

St. Michael's News

March 31st, 2023

Monthly Virtue Focus

During the month of April, we will focus on the virtue of love. God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of LOVE. Our families, teachers, and friends show us their love every day. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even by saying “thank you”. We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry. Sometimes the greatest acts of love happen when we are angry, such as not hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus is always with us and we should always try to remember His most important lesson, the lesson of love, because love is not about us – it is about looking out for the good of others.

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.”

~Dalai Lama

A loving person...

† wants the best for others

† is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others

† knows that we are all lovable

† prays for others

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

Thank you for attending our Parent Evening on March 28th. All of the resources were shared via email on March 29th. If you have any difficulty accessing the program, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Grant.

The resources can be found on our school website under the Principal's Corner.

<https://www.stmichaelschool.ca/digital-citizenship-and-safety-links/>

We pray that the videos and discussion guides prove fruitful for you and your families. We look forward to seeing you at our screening of the movie "Screenagers" on May 25th at 7pm.

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.

Easter Sunday School Mass

WHEN

Sunday, April 9th, 8:30am

WHERE

St. Michael's Church

MORE INFORMATION

The school choir are asked to sing at our 8:30AM Parish Mass on Easter Sunday. The students are asked to wear their Sunday Best for this joyous celebration.

All families are encouraged to attend.

Mite Boxes

As we approach the end of our Lenten season we ask that you return your child's mite box with donations for our seminarians when you can. Students or parents can drop these at the school office at their convenience.

PEC Elections

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Parish Education Committee elections are coming up in May!

If you are interested in standing for election or have any questions, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee: Anita Manalo 604-218-2855 anitamanalo1219@gmail.com or Jenny Finnegan 778-954-8473 finnegan.jenny@gmail.com.

ELIGIBILITY: Those eligible to hold office must be practicing Catholics, who are approved by Monsignor Rossi, and have reached the age of twenty-one (21).

PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS: Having a PEC role fulfills the required 60 hours of parent participation, and enables you to work closely with our Pastor, our Principal, and other parents to support the operations of the school and the nourishment of Faith in our St. Michael's Parish Community.

NOMINATION FORMS: Forms will be available at both the school office and the parish office in the coming weeks.

Parent Participation Opportunities

Looking for hours?

Here are Parent Participation Opportunities for the month of April.

- Church Ground Keeping for April
- Wash Sports Pinnies

Please contact the Participation Coordinator via email at participationcoordinator@gmail.com if you are interested.

Parent Association News

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.

St. Michael's Fundraising News



Auction News

Spring is finally here, and the Auction is hot on its heels (Saturday, April 22)! We're still accepting donations, and we thank you in advance for supporting the school and parish.

Donations Still Accepted Until April 5

If you have anything you'd like to donate (and thank you in advance), please drop it into the donation box by the school office or in the church. Also, we'd appreciate it if you'd please print and fill out a [donation form](#) to accompany any 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 (we still need a lot more!)
- \$25 gift cards (we're looking for at least 50 more)
- \$100 gift cards

It's super easy to buy wine online and donate it to the Auction! Simply follow [these instructions](#) to purchase online from Everything Wine – all you have to do is choose a wine or fine spirit, pay for it, and [fill out a donation form](#). We'll take care of the rest.

Thank you for your support!

Class Competition

Keep the donations coming so the kids can win great prizes:

- Extra recess: Class with highest participation (largest number of families who make a donation)

- Pizza party: Class with the highest overall donation amount

Here are the latest totals:

- K has 4 donations with a total value of \$545
- 1 has 3 donations with a total value of \$795
- 2 has 4 donations with a total value of \$400
- 3 has 5 donations with a total value of \$837
- **4 has 8 donations with a total value of \$2283**
- 5 has 3 donations with a total value of \$662
- 6 has 4 donations with a total value of \$735
- 7 has 8 donations with a total value of \$1273

Grade 4 has jumped into the lead – can they hang on to win?

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.

Kids love being at TUPS – they can come dressed in their PJs, watch a movie, play games with friends, and more. But we need adults to supervise, so we're looking for volunteers. You can get 6 hours for a full shift, 3 hours for a half shift, and an additional hour for doing a criminal record check (at no cost). If we don't get enough volunteers, we will have to cancel TUPS.

For Auction night, we need volunteers to handle the following roles: door greeters, handing out catalogues, setting up, and cleaning up after the event.

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**.

Disney and Fairy Tale Day



Anna and Elsa

One of the *many* "Frozen" sisters at school today.



Snow Whites

Who is the fairest of them all?
It is tie with these two lovely princesses.



Three Little Pigs

What time is it Mr. Wolf?
Lunch time!

Upcoming Dates

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; **8:30AM School Mass with choir**

April 10th: Easter Monday - No School

April 11th: Confession for Grade 5

April 13th: Kindergarten Assembly: Love

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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Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

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