



# Newsletter #2

September 25, 2019

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to school! We have had a great start to the 2019-20 school year here at St. Michael's. It has been a pleasure to meet the new students and see their enthusiasm. Everyone has found their way through the first couple of weeks of classes and by all accounts, students are happy with classes and option selections. We had a great day on September 18 for the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. Thank you to students for your high level of enthusiasm and to families for showing your support for this event.

St. Michael's adopted a personal technology device policy last year. Devices are not permitted to be used during instructional time, unless the teacher has designed a learning activity with their use. I am asking families to remind students that they have a choice on where to store their devices. I appreciate your support with helping our students focus on learning. As devices cannot be kept in a student's pocket, please reinforce with your child the following storage options:

1. Leave devices at home.
2. If a device is brought to school, it can be left in the student lockers during classes.
3. Classrooms have bins for storing devices during instructional time.

Some important notes:

- Today was our start of the year Mass and September 30 is our Welcome Back BBQ. We hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you at the school for this annual event. Thank-you to the Knights of Columbus for supporting this event by doing the cooking!
- Both School Council and Friends of St. Michael's are up and running for the school year. These organizations do so much to support our school, students and learning so please plan on joining or attending a meeting to see how you can contribute.. All parents are invited to come hear more about the school and provide advice on school issues. *Tina Delinte - Principal*

## 5 things we're smiling about this month:



<p><b>1</b> We will celebrate our opening mass on Wednesday at 9:00 am at St. Michael's Church</p>	<p><b>2</b> Ethan Choi won Bronze at the Golf Provincials and he made a "Hole in One"!!</p>	<p><b>3</b> The Terry Fox Walk raised \$481 in donations to Cancer Research!</p>	<p><b>4</b> The Bullhorn Cross-Country Run had a great turnout and our students represented us well!</p>	<p><b>5</b> Dot Day has gone on all week and has been dotastic! Way to go with making your mark!</p>
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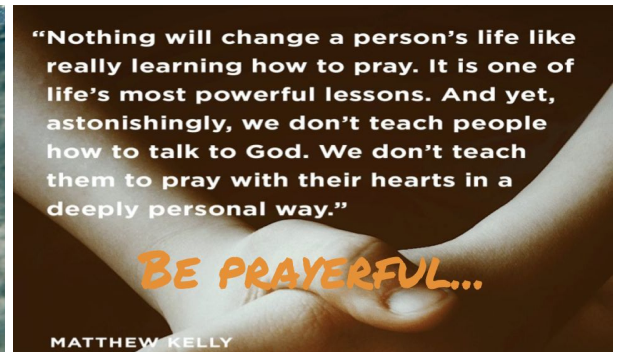
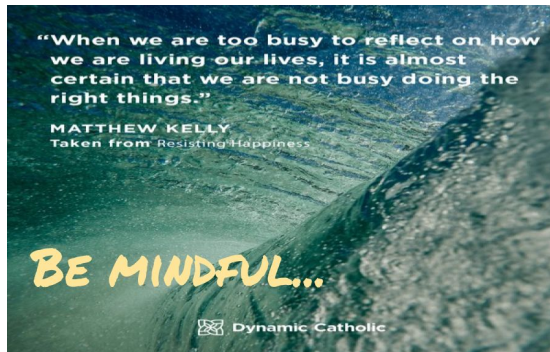


# Holy Spirit Faith Focus

**3 YEAR FAITH PLAN** : Making Our Mark - Journey of an Intentional Disciple

Year 1 Theme - Beginning the Journey

Year 1 Call to Action - Be Mindful (of God's Presence)... Be Prayerful



## School Events:

### WELCOME BACK BBQ

Monday, September 30  
6:00-8:30 pm  
in the Den  
for all students and families  
of St. Michael's School



### Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30  
Wear an orange shirt to  
honour the  
Indigenous children sent to  
Residential schools in  
Canada.  
Every Child Matters!



### PD Days this week:

Thursday, September 26  
Friday, September 27  
No classes for students



### Picture Day

Thursday, October 17  
Beginning at 8:30 am



### Student Insurance Program:

The IAP Accident Insurance Plan has been discontinued. There is a new plan, Family Accident Insurance Plan (FARP). For more information: [FARP](#)

## St. Michael's School Council

### MISSION:

Families collaborating with school administration to maximize the success of St. Michael's students.

### MOTTO:

To Inform and be informed. To respect and be respected. To include and be included.

**Next Meeting: October 28 @ 7:00 pm  
in the Den**

Please come out to the meetings and have your voice heard.

## Friends of St. Michael's

The Friends are St. Michael's School booster club. They finance our school athletics, student awards, bussing for events, Scientists in the Classroom and much more. Please consider supporting the Friends in their many fundraisers throughout the year. The Friends meet on the First Monday of the month in the Den.



## Adult French Classes

Starting Wednesday, September 25, continuing weekly for 8 weeks  
7:00-9:00 pm in the Den  
Cost \$40

Teacher: Toni Salonen

Contact the school office if you are interested 403-627-3488

Thank you to Pincher Creek Adult Learning who are subsidizing this program for us.

### GROWING IN FAITH GROWING IN CHRIST


Our School uses the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* program for Religious Education!

*Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* features a Student-Home Website with videos, songs, bible stories, prayers, interactive activities and more – all designed for students and families to explore their faith together.

**Log in at:**  
[www.pearsoncanada.ca/growinginfaith/student-home](http://www.pearsoncanada.ca/growinginfaith/student-home)  
Grades: 1-6 available!  
Username: holyspirit99  
Password: Student99

#### GROWING IN FAITH GROWING IN CHRIST

Welcome to Your Student Website!

 Grade 1 Sign In	 Grade 2 Sign In	 Grade 3 Sign In
 Grade 4 Sign In	 Grade 5 Sign In	 Grade 6 Sign In

**Grades 1-6  
NOW AVAILABLE!**

## Parent Notices 2019-20: [Parent Notices](#)

Parents please read

**School Messenger:** Improving our Schools' Communication with Home!

Click here: [School Messenger](#)

**First Lego League Info > [First Lego League](#)**

# St. Michael's School webpage: [SMPC](#)

For information on: school calendar, time tables, school fees, school supplies, staff contact info., bell schedule, school council notices and so much more!

## Learning with a Side of Soup > [Brighter Futures](#)

Free tutoring and homework for Gr 4-12

### Alberta Health Services

For more information:

[Healthy Children](#)




[Healthy Teens](#)



For information on the Bishop's Dinner > [Southern Alberta Bishop's Dinner](#)



## September/October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	24	25 Opening Mass 9:00 am St. Michael's Church	26 PD Day	27 PD Day	28	29
30 Welcome Back BBQ 6:00-8:30 pm  Orange Shirt Day	1  October	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 PD Day No school for students	12	13
14 Thanksgiving Day  No School	15	16 Academic Awards for junior & senior high students	17 School Picture Day  Picture Day!	18	19	20