vancouver. Across our diocese, our 46 schools will be celebrating Catholic Education in a number of unique ways. Here at St. Michael's, you may have noticed some of our new class bulletin boards as the classes have been focusing on what it means to be part of a Catholic School.

We encourage you to ask your child about our Catholic Schools Week activities next week and to pray for the continued growth of our Catholic community.

Mrs. Grant



[St. Michael's School Website](#)

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



Spelling Bee



"Sin is gone" buns!

Upcoming Events and Activities

Tax Receipts

We apologize for the delay on your tax receipts for 2022. We will have them ready early next week and will email families when they are ready.

AGM Hours

Thank you to all of our families who attended the AGM tonight. If you were in attendance you will automatically be credited with 2 hours. Mr. Han will update this through the portal.

Director of Learning Support for CISVA

We are thrilled to announce that our very own, Mrs. Caterina Kennedy has accepted the position of Director of Learning Support for the CISVA starting on September 1st 2023. Congratulations, Mrs. Kennedy!

St. Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 14th we celebrate the feast of St. Valentine. As a special treat for the students, Mr. Go, one of our parent association representatives, will bake individual brownie treats for the students to bring home. A list of ingredients is included in the packaging for you. We hope you enjoy this special treat!

We kindly ask that the students do not bring additional treats to share for St. Valentine's. A kind note, or a card to a friend is a beautiful way to celebrate.

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 be changing for PE that day.

Family Math Fair

WHEN

Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 2:30-3:30pm

WHERE

St. Michael's Gym

MORE INFORMATION

Ms. Lee would like to invite intermediate students and their families to come and participate in some fun, skill-based math games in the gym after school on Wednesday. Further details will be shared via email. We hope you can join us!

Catholic Educators Conference

The **school will be closed** on Thursday, February 16th and Friday, February 17th as our staff will be attending the annual Catholic Educators Conference. Please also note, there will be **no school** on Monday, February 20th to recognize family day.

Registration for 2023-2024

Re-Registration

Re-registration packages for returning families were 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. If you did not pick up your package at the AGM please stop by the school office at your earliest convenience.

The school office is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday to receive re-registration packages. The office will also be open until **7.00pm 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.

Parent Association News



**Home cooked hot
lunch is back!**

Parent Association Meeting - March 1st 7:30PM

There will be a PA general meeting at the school on Wednesday March 1st. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about our Parent Association and to get involved.

Everyone is welcome!

Attend by zoom if you would like to attend and can not do so in person. Anyone interested in being part of the PA is welcome to attend. Questions, please email Sarah at

sme.parentassociation@gmail.com.

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.

Mardi Gras: this Monday February 13th 5:00-7:30pm

Fun, Fun and more FUN! Mardi Gras is our annual carnival before Lent begins and 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, entrance and the AGM. Dress up in costume for a chance to win a prize. Dine at the PA Concession: pasta, hamburgers, hot dogs and more.

Don't Forget: We ask each 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 at school on Monday in the gym**. Remember to give your students name and grade so they receive credit. Prizes for the classes with the most donations!

<https://sme.hotlunches.net>

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

Pancake Breakfast

WHEN

Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 8:45am

WHERE

St. Michael's School

MORE INFORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST is served on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, as part of the festivities leading up to Lent. These are served to the entire school during the morning before lunch. We suggest feeding your child breakfast and packing a lunch as they are served in between the start of school and lunch.

St. Michael's Fundraising News



Auction News

Wednesday Donation Drop-offs

We'll be accepting donations in front of the church, drive-through style, on the dates and times listed below.

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

Times: 2pm - 3pm

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

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

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

Student Leadership Corner

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	 7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right
20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing
27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

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Friendship February

The student leadership team is hosting a non-uniform day on Wednesday, February 15th to celebrate friendship and stand up to bullying. There is no cost for this day because KINDNESS IS FREE! Please come to school wearing pink or red and show some love for friendship. To take it a joyful step further, check out this calendar to have a Friendly February!

Upcoming Dates

February 10th: 9AM School Mass

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

February 13th: Mardi Gras 5 - 7.30pm in the school gym

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

February 15th: Friendship Day - no uniform; Family Math Fair in the gym 2:30pm

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

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

February 21st: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast; Confession & Food bank for Gr. 5

February 22nd: 9AM Ash Wednesday Mass

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

Heavenly Father, Your light shines brightly in your children. You have inspired us to do good deeds in your name. Bless this school and all who work to make your will known in the world. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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