



# St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As fall weather looms and the mornings are darker, I ask that you take extra care when dropping off and picking up your child at the school. Please only park in designated spaces in the parking lot and exercise caution when crossing traffic with your child to and from the playground. If you are dropping your child off on Holmes Street, please make sure you do not stop before the drop off zone. Doing so blocks traffic turning at the intersection and makes it difficult for those on the crosswalk to see oncoming traffic.

Please drive slowly and be patient. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Mrs. Grant

## **GRADE 2 ENROLLMENT MASS**

The Grade 2 Enrolment Mass for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at the 8:30 am Mass.

## **APPLE SALE**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Outdoor Learning Area's Organic Apple Sale. We sold **94 boxes of apples!**

We are so fortunate to have partnered with **Open View Organic Orchard** these past few years. Funds raised through the apple sales have almost completely covered all expenditures in the Outdoor Learning Area in the past 6 years and despite this being our last apple sale, this year's earnings should support the purchase of seedlings etc. for a few years to come.

As you enjoy your delicious apples, please consider taking a moment to "Like" and leave a review <https://www.facebook.com/OpenViewOrchard/>

A huge Thank You to Andrew and Liam Riddell who spent all of Tuesday driving back and forth to Naramata through incredibly smoky conditions!

## **COAT DRIVE**

Once again, we would like to express my gratitude to all the families for their generous donations to the coat drive. We have collected over 80 coats and have helped so many kids and adults in our neighbourhood!

**Next week will be the last week we will be collecting jackets.** If there are still any families who would like to donate, please take one last look through your closet or ask any family members or friends if they would like to donate.

As a further reminder, make sure the coats are washed, individually bagged and labeled by either men, women, child and the size of the jacket. Thank you so much for all your support!

### **AUTHOR VISIT**

We are excited to host local author Jordan Mayer for a visit for our Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes on Monday October 24th, 2022. Jordan is a teacher who is passionate about helping children fall in love with the process of learning and showing them that the world is a wonderful place! Here are a few words from Jordan about his debut children's book:

*"Early one morning, I took my dog Pippin outside for a quick walk. I took a few steps and there, right in front of us stood a large, scary looking raccoon! Breathing heavily I thought: "Those are the meanest, grossest animals I have ever seen. I never want to see a raccoon ever again!" A few days later, I was thinking about my encounter with those garbage-eating bandits. I wondered if they were really so bad after all or if I simply had a bad first impression. That made me think about other people I've met in my life. At first, they may have seemed mean or selfish, however, once I got to know them, they weren't so bad after all. In fact, many of them have become my friends. I thought it would be fun to write a series about a raccoon named Leroy. It's my hope that you take some time to get to know him and realize that you may have more in common with him than you might realize!"*

### **LIFETOUCH PHOTO RETAKES**

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.

### **OCTOBER NON UNIFORM DAY - ROLE MODELS**

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!

### **OCTOBER INTERIM REPORT OF PROGRESS**

Interim Reports will be sent home next Friday, October 28th. These reports will include information to address the curricular areas of literacy, numeracy, and your child's transition to the new grade. Students have set learning goals, which will also be included in the Interim Report.

### **OKTOBERFEST TICKETS**

**October 29, 2022, 6pm - 10pm**

Oktoberfest is just around the corner and we are looking forward to enjoying a fun night out with everyone. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, just a reminder that **tickets are available for purchase on the Hot Lunch website** at <https://sme.hotlunches.net> or **after Mass** this weekend - \$10 gets you admission, a beer or cider, and a bratwurst in a bun. **Tickets will also be available to purchase at the school office during the week next week** (cash or cheque payable to St. Michael's Parish). Getting your tickets early will help our organizers get a better picture of the amount of food and drinks that are needed to keep everyone happy, so don't delay!

We look forward to celebrating a fun night with you!

### **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](mailto:sme.parentassociation@gmail.com). This event has lots of room for new ideas.

### **SPELLING BEE**

A reminder that permission forms for Spelling Bee are now past due. We will begin practices starting next Thursday at lunch with Grades 4/5, and Grades 6/7 will begin the following Thursday. Please bring a duotang or binder with you to practice.

### **UNIFORM**

WINTER UNIFORM Worn from November 1st to April 30th  
(dates subject to change at principal's discretion)

#### **GIRLS**

White school golf shirt\*  
Tunic\* (K – Gr. 3)  
Tunic\* OR skirt\* (Gr. 4 – 7)  
Navy blue school cardigan\*  
Navy blue school vest\* (optional)  
Navy blue knee-high socks OR leotards  
All-black shoes (either all black runners or all black dress shoes)

#### **BOYS**

White school golf shirt\*  
Navy blue dress pants\*  
Navy blue school sweater\*  
Navy blue school vest\* (optional)  
Navy blue socks  
All-black shoes (either all black runners or all black dress shoes)

This details along with photos can be found on the school website at  
<https://www.stmichaelschool.ca/school-uniform/>

### **INSTAGRAM**

Our Instagram account is being updated weekly celebrating learning and activities here at St. Michael's school. Please take a look for @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.](#)

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS PROGRAM**

**Class code RC249384**

### **Ordering options:**

#### **Online**

Go to [scholastic.ca/readingclub](http://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**

**If your item is less than \$40 and you wish to save the shipping, your item can be shipped to the school by following the below process. Order forms are no longer included in the flyer so please be sure to write all the details below and add tax to your payment.**

On a Piece of Paper Please include:

- Student NAME AND GRADE, TEACHER
  - Item number
  - Name of item

Amount PLUS applicable tax. You have to add the tax manually.

All Books are plus GST 5% and non books (e.g. gift items) are plus GST and PST 5% and 7% (12%). Place order information (on paper) and cheque payable to St. Michaels School in a secure envelope. Hand in to your teacher or Secretary (front office).

Items will be mailed to school and delivered to student in the classroom.

Delivery times can not be guaranteed.

Soon Scholastic will allow for items under \$40 to be submitted online but it is not available yet so thus needs to be completed manually for now.

## UPCOMING DATES

October 23rd	8:30am Gr. 2 Enrollment Mass
October 24th	Lockdown drill
October 25th	Confession for Gr. 7; PEC Meeting 7pm
October 26th	Photo Retake (9:00-10:30am approximately)
October 27th	Non-Uniform Day: Role Models
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
November 1st	9am All Saints Day Mass
November 2nd	9am All Souls Day Mass
November 4th	9am School Mass; Used Uniform Sale 3 - 3:30pm
November 5th	Grade 7 Spirit Day
November 6th	8:30am Family Mass

### PRAYER TO ST. JOHN PAUL II

*Feast Day - October 22nd*

*Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading her along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.*

*May you bless each and every family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.*

*Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You opposed war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.*

*Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you beside Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.*