

St. Michael's News

February 17th 2023

St. Michael's School Website

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



Friendship Day



Family Math Fair



Grade 7's leave their mark

Kindness Tree

Our Grade 7 students left their mark this week to showcase friendship and kindness.

Family Math Fair

Thank you, Ms. Lee and her team of helpers for hosting a family math fair. We were thrilled to welcome families into the gym to participate in enjoyable and educational activities together.

Upcoming Events and Activities

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.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal. It marks the beginning of Lent – a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). The ashes themselves come from the burned palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration: thus bringing us full circle to our last celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The children will be attending **Mass at 9AM** to receive their ashes, and families are welcome to join us. We ask that all students wear **full uniform** on this 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.

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.

Purdy's Easter Fundraising Online Order

Parent Association News



Mardi Gras

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our Parent's Association for hosting a fantastic Mardi gras celebration. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers, our Grade 7 leaders, and our alumni. The gym looked amazing and the event went off without a hitch. Thank you to all of our faithful families who came and joined the fun. It was a fantastic evening and it was such a joy to have our community together to celebrate. THANK YOU!

Our Contest Winners will be announced next week and the 4x6 prints from the photo booth will be delivered to classrooms before Spring Break.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

WHEN

Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 8:30am

WHERE

St. Michael's School

MORE INFORMATION

PANCAKES are served on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday in preparation for the fast of Lent. The PA will be serving pancakes 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

Auction Update

Big thanks to everyone who donated a bottle at the Annual General Meeting last week. We really appreciate your generosity!

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 [donation form](#) for all donations.

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
		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
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	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
13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	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
20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	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
 27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS Happier · Kinder · Together

February 23 is Favourite Animal Day!

Here's a new theme for us: come to school dressed as your favourite animal! Don't worry, it will be like Noah's Ark where zebras and lions will get along. Please bring a minimum \$2 donation to help with relief efforts after the earthquake in Syria and Lebanon.

Upcoming Dates

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

February 23rd: Non Uniform Day: Favourite animal

February 24th: 9AM school Mass

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

March 1st: 7PM Gr. 2 Parent Meeting; 7:30PM Parents Association Meeting

March 3rd: 9AM School Mass; 3 - 3:30PM Used uniform store

March 4th: Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat

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

Community News



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God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen

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