



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Here at St. Michael's, we have much to be thankful for. The staff and I are amazed at the enthusiasm and efforts that went into our chocolate sales fundraiser. We are in the process of calculating our total profits and want to congratulate the entire community on a spectacular sale.

We would like to especially congratulate our winners for this year!

1st Place: Julia in Grade 5

2nd Place: Sheldon in Grade 3

3rd Place: Tahmina in Grade 5

4th Place: Gavin in Grade 2

Our class prize winner was Grade 5. They are looking forward to a special pizza lunch on Wednesday, October 19th to celebrate their efforts. We will also have the opportunity to celebrate these successes at our Fall Recognition Assembly in November.

Thank you all for your commitment and generosity to our school.

Mrs. Grant

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

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. Please indicate the reason you wish to have a retake done on your form.

WALKATHON

We are looking forward to our annual walkathon on October 30th. We would love to see as many parents as possible come and join in the festivities.

Outline of the Day

Participants are encouraged to attend Mass and walk at a time convenient for them. Mass takes place at 8:30 AM, 10 AM, and at 12 noon. Our walkathon activities will begin after the 8:30 AM Mass and will continue until 2pm.

9:30 AM: Registration opens in the gym (after 8:30 AM Mass)

10:30 AM: Food Truck opens and activities begin in the gym

2 PM: Activities conclude

APPLE SALE

Last chance to order some delicious apples from the Okanagan! The order deadline is **Monday, October 17th**. Don't miss out! Please see the email sent out on Thursday for further details and for a copy of the order form. Orders can also be placed directly with the school office.

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.

OCTOBER NON UNIFORM DAY

Students are invited to dress up as their role model on Thursday, October 27th. Role models could include family members, professions, saints, historical heroes etc. Please bring a canned food item for The Door is Open. More info about this ministry can be found at <https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/> . Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE - OKTOBERFEST

October 29, 2022, 6pm - 10pm

After a couple of tough years of pandemic restrictions, it's time to enjoy the good times again!

The inaugural St. Michael's Parish Oktoberfest celebration is an opportunity for us to get together and reconnect with each other over some beer (or cider), bratwurst, and pretzels. Come and enjoy a night away from the kids in the company of your friends, fellow parents, and parishioners. There will be music, games, trivia, and door prizes so get your tickets early and don't miss out! **Please note that the Saturday evening mass on this day will be moved to 5pm.**

Oktoberfest tickets are available to purchase for \$10 each on the Hot Lunch website at <https://sme.hotlunches.net/> until Friday, October 28th @ 10pm or until sold out (attendance will be capped at 200 people); tickets will also be sold after the weekend masses on October 15th/16th and October 22nd/23rd (cash only). Each \$10 ticket includes admission, one beer/cider and one bratwurst sausage/bun with physical tickets for these food and drink items to be issued to the purchaser upon entry at Oktoberfest. Additional beer/cider/bratwurst tickets are available to purchase on the Hot Lunch website or at the event for \$5 each (cash/debit/credit payments will be accepted at the event). Sauerkraut, pretzels, chips, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided free of charge.

We look forward to celebrating a fun night with you!

OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A number of volunteer opportunities are available for Oktoberfest. Please email Jenny Finnegan at finnegan.jenny@gmail.com if you are able to help out:

- Decorations/set-up/lights - 2 - 3 people for 1 - 2 hours on Friday night or Saturday day
- Ticket sales after weekend masses - multiple volunteers needed (5 masses for 2 weekends starting next weekend, October 15th; 1/2 hr volunteer credit for each mass)
- Admission/entrance table (night of) - 2 volunteers for 1 - 2 hours
- Additional beer/food ticket sales (night of) - 3 volunteers for 1 hour shifts starting at 6pm
- Kitchen/grill (night of) - 3 - 4 volunteers needed
- Clean-up/set-up for Walkathon - 2 - 3 volunteers for 1 hour at the end of the event

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS PROGRAM

Class code RC249384

October flyers will be distributed this week.

Ordering options:

Online:

Go to www.scholastic.ca/readingclub

Create an account or log in to an existing account, place order

Enter school code during checkout (RC249384)

Shipping is free when you spend over \$40 and enter the school code, under \$40 is \$7.50 (to your home).

Shipped To School:

We are exploring an option to have it shipped to school for orders under \$40 and will follow up in next week's newsletter.

CRAFT NIGHT

Save the date! We will mark the beginning of Advent with our annual craft night on Monday, November 28th 2022.

If you would like to get involved with the planning process, we will be meeting next week. Please email Sarah, sme.parentassociation@gmail.com. This event has lots of room for new ideas.

WEDNESDAY PICK UP

A friendly reminder that school ends at 2:30pm on Wednesdays. Supervision ends at 3pm. **All students must be picked up by 3pm** unless they attend the after school tutoring club.

INSTAGRAM

Our Instagram account is being updated weekly celebrating learning and activities here at St. Michael's school. Please take a look for [@stmichaelsbby](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelsbby) and follow us! *If you have requested to follow us and have not been added yet, please email Mr. Da Silva, as it is a private account and we will only add those we know.*

UPCOMING DATES

October 16th	8:30am Gr. 7 Enrollment Mass
October 17th	Fire Drill
October 18th	Confession for Gr. 6; Early warning system test for earthquake
October 19th	BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill; 7pm Gr. 2 mandatory Parent Meeting in the gym
October 21st	Pro D Day no school
October 23rd	8:30am Gr. 2 Enrollment Mass
October 24th	Lockdown drill
October 25th	Confession for Gr. 7; PEC
October 26th	Lifetouch Photo Retake
October 27th	Non-Uniform Day
October 28th	9am School Mass; Interim report of progress comes home
October 29th	Mass 5pm, Oktoberfest 6 - 10pm (tickets required)
October 30th	Walkathon 9:30am - 2pm

Prayers for Sacramental Preparation

Our Grade 7 and Grade 2 classes are beginning their journey towards their Sacraments this year. As a community, I ask that we keep them in our prayers as they, along with their families prepare for these important milestones.

For our Grade 7 Students:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

For our Grade 2 Students:

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. Please assist our Grade 2 students who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion, help us to grow in love for You each day of their lives.