



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Our Virtue focus for November – Conscience

During the month of November, we are focusing on the Virtue of Conscience

Conscience is the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will make sure you will always have love in your life. Our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how to be a good friend. Sometimes it is hard for us to do the right thing, but we must always remember that the right thing is not always the easy thing to do.

A person of conscience...

† chooses to do the right thing, even when it is hard

† takes time to think and pray before making decisions

† makes decisions according to gospel values

† knows that their actions and decisions affect all those around them

† thinks of others before themselves

† accepts accountability for one's own actions

Let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of conscience, who know the good and decent way to act and then choose to act that way. Amen.

OCTOBER INTERIM REPORT OF PROGRESS

Interim Reports will be sent home **tomorrow** 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

Saturday, October 29th 6 - 10pm

Oktoberfest is this Saturday! 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 at the school office** (cash or cheque payable to St. Michael's Parish). We hope to see you all there!

WALKATHON

3 more sleeps until the Walkathon! Come rain or shine!

On **Sunday, October 30th**, come walk 5km, 10km, 15km or 20km and then join us in the gym afterwards for games, cotton candy, Nonna's Food Truck, hot chocolate and much much more!
Remember to bring your pledge forms and money (cheque) on the day of the walk.

Event starts: 9:30am

Event ends: 2pm

Cash, debit or credit card will be accepted.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible for our first Walkathon since 2019!

HALLOWEEN CANDY

We will once again be collecting Halloween candy in support of our Catholic Ministries in Vancouver. Candy reminds the residents of the downtown eastside that they are cared for and loved. The candy bags made up from these donations are a means to engage in conversation with those most vulnerable in our city and allow the opportunity for volunteers to offer words of hope, prayer and guidance. Boxes will be placed below the stairs outside the office and students are encouraged to bring in some of their Halloween treats to share with others.

ALL SAINTS DAY and ALL SOULS DAY MASS

The school will celebrate two special Masses together this week. On Tuesday, November 1st we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints, and on Wednesday, we will gather to pray for those who have gone before us on All Souls Day. Families and parishioners are welcome to join us for these special Masses next week.

9AM Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day Mass

9AM Wednesday, November 2nd: All Souls Day Mass

RCAV SPIRIT DAY FOR GRADE 7

Our Grade 7 school and CCD students have the opportunity to attend Spirit Day on Saturday, November 5th with hundreds of other young Catholics around the Archdiocese. We pray they enjoy their time and return with a renewed sense of faith and commitment to preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers this year.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES

The school administration team will be hosting a question and answer session and open evening for new families on **Tuesday, November 15th from 6:30 - 8pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school and meet the principal, as well as ask any questions you may have about our community.

There will also be an **open house on Tuesday, November 29th from 9am - 11am** to allow interested families to tour the school while we are in session.

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.

WINTER 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)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS PROGRAM

Class code RC249384

Ordering options:

Online

Go to 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.

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.](#)

UPCOMING DATES

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	Gr.7 Spirit Day
November 6th	8:30AM Family Mass. School Choir
November 8th	Confession for Gr. 4
November 10th	Gr. 5 Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11th	Remembrance Day No School
November 15th	Confession for Gr. 3
November 16th	11:30am Fall Recognition Assembly
November 17th	9am - 5pm 3-way Conferences No regular classes

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a different devotion. In November, it is the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those faithful Christians who have died and gone before us but who still must atone for their sins. The time they spend in purgatory cleanses them so that they may enter Heaven free from all effects of sin.

Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is a requirement of Christian charity.

Our own prayers and sacrifices can be offered up to relieve their suffering.

One of the most commonly recited Catholic prayers is:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*