St. Wichael's News

February 24th 2023

St. Michael's School Website

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







Beginning our Lenten Journey

Grade 1 learn about Baptism

Love one another

Upcoming Events and Activities

Stations of the Cross

Throughout the season of Lent, we will gather as a school for Stations of the Cross on Tuesday mornings at 9AM. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Re-Registration

A kind reminder to please <u>return all documents and required payments</u> in <u>person</u> to the school <u>office no later than Friday, March 3rd.</u>

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

Student Led Conference

Student-Led Conferences will be held on **Thursday, March 9th,** between **11:00 am and 7:00 pm.** No regular classes are scheduled for that day. Students are required to wear their St. Michael's School Uniform while attending their conference.

We are excited to move back to an in-person format for student led conferences. The children will spend time in the classroom over the coming week carefully preparing their materials to show you. Following the conference, we encourage you to take time to talk about your child's journey at school with them. What are they most proud of? How do they feel they have grown academically, spiritually, and socially this year? This reflection and discussion as a family is an important part of the conference process.

We are excited to provide this opportunity to let your child shine and for you to take an active part in his/her education.

You are invited to book an appointment using the instruction below. Online bookings:

Opens: Friday, February 24th at 8:00am Closes: Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00pm

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE - ONLINE APPOINTMENTS PARENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Go to our school appointments web site: www.stmichaels.schoolappointments.com
- 2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
- 3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. If you have more than one child, click "Insert New" to add siblings.
- 4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the teacher you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button.
- 5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "**Book Appointments**" button to save your bookings. Repeat for each child.
- 6. Print your schedule of appointments when you have completed booking all your appointments.
- 7. When you have completed your entries click to "LOG OUT"

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on Thursday, March 9 from 10:00am-6:00 pm and everyone is invited to join in the fun! Come check out a huge selection of popular titles and support our school library. Students will have a chance to participate in a lollipop pull the week prior to the Book Fair to win some great prizes, including free books and posters! Stay tuned for more details.

Dance Assembly

WHEN

Thursday, March 2nd, 2pm

WHERE

St Michael's Gym

MORE INFORMATION

The students have been studying dance in gym this month and will be showcasing their skills to their peers at a special assembly on Thursday, March 2nd at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join our audience!

Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat

WHEN

Saturday, March 4th, 9am

WHERE

St. Michael's

MORE INFORMATION

Our Grade 7 students have their Confirmation Retreat on Saturday March 4th starting with 9AM Mass in the Church. Please note that attendance is mandatory. We ask that all of our families continue to pray for our Grade 2 and 7 classes as they prepare for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Parent Association News







Yum yum!

PA parents serve pancakes

Shrove Tuesday treat!

Thank you once again to our Parent's Association for serving pancakes to our staff and students on Shrove Tuesday. Such a wonderful treat!

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

St. Michael's Fundraising News



Auction News

The Auction is coming up soon on April 22! Your support will help make the Auction a success, bringing valuable funds to the school and parish.

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: 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. Please print and fill out a <u>donation form</u> for all donations.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

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

Purdy's Easter Fundraiser

Easter is approaching, so it's time to support the St. Michael's Easter Fundraiser by purchasing Purdy's chocolates, crafted here in Vancouver from 100% sustainable chocolate.

To order, please visit the link below:

https://fundraising.purdys.com/1193245-104691

After you've signed in, you can place your order and invite others (friends, family, etc) to join and support St. Michael's Fundraising Campaign.

The CUT-OFF date to order is Monday, March 20th, 2023.

The PICK-UP DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th 2023.

Pick up will be from the area in front of the church, drive-by style; more details to follow.

For questions, please contact Yolanda Lavorata at fundraising@smeschool.ca
Thank you again for your support of our school and this fundraising effort.

Student Leadership Corner







Favourite Animal

Non-uniform Day!

Warm bunny hats were great for this cold day.

The Student Leadership Team led a non-uniform day on Thursday and collected donations for relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. We will share our total next week - stay tuned!

In March, the school will focus on the virtue of Kindness. We have added our handprints to the Kindness tree in the school as a symbol of our commitment to lending a helping hand as leaders who serve. Every week in March we will share different "lend a hand" stories of how we modelled Kindness.

Upcoming Dates

<u>February 28th:</u> 9AM Stations of the Cross; Confession & Food bank for Gr. 3; PEC meeting after 7:30PM Mass

February 28th: Re-registration school office open until 7pm to receive completed packages

March 1st: 7PM Gr. 2 Parent Meeting Liturgy of the Eucharist; 7:30PM Parents Association Meeting

March 3rd: Deadline for re-registration. 9AM School Mass; 3 - 3:30PM Used uniform store

March 4th: Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat beginning with Mass at 9AM.

March 5th: 8:30AM Family Mass with school choir and Grade 2 sacramental preparation Mass.

<u>March 7th:</u> 9AM Stations of the Cross; 11:15AM STM Choir Performance; 1:00pm In-House Spelling bee

March 9th: Student Led Conferences & Book Fair no regular classes.

March 10th: Last day before Spring Break with dismissal at 3pm - we will see you on March 27th

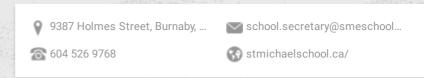
Community News



St. Michael's School

Lenten Prayer for a Clean Heart

Create a clean heart in me, O God: a humble heart, a meek heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things, thinks always about you, speaks about you, gives you thanks, delights in hymns and spiritual songs, and has its citizenship in heaven. Amen.



Purdy's Easter Fundraising Online Order