

St. Michael's News

March 24th, 2023

Welcome back!

I pray that you all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break and I look forward to seeing you all soon. The staff and I are excited to begin this final (and busy!) term with you. As we move into the final two weeks of Lent, we encourage you to find ways to recommit to prayer as a family and to attend Mass regularly. Particularly, attending Sunday Mass as a family is essential to our growth as Catholics. We hope to see all of our families continue to make this a priority.

As we return to school, please review our parking lot safety agreement. We appreciate it is very busy and many families are rushing off to other activities; however, safety needs to be the priority. Please **slow down** as you approach the parking lot. Park only in **designated spaces** and **be vigilant when backing out of spaces**, we have many precious young children here. Let's work together to keep everyone safe.

We are looking forward to many exciting events this term, especially our Auction on April 22nd, our Spring Musical "Disney's The Lion King for kids" in May and the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please join us at these celebrations and pray in a particular way for our Grade 2 and 7 classes.

Welcome back! - Mrs. Grant

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

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

Upcoming Events and Activities

[Sexuality and Your Child Parent Evening](#)

On Tuesday, March 28th, the school will host a special parent evening to introduce the program "Love Ed". As Catholic parents, we are called to share the Truth with our children and help them understand God's loving plan. The Love Ed program is designed to support Catholic families as they discuss sexuality and morality together. It provides a series of online videos and discussion topics for you to work through with your children at home.

Although this evening is mandatory for parents of children in Grades 4 through 7, all parents are encouraged to attend.

Sexuality and Your Child Information Evening

WHEN

Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30pm

WHERE

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MORE INFORMATION

The staff and Parish Education Committee of St. Michael's School would like to invite you to our sexuality and your child information evening on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30pm. Although this evening is mandatory for families with children in Grades 4 - 7, all of our parents are very welcome.

During the evening, we will introduce you to, and provide you access to, a program called Love Ed. We look forward to seeing you there.

Holy Thursday School Wide Retreat

The season of Lent gives way to the celebration of Easter in Holy Week, the most sacred period of the liturgical calendar.

Holy Week includes both the Church's most solemn observances and joyous feasts. Unique, beautiful liturgies fill the period of time that begins on Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Sunday.

Holy Week 2023 is a great time to recommit to prayer and draw close to God.

To mark Holy Week and prepare for Good Friday, the students at St. Michael's school will take part in a school-wide retreat on Holy Thursday, with the Grade 5 class sharing a special assembly at 2:15PM. Parents are welcome to come and pray with us during this assembly.

Hot Lunch - April, May, June

Lunch ordering is open for the last few months of the school year. Place your orders now so you don't forget and miss the cut off.

Cut Off for orders and payment is Tuesday March 28, 2023. Please note this is right after Spring Break.

<https://sme.hotlunches.net/>

PA Participation

If you are in need of participation hours, we need you to come and help at hot lunch. We have many families completing their participation hours but still need help to be able to run hot lunch. Please contact Sarah at sme.parentassociation@gmail.com to help.

Parent Association Positions

Please contact Sarah if you are interested in any position within the PA for the next school year. Even if you don't know what position but want to be a part of PA planning, email sme.parentassociation@gmail.com.

Parent Association Website

St. Michael's Fundraising News



Auction News

Guess what's (almost) right around the corner? The Auction is just a few weeks away, on April 22! We're still accepting donations, and we thank you in advance for supporting the school and parish.

Wednesday Donation Drop-off

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

Dates: 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.

Donation Ideas

If you'd like to donate but aren't sure what to give, here are some things we'd love to receive:

- Bottles of wine and fine spirits
- Gift cards in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations

Thank you for your support!

Looking to Get Your Volunteer Hours?

We're looking for volunteers to help out during the Auction, as well as at Theatre Under the Pews (TUPS), the child-minding service that looks after kids while their parents are at the Auction. If you're interested, please email stmichaels.auctioncommittee@gmail.com.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

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

Purdy's Easter Fundraiser

Thank you to those of you who supported our Easter Fundraiser.

Your orders will be available at the school on **Wednesday, April 5th**.

Student Leadership Corner

Thank you to our Student Leadership team who have worked hard to set an example of social justice within our school community. We look forward to future events and endeavours organized by you!

Non-Uniform Day: Disney and Fairy Tales

WHEN

Thursday, March 30th, 9am

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MORE INFORMATION

The student leadership team are sponsoring a non-uniform day.

The theme is Disney and Fairy Tales. Come as your favourite Disney character or any Disney apparel.

You can also dress as any character from Fairy Tales, like Little Red Riding Hood or the Big Bad Wolf, Hansel and Gretel, or the Tortoise and the Hare.

Upcoming Dates

March 28th: 9AM Stations of the Cross; Confessions for Gr. 7; 6:30PM Sexuality and Your Child Information Evening; PEC Meeting after Mass

March 30th: Non uniform Day-Disney Day and Fairy Tales; Gr. 3 Basketball Tournament at Our Lady of Assumption.

March 31st: 9AM School Mass; Gr. 4 Basketball Tournament at Our Lady of Assumption.

April 2nd: Palm Sunday; Beginning of Holy Week.

April 4th: 9AM Stations of the Cross; Confession for Grade 6

April 6th: Holy Thursday School Wide Retreat; 2:15PM Passion Play

April 7th: Good Friday - No School

April 9th: Easter Sunday

April 10th: Easter Monday - No School

April 11th: Confession for Grade 5

April 14th: 9AM School Mass; 3PM Used Uniform Sale

April 16th: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 18th: Confession for Grade 4

April 21st: 9AM School Mass; Archangel Floor Hockey Cup

April 22nd: Parish Auction



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God of goodness, God of surprises, Send angels of inspiration to guide and enlighten as you did Mary. Awaken us again to our true calling, our true mission: to walk with you on the paths laid out to us. Teach us to listen for you in every corner of our lives and to await your messengers in the most unexpected situations and conditions. We ask this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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