



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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Virtue of the Month

Thank you to our Grade 7 students who introduced our virtue of the month at their assembly on Tuesday. During this month of October, we celebrate the virtue of respect. We all deserve to be treated respectfully by others. However, in order to be respected, we also have to respect ourselves. Everyone has a right to go to school/work free of gossip, name-calling, and put-downs. We should expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet – our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

"Respect yourself and others will respect you." Confucius

A respectful person...

- † uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- † avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures
- † says 'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Pardon me'
- † avoids gossip

FOOD BANK

As we consider how grateful we are for all the Lord has blessed us with this thanksgiving, we are reminded that we are called to feed the hungry and help those in need (Isaiah 58:10; Matthew 25: 35-40). Please consider sending food bank donations with your child on Mass days (every Friday) and when your child receives the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chuan H. Wee, Matthew Park's grandfather. We ask that God gives strength to Matthew and his family during this difficult time. Eternal rest, grant unto Mr. Lee, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CHOCOLATE SALES UPDATE

Congratulations to all of our students who supported our chocolate sales this month. We are thrilled with your efforts! The total amount collected will be announced in the coming weeks.

Please ensure you have sent all money collected to the office by **Friday, October 14th**.

There are still a few boxes left if anyone would like to purchase them at cost (\$30 for a box of 20 bars) for Halloween treats!

The winners of our 2022 chocolate sale will be announced in school on **Friday, October 7th**

APPLE SALE

Our apple sale is underway! A copy of the order form was sent out via email (allparents@smeschool.ca) on Saturday, October 1st and additional hard copies are available from the office. These apples are delivered directly from the orchard. The order deadline is **October 17th**. Don't miss out!

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch ordering is now closed for this term. Our first hot lunch will be on Thursday, October 13th. Any further questions about the program can be directed to 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.

WALKATHON

It is time for WALKATHON! We are so excited to be planning this wonderful event for our school families and hope to see everyone joining the fun on **Sunday, October 30th**. An information package along with pledge sheets are coming home with students on Friday, October 7th - just in time to collect some pledges over Thanksgiving!

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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, email Mr. Da Silva at adasilva@smeschool.ca. It is a private account and we will only add those we know, so please include your family name and children(s) grades so that we can verify you.

UPCOMING DATES

October 10th	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
October 11th	Confession for Gr. 3
October 12th	7pm mandatory Gr. 7 Parent Confirmation Meeting
October 14th	9am School Mass
October 16th	8:30am Gr. 7 Enrollment Mass
October 17th	Fire Drill
October 18th	Confession for Gr. 6
October 19th	Gr. 2 mandatory Parent First Confession Meeting
October 21st	Pro D Day no school

We wish our families a blessed Thanksgiving. We will see you on Tuesday!

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued grace and blessings throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Teacher. Amen.

