



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Dear Families,

Next week, our CISVA schools will continue on their journey towards universal brotherhood with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. As we approach our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation we remember the words of our Holy Father:

"In a fraternal spirit, I encourage the Bishops and the Catholic community to continue taking steps towards the transparent search for truth and to foster healing and reconciliation. These steps are part of a journey that can favour the rediscovery and revitalization of your culture, while helping the Church to grow in love, respect and specific attention to your authentic traditions." His Holiness Pope Francis, April 1st 2022.

The students and staff will be working together on a number of activities throughout the week to learn more about our Indigenous peoples and their traditions. We pray that through God's grace, we can continue to grow in Christ's love as together we seek Truth, Healing and Reconciliation. There will be **no school on Friday, September 30th for our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

Mrs. Grant

DEPOSITS REMINDER

A reminder that cheques dated for September 2022 are currently being deposited. This includes tuition, technology fees and classroom fees.

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch will be starting in October. We have a few details to finalize but hope to have ordering opened soon. In the meantime, please go to <https://sme.hotlunches.net> to register you and your children. We clear our system every year so if you registered last year you will need to re-register this school year and add your students.

Questions, email the PA at sme.parentassociation@gmail.com.

CHOCOLATE SALES

Our St. Michael's Community is really working hard on our chocolate sales. We are halfway through our fundraiser and want to keep up the momentum!

Here are the results as of *Thursday* for money collected **so far!**

Grade	Boxes Sold (Money Collected)
K	14
1	15
2	36
3	26
4	26
5	51
6	27
7	18

Top Sellers in the School

Julia Mulingtapang (Grade 5) with 13 boxes
Sheldon Ackley (Grade 3) with 11 boxes
Tahmina Prasad (Grade 5) with 7 boxes

Winner of the early bird draw:

David Lee (Grade 4) \$50 Indigo gift card

Bring in your money for this *Friday's early bird draw* for a \$50 Cineplex gift card.

We have sold ALL of the chocolates we originally ordered. Tomorrow we will be receiving **100 more boxes** to sell! So let's continue to sell those chocolates a raise the funds **for our new gym floor!**

SAINT MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY DINNER/DANCE

Our Parish Feast Day dinner and dance will take place this weekend on Saturday, September 24th. We hope to see many of our families there.

Participation Opportunity

Help is needed in the kitchen for this wonderful parish event. If you are available to help with cleaning up after dinner is served, please contact Sarah at sme.parentassociation@gmail.com.

SAINT MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY

On Thursday, September 29th, we will celebrate Mass at 9am in honour of St. Michael the Archangel. Students are encouraged to bring an item for the food bank on this day. The Parent's Association will also be providing each student with a small treat at recess to celebrate this special day.

ADULT CATECHISM

Our adult catechism classes continue this week on Thursday evening at 7pm in the parish centre. Those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or deepening their understanding of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend, even if you missed last week's class. All are welcome.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept 24th: St Michael's Dinner and Dance	Oct 3rd: FSA tests begin for Gr. 4 and 7
Sept 27th: Confession Gr. 5	Oct 4th: Assembly Gr. 7; Confession Gr. 5
Sept 28th Happy Birthday, Father Rossi!	Oct 7th: School Mass, Our Lady of the Rosary; Used uniform store 3-3:30pm
Sept 29th: St. Michael's Feast Day Mass	Oct 10th: Thanksgiving No School
Sept 30th: Truth and Reconciliation Day No School	Oct 11th: Confession Gr. 3
Oct. 2nd: 8:30am Sunday Mass with school choir	Oct 12th: Gr. 7 Confirmation Meeting 7pm

*O God,
Great Spirit and Creator,
We praise you for your gifts that surround us –
For the gift of the land that gives us food, shelter and water;
For the gift of the sun that gives warmth and light to all that grows;
For the gifts of the moon and stars which you have arranged for your glory;
For the gifts of language and culture, through which your peoples praise you,
and share the most deeply held values you have engraved on their hearts.*

*Give us one heart and one mind
To walk forward together along this path
In the love and strength of your Spirit,
In truth, reconciliation and peace.
We make this prayer
In the power of your Most Holy Name.
Amen*

From A Prayer for Truth and Reconciliation