



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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PICK UP AND DROP OFF SAFETY

Dear Parents,

I write to ask that all families kindly review our parking lot procedures in the parent handbook. The safety of our school families is of the utmost importance.

1. Please **be patient and slow down**, especially by our crosswalks and when using the drive through drop off.
2. Please **do not park in the no stopping zone** on Holmes Street. If you are picking up from the Holmes Street exit (outside the library and Grade 4), please ensure you are prompt as students **will not be permitted to wait there unsupervised**.
3. Please only park in designated spots and walk your child to and from your car.
4. While children are welcome to play on the playground afterschool, a parent or guardian must be present and directly supervising them.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

- Mrs. Grant

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

No school on Friday, September 30th for our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - FAMILY MASS

This Sunday **October 2nd** is the first Sunday of the month. Every first Sunday, the **8:30 am Mass** is a special family Mass. The school choir is required to sing and our students also read at this Mass.

We invite and encourage all of our families to join us for the special family Mass. Members of the choir are asked to meet in the choir loft before the 8:30am Mass. **Students are reminded to wear full school uniform for this Sunday Family Mass.**

Following our Mass, you are invited to join us for **pancake breakfast!** This will be served in the gym after the 8:30am and 10am Masses.

GRADE 7 ASSEMBLY

During this month of October, we celebrate the virtue of respect. On Tuesday, October 4th at 9:15am the Grade 7 class will lead the October assembly on **respect**. All parents are welcome to join us for this assembly.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

Students brought their order details home this week. You can order your photos directly online and they will be delivered to the school. **Our picture retake day is October 26th** for those who were absent on picture day or would like another portrait. **Please note, students must bring their original proofs with them on October 26th if they wish to have a retake.**

TENNIS

Our Tennis lessons continue this week with Coach Derek on October 3rd, 5th, and 7th. Tennis is a lifelong sport that can be played by all ages and levels and is free on public courts situated all over our municipalities.

CHOCOLATE SALES - EXTENDED

We have extended our chocolate sales *until next week*. We have far surpassed last year's chocolate sales--thank you all for your hard work to support our school!

Here are the numbers for this week.

Grade	Boxes Sold (Money Collected)
K	32
1	31
2	58
3	42
4	43
5	87
6	46
7	40

Top Sellers in the School

Julia Mulingtapang (Grade 5) with 26 boxes

Sheldon Ackles (Grade 3) with 17 boxes

Tahmina Prasad (Grade 5) with 15 boxes

Winner of the final early bird draw:

Tahmina Prasad (Grade 5) \$50 Cineplex movie gift card

This is the final long weekend of chocolate sales, so continue to sell those chocolates toward the goal of a **new gym floor!**

READING CLUB

Students who are interested in Reading Club have been given a notice and tracking sheet this week. Reading Club will start on October 1 and students are encouraged to read at least a minimum of 15 minutes (primary) or 30 minutes (intermediate) each day. Parents, please initial each day your child reads on the calendar. Calendars are due December 12 in order to receive a prize. Happy reading!

APPLE SALE

We will be holding an organic apple sale again! A huge thank you to Open View Organic Orchard <https://openvieworganic.com/> who have been so amazing to work with. Once again, we will sell two sizes:

- 7 lb box contains the smaller apples, perfect for children's lunches
 - 20 lb box will have a mix of sizes.

Apples stored in a cool and dry location will last for months... unless you eat them all first!

Funds raised from the sale of the organic apples have gone directly to the Outdoor Learning Area. Those funds were used to create the Outdoor Classroom and help with its ongoing maintenance. They have purchased the supplies for our fun fence art made from recycled plastic lids. But most importantly, the funds also purchase supplies and the seedlings which the children plant in the spring.

More information will be shared next week about this exciting sale!

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.

COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting CLEAN used coats ranging in size from infant to adult. After you have washed them, please take a moment to place each CLEAN coat (or similarly sized coats) in a PLASTIC BAG and LABEL with the size. Clearly labeled collection bins will be placed in the front hall of the school for easy drop-off.

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. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS

Please be advised the remainder of the September payments will be deposited next week.

UPCOMING DATES

September 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. No School
October 2nd	8:30am Family Mass with the school choir
October 4th	Assembly led by Grade 7; Confession for Gr. 5
October 7th	9am School Mass; Used uniform store 3 - 3:30pm
October 10th	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
October 11th	Confession for Gr. 3
October 12th	7pm Gr. 7 Parent Confirmation Meeting
October 14th	9am School Mass
October 16th	8:30am Gr. 7 Enrollment Mass

Save the Date: St. Michael's Walkathon - Sunday, October 30th

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*