



Newsletter #3

October 23, 2019

Principal's Message

Wow, time flies when you are having fun! Is it really the end of October already!?!

I already knew this, but it has been confirmed, St. Michael's is indeed an amazing place! I need to thank the staff for their dedication to making September and the school start up as smooth as possible. I would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their work on the Welcome Back BBQ. It was an awesome event that helped the community come together and feel a sense of belonging. The burgers and beans were pretty tasty too! As far as extracurricular activities go, we have both girls and boys volleyball in full swing and our athletes that participated in cross country and golf had a successful season. The Terry Fox Walk and the Thanksgiving collection of non-perishables for the Food Bank were great successes. We have had our picture day, a fire drill, a lockdown practice, and a dress up day. By the way, we do a lot of learning here too! As a staff we are working on our Continuous Improvement Plan and digging into our school data including the Accountability Pillar, Tell Them From Me Survey, Diploma and Provincial Achievement test results. It is certainly busy! One thing that you can do, is to be aware that school success goes hand in hand with good attendance. Missing even 10 percent (or about 18 days) has a dramatic negative impact on learning success. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. If we start building this habit in preschool our students learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help our kids do well in high school, college and at work as adults. Good attendance equals success! On that note, report cards will be going home and available for parents in PowerSchool on November 15 with parent teacher interview nights scheduled for Elementary on November 27, and for Jr./Sr. High on November 28. This is an opportunity for you to be in touch with your child's success and growth in learning. It also gives you a chance to connect with teachers and our staff so plan on attending.

Enjoy the end of October and the last of our Autumn days!

Tina Delinte - Principal

5 things we're smiling about this month:



<p>1 Our Cross-country runners finished out the season with 4 runners qualifying for Provincials.</p>	<p>2 SMPC hosted a French Immersion Open House for parents giving them a first hand look at a day of learning in Immersion classrooms.</p>	<p>3 Students and staff generously donated non-perishable food items for the Pincher Creek Food Bank. Many thanks Everyone!</p>	<p>4 The "Crashing the Cave" Volleyball Tournament begins this Thursday showcasing our Senior Volleyball teams. Come out and cheer on the Dragon's!!</p>	<p>5 We all enjoyed our first "Fry Bread Friday" this past week! Thanks to Elaine Smith for supplying fry bread for everyone at SMPC!</p>
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FAITH FOCUS:

3-Year Faith Plan – “Making Our Mark: Journey of an Intentional Disciple”

2019-2020 Theme – Beginning the Journey
Calls to Action – Be mindful of God’s presence... Be prayerful...



Over 150 years ago, Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson founded the Holy Childhood Association as a mission organization for children to help other children. This financial gift is used for children in orphanages, slum areas, street havens, schools, hospitals, refugee camps and handicapped centers in variety of different countries. The money provides food, medicine, clean water, shelter and education to the children. All elementary students at St. Michael’s have received collection boxes to fill and return to school by November 1st. October has been chosen to be our month of collecting, and being mindful of others in need. There is also a donation box at the school office for anyone wishing to donate there. All donation boxes and funds must be returned to homeroom teachers, or to the office no later than NOVEMBER 1ST! Thanks in advance for your generosity!

School Events:

Academic Awards for 2018-19 Junior & Senior High School Students



Wednesday, November 6
7:00 pm
In the Den

Open House at Lethbridge College



Thursday, November 7
for Grade 10 students
Permission forms have
been sent home with
students.

Remembrance Day Celebration



Friday, November 8
11:00 am
Dale Wentz Gymnasium
Please join us!

November PD Days



Monday, November 11: Holiday
Tuesday, November 12: PD Day

Classes resume on
Wednesday, November 13

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, November 27 - Elementary
Thursday, November 28 - Junior & Senior High

3:45 - 5:45 pm
Supper break
6:30 - 8:45 pm



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 & AGM: Monday, 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. The Friends meet on the First Monday of the month in the Den.

Current fundraiser: Friends Cash Calendar > Contact Janine Johnson or Margo Schmidt to purchase a ticket for \$25. Draws begin in January.

For more info: [Cash Calendar](#)

Basketball Coaches Needed!!



Sr. High: We currently have one coach for our Sr. Girls' Basketball team but enough players to expand to two teams - a JV (Junior Varsity) and Senior squad. We are looking for a person interested in coaching a group of gr. 10 & 11 girls. This would give more of our girls the chance for playing time, skill development and would continue to strengthen the athletic opportunities at St. Michael's School.

We are seeking a volunteer coach for our Sr. Boys Basketball team. This group of age 16 -18-year-old boys would compete within the Chinook League of Southern Alberta which focuses on skill development, building teamwork skills and developmental competition.

Jr. High: We are looking for a coach for our Jr. High B Boys team and our Jr. High B Girls team. These two teams will be focusing on developmental skills as well as basic knowledge of the game, and teamwork building.

If you, or someone that you know may be interested in taking on a coaching opportunity, working with kids to develop teamwork skills and becoming involved with Dragon Athletics at St. Michael's School please contact; Tyler Speelman (Athletic Director) or Tina Delinte (Principal) at 403-627-3488.

Seize the opportunity and make a difference in our community!

School Messenger

Improving our Schools' Communication with Home!
Click here for information: [School Messenger](#)


**HAVE YOU OPTED-IN
TO RECEIVE
TEXT MESSAGES
FROM US?**



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 978338

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!

French Immersion Open House



Everyone is invited to St. Michael's School
French Immersion Open House
Wednesday, October 23

Starts at 9am, drop-in to classes

Come see, hear & feel what French Immersion is about!

Le coin francais~ The French Corner

Chers parents,

In an endeavor to keep you better informed and aware of what's up in French Immersion at St. Michael's School, we are excited to launch , "Le coin Francais" ~ the French corner. Here you'll find dates of future events, photos, classes "en action", reminders, special achievements or recognition, links to useful French websites for fun and practice at home, etc.

We plan to add to our "coin" (corner) every month.

Bonne lecture ! Happy reading!

"Club des devoirs"~Homework Club

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm in Room 205
with Dominique

Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm in Room 206
with Mme. Fuller

Kenai Warkentin: 5/6e annee, "J'aime le Francais" Merit Recipient



Manon, Dominique, Mme. Fuller, Mme Clinton et M, Girard

Alberta Health Services

For more information:

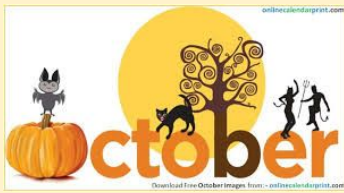
[Healthy Children](#)

[Healthy Teens](#)




[Information Bulletin - Pertussis Outbreak](#)



Please no gory/ bloody costumes and no weapons.



October/November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
21	22	23 French Immersion Open House 9:00-3:30 Classrooms without Borders Presentation 7:00 Pm Post Secondary Fair at Chinook High School 6:00 pm	24	25 "Crashing the Cave" Home Volleyball Tournament	26 "Crashing the Cave" Home Volleyball Tournament	27
28 School Council Meeting & AGM 7:00 pm	29	30	31 	1 November Random Acts of Kindness Day	2	3
4	5	6 World of Choice (grade 10 girls) in Lethbridge Academic Awards for the 2018-19 Junior & Senior high students 7:00 pm	7	8 Remembrance Day Celebration 11:00 am	9	10
11 No classes for students 	12 PD Day - no classes for students	13	14	15 Report Cards go out	16	17
18 Divisional Collaboration Day No classes for students	19	20 4:00-6:00 pm Reffing Clinic U of L presentation at 7:00 pm at SMPC	21	22	23	24
25	26	27  Elementary parent/teacher interviews	28 Junior/senior high parent/teacher interviews	29 First day of Advent	30	



The **Catholic Bishops**
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November 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

United in Prayer and Grateful for Catholic Schools

Catholic Education Sunday is an annual opportunity to celebrate Catholic schools in the province of Alberta. Publicly funded Catholic education is a gift that we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering resolve. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide faith-based education to more than 180,000 students in Alberta and for the teachers, administrators, parents, students, priests and parishioners who are committed to Catholic Education.

The Alberta Bishops' commitment to Catholic education is resolute and we are actively working and advocating to ensure the future of Catholic education. One year ago, we announced the formation of GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education), a joint initiative with the Catholic School Trustees and Superintendents that will unite, engage, educate and communicate on behalf of Catholic education throughout the province of Alberta. Since that announcement, GrACE groups have been established across our province and these grassroots movements have begun the vital work of prayer, dialogue and action. Community engagement sessions have been widely attended and this reflects the Catholic community's proactive advocacy and engagement on behalf of our publicly funded Catholic schools.

Everyone has a role to play in Catholic education and this includes each of us. Keep our Catholic schools in your prayers that God may lead them in faithfulness, wisdom and charity; get informed about the issues; and commit to the work of advocacy to sustain their future. We invite you to become a positive voice in this conversation. Your involvement will support the many parents who see religion and the Catholic faith as an integral value in the education and formation of their children.

The Bishops of Alberta are encouraged by the active response of our Catholic community in past decades and today to the support of this ministry of the Church. The future of Catholic education will be supported by your prayers, involvement, and advocacy. Just as the Christian community at Colossae was advised by Paul to, “devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful” (Colossians 4:2), we too, live in gratitude for our Catholic schools and are called to vigilance and prayer.

We are encouraged by the GrACE initiative to organize a Prayer Novena that will unite our Catholic parishes and schools in a spirit of devotional prayer to further our commitment to Catholic education in Alberta. Let us petition the Lord to direct our actions by His inspiration, and support them by His aid, that every prayer and work in our Catholic schools may begin with His grace and be completed in His service.

May all of our efforts unite us and strengthen our ongoing commitment to Catholic education. We extend to our Catholic school communities our prayers and blessing for offering this Novena and celebrating Catholic Education Sunday.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT



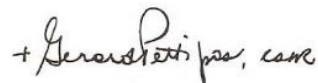
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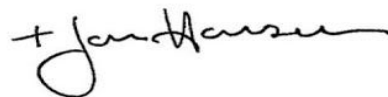
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