

St. Michael's News

April 28th, 2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous support for our annual St. Michael's Auction. The auction committee pulled out all the stops and a fun time was most certainly had by all. Thank you to those who coordinated decorations and catalogued all of the items. Thank you to our game organizers, kitchen crew, and master auctioneer, Rene. A special thanks to St. Michael's Knights of Columbus for running the bar and to our team at the cash desks.

The strong connection between our parish groups and our school volunteers is what keeps our community thriving. We are one family and it is imperative that we continue to work together to ensure the continued success of our parish and school.

Father and I hope that all of our families can continue to make Sunday Mass attendance and participation within the Parish a priority. As we have learned from Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, *we are one body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone.*

- Mrs. Grant

A message from our Pastor

Our school pastor, Monsignor Rossi, would like to renew his heartfelt invitation to Sunday Mass at St. Michael's. His letter is attached below. We ask that all parents read it carefully, and consider its contents prayerfully.



A Letter from Monsignor Rossi

Please read this letter carefully and consider its contents prayerfully.

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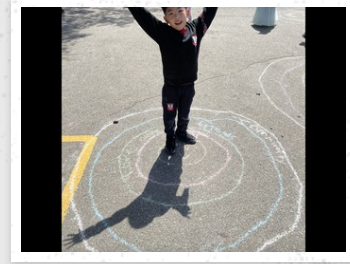
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Grade One



Learn About



Community

Upcoming Events and Activities

Confirmation

WHEN

Friday, April 28th, 7pm

WHERE

9387 Holmes Street
Burnaby, BC

MORE INFORMATION

Confirmandi are asked to be at the school no later than 6:15pm.

Confirmation

Our Grade 7 school and CCD students will be confirmed this Friday, April 28th at 7pm with Monsignor Rossi and Archbishop Miller. Please continue to pray for our Confirmandi.

Choir and Altar Servers

Please arrive at the Church no later than 6:30pm to prepare for this special service. Choir - please wear your school uniform unless a sibling is being confirmed and you are dressed for a family celebration afterward.

Altar servers - please ensure you are wearing black shoes.

Emergency Release Exercise

As part of St. Michael's emergency preparedness plan, we organize an emergency release exercise every Spring.

This year's Emergency Student Release will take place Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 1:20 pm. Students will follow emergency procedures, including evacuation to the school field, and emergency stations will be set up.

We will be asking for your help in the following areas:

Please treat this as a "real emergency" and plan to pick up your child/children between 1:30 - 2:15 pm on Wednesday, May 3rd.

In order to alleviate long line ups and to spread out the release of the students, pick up times have been divided by family house colour:

- ☑ 1:30 – Yellow: last name beginning with letters **R - Z**
- ☑ 1:45 – Red: last name beginning with letters **A - C**
- ☑ 2:00 – Blue: last name beginning with letters **D - K**
- ☑ 2:15 – Green: last name beginning with letters **L - Q**

If you know in advance that you are not able to pick up your child, please notify one of your designated alternate care providers to pick up your child at that time.

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champ!

Congratulations to Sophie in Grade 5 who was declared the CISVA Spelling Bee CHAMPION in the CISVA Annual Spelling Bee held on Tuesday at Holy Cross Elementary. Sophie competed against 18 other finalists and won the Bee after 11 rounds. This is the 3rd year in a row St. Michael's has taken home the Spelling Bee Championship. WELL DONE!



Summer Uniforms

At St. Michael's School, we take pride in our uniform. **Please take special note of our uniform policy as we enter the summer months.**

The summer uniform can be worn beginning May 1st.

Specifically, all students should have all-black school shoes and refrain from wearing any non-uniform items not approved by the school administration. This includes hoodies, long-sleeved shirts below the uniform and leggings.

Girls:

- White school golf shirt
- Navy skorts
- School cardigan
- School vest (optional)
- White socks - no logos and above the ankle
- ALL BLACK shoes (either all black runners or all black dress shoes)

Boys:

- White school golf shirt
- Navy walking shorts
- School sweater
- School vest (optional)
- White socks – no logos and above the ankle
- **ALL BLACK** shoes (either **all** black runners or **all** black dress shoes)

Uniform Provider Information

Beginning April 3rd, 2023, the Neat Uniforms website and it's E-Store has been transferred to www.mccarthyuniforms.ca.

All of our Neat Uniforms customers will be able to still access their accounts and E-Stores via the McCarthy Uniforms website, no need to sign up again.

You will also now be able to see the quantity on hand of product that is held in our Vancouver store.

Our Bundle Deals will be available from May 1st 2023 until September 6th 2023, with purchases being made from May 1st – August 15th having an extended Return/Exchange period to September 15th.

Please see the letter attached below for more information.



2023 - What to Expect from McCarthy Uniforms (BC).pdf

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PEC Elections

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Parish Education Committee elections are coming up in May and there will be two positions open for nomination!

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 May
- Cleaning and pressing of gowns
- Support for Fine Arts Performance
- Gym floor removal

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

Parent Association News

Hot Lunch:

Ordering for the last term of the school year is now closed. Thank you for all your support this year.

New participation positions in the PA

Looking at ways to participate next year. Consider yourself for one of these new roles or existing PA positions and email Sarah.

Hot Lunch Admin: *New (can be done outside of school hours and from home)*

- Look after online lunch platform: enter lunch schedules and menus, place weekly vendor orders, print labels, PA email, etc.

Hot Lunch Leads: *New*

- Be the lead on days when lunch coordinator is not present. (2-3 parents)

Decorations Coordinator: *New (can be done outside of school hours and from home)*

- Coordinate and/or make decorations with small group of parents for all PA events. Set up the decorations at school events.

All PA position descriptions are listed on the lunch platform under Information - Council Information.

Parent Association Website

St. Michael's Fundraising News

Auction note

Thank you for making the Auction a wonderful event!

We hope you enjoyed the Auction this year. It was so great to be able to spend some time in person with fellow members of the parish and school community.

Big thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this happen! We're also very grateful to all of the corporate sponsors and guests who participated in the online bidding and live event. Your support goes a long way towards supporting the parish and school, and we can't thank you enough.

Thank you as well to all of our wonderful donors, this event would not be possible without your generous donations. If you made a cash donation and did not include a donation form, please call the school office to provide your information for tax receipt purposes if one is needed.

More details are coming soon, including the final amount raised and prize winners at the school. Stay tuned!

Chicken Sale

Calling all barbecues! It's time for our summer chicken sale. Make sure to download the order form here (insert link) so you can stock up on fresh and delicious Hallmark poultry. You're getting the freshest chicken, not the stuff that's been sitting on the shelves in the grocery store. Wouldn't it be nice to know you're ready to host those outdoor gatherings now that the rain has finally let up? Place your order and rest easy knowing that you've got plenty of chicken in the freezer for the summer! Tell your friends and family too! **Orders are due Tuesday, May 16 and pickup is Wednesday, May 24 from 1:30 – 3:00 in the church driveway.** Please prepare your vehicle **BEFORE ARRIVING** (ie. Make space in the trunk and lay down newspapers or garbage bags). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Roche: kroche@smeschool.ca.

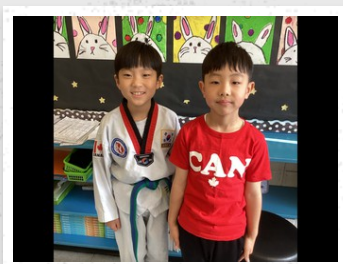


Chicken order form May'23 PDF.pdf

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Student Leadership Corner

Today was Heritage Day at St. Michael's and it was amazing to see representation from across the globe! Student leadership counted all the food bank donations, and we want to say a big thank you to all students who brought in a donation of either food or money! The class with the most donations was Grade 4, who won an extra recess as a result. Well done Grade 4!



Upcoming Dates

April 28th: 9AM School Mass; 7PM Grade 7 Confirmation (arrive at 6:15PM)

May 1st: Marian Rosary Assembly

May 2nd: Confession for Gr. 3

May 3rd: Emergency Release Drill

May 5th: 9AM School Mass; 3PM Used Uniform Sale

May 7th: 8:30AM Family Mass with school choir

May 8th: Literacy week! Non-Uniform - dress as your favourite literary character.

May 9th: Confession for Gr. 6; The Lion King Dress Rehearsal 1:30PM

May 10th: 1:30PM The Lion King matinee

May 11th: 1:30PM & 7PM The Lion King performance

St. Michael's School Website

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



St. Michael's School

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

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