



# Newsletter #6

January 24, 2020

## *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students,

Happy January everyone! Looking back to December I would like to thank everyone for their caring and generosity as we supported families at Christmas. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff who made sure that the Christmas Concert and Banquet were memorable events for everyone. It takes many people coming together to host these annual events so successfully! We also have a group of hardworking, committed coaches, team staff members and volunteers who have Dragon's basketball off to a great start. All of their time and effort is certainly appreciated!

We have another busy month ahead of us as the first semester of the year comes to an end. It is hard to believe that we are already into exams and almost through the first half of the year. Semester 2 will begin on February 3 with new course offerings for electives at both the High School and Junior High level. January 27th is Family Literacy Day - visit <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-day/> for ideas and activities to try at home. We will be celebrating Literacy Day at school as well as we are once again participating in the 1 Book- 5 Schools Literacy Project. Read with your child every day - even older kids benefit from reading aloud.

We have many opportunities for our students in February including our school's participation in the annual Winter Walk and Epic Day- where grade 10 and 11 students get hands on with different career options including Trades & Technology, Health Care, Agriculture and Environment and STEM. There are so many ways you can be involved in your child's school and education, I encourage you to talk to your child about their day at school. By getting involved you communicate that education matters!

*Tina Delinte  
Principal*

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



**1**

Ken Sampson, our new Superintendent, came out to meet with our School Council this week!

**2**

The Jr B Girls and Boys won first place in our home tournament last weekend!

**3**

Braiden Mitchell is the Governor General Medal recipient. Braiden graduated from St. Michael's School last June.

**4**

The Breakfast program is up and running with Jenn Popp, our new Family First Success Coach.

**5**

Our Literacy Project Book Launch happens on Monday, January 27 which is Family Literacy Day!

# 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...



## Things to Know:

### 1. Student Retreat Days @ SMPC”

- **Face2Face**
  - Thursday, May 14, 2020 – ALL DAY (K to 6)
- **NET**
  - Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – ALL DAY (JH & SH)
  - Wednesday, March 18, 2020- Grad Retreat (pm)

### 2. Faith Formation - Understanding the Mass: Introductory Rites

- *Learning about “why we do what we do” at mass:*

○ [Introductory Rites Video Click Here](#)

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED: When does the mass officially start?**

\* *There isn't a single moment when the mass begins.* \*

1. It begins actually at our homes- when we leave our private homes/places to gather in one communal place; we begin to prepare ourselves for this sacred mystery. Greeting people, smiling, laughing in the entrance or vestibule are a part of preparing ourselves.
2. Blessing ourselves reminds us of our baptism, reminds us of our duties as Christians, reminding us that we are entering a sacred space, that we believe, and that we acknowledge that Christ is present in sacramental form (Tabernacle)
3. Entrance Chant/Song- silence at this time is not recommended. When celebrant reaches the altar, he places the gospel on it, he kisses it- drawing audience attention to the holiness of the space.
4. Priest greets the audience, “The Lord Be with you,” to which the congregation responds, “And with your spirit”; a means of acknowledging the importance of congregation, and calling all to be involved in the mass. This starts our worship, and then we go into the mystery of faith.
5. The “Gloria” should not be skipped- should be joyful and sung- goes back to the beginning of time when our church first began to celebrate being present with the Lord, and excited that Christ is in our midst.

## Important Upcoming Faith Dates:

- **Ash Wednesday** – February 26, 2020
- **Spiritual Development Day** – March 16, 2020
- **Good Friday** – April 10, 2020
- **Easter Sunday** – April 12, 2020
- **Graduation Mass** - May 29th, 2020 @ 7 pm

### *Words from St. Michael Parish:*

- ★ Please visit the Parish website at:  
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com/canada/pincher-creek/church/st-michaels-parish>
- ★ **Congratulations to all students who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation!**
- ★ Several students from our school are preparing for confirmation with Father Myles, and led by Mrs. Charette. Please be mindful of the following session dates:
  - Saturday, Feb 8, 9 am
  - Saturday, March 21, 9 am
  - Saturday April 25, 9 am
  - Retreat & Rehearsal Sat May 6, 9 am
  - Mass with Bishop McGrattan
    - Saturday, May 23 @ 7 pm

## School Events:

**Friday, January 31  
is a PD Day**

**No school for students**

*Final Exam Week*

*Wednesday, January 22  
to Thursday, January 30*

[Exam Schedule](#)

**Semester 2  
Begins on Monday, February 3**

### **The Friends of St. Michael's**

The Friends of St. Michael's are our school booster club. They support our school in many ways including: school activities, Dragon athletics, student awards, bussing, Scientists in the Classroom and much more.

The Friends meet on the First Monday of the month in the Den, all are welcome to attend!

[Friends of St. Michael's Information Page](#)

**Current Fundraiser: Cash Calendar**

**The draws have begun!**

Jan. 1: Norma Hodgson \$25  
Jan. 3: Helen Shoemaker \$50  
Jan. 6: Ron Schmidt \$25  
Jan. 8: Curtis Sinnott \$25  
Jan. 10: Bob Schmidt \$50

**\*\*If you ordered citrus fruit, pick up day  
is Saturday, February 1 before noon  
at the school.**

### **School Council**

St. Michael's School Council

Monthly meeting dates are now the fourth  
Monday of every month.

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 27  
7:00 pm in the Den!**

[School Council Information Page](#)

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



### **Early Registration for September 2020**

For information about early registration for pre-k and kindergarten: [Early Registration Info](#)

## Le coin français - The French Corner



### "J'aime le français" Merit Award

1F Avery Kessler 5F/6F Wyatt Barfuss  
2F Rhys Van Bussel 7F Adrijanna Cooley  
3F Lillian Sissons 8F Peter Van Bussel  
4F Luka Grujic

### "En classe":

All FI students celebrated l'Épiphanie or King's Day with Mme. Jennifer Parker. Students learned about the French traditions of this Feast day including dancing, singing and eating of King's Cake.

\*FI students are participating in La Dictée P.G.L., a collection of activities including learning about global issues and the environment, preparing for "Spelling Bees" in each classroom and fundraising for students in French speaking developing nations.

Grade 7/8F students are preparing for the DELF exam for the spring session.

### French Words of the Month:

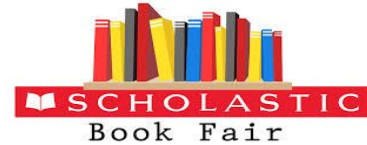
*Bonne année!*  
Happy New Year!

*Ma résolution du nouvel an*  
My New Year's resolution

Ask your teacher about accessing Tumble Books, a free online resource with French audio picture books.

## Library Corner

2020 is off to a great start! The Rocky Mountain Book Award books are still being signed out of the library lots, the final vote will take place in April! January will be busy with adding new to us books to our Library collection, and starting preparations for our book fair in March!



Looking for any brain teaser games you may want to donate. For those students that are not interested in taking out books, I hope this may pass the time and stimulate learning opportunities.



*"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them."*

*Lemony Snickett*

# be in the Know

## School Messenger

When your child is absent from school, please call the office to let us know. If a child is absent from school without a reason provided, School Messenger will contact you to let you know (via phone, email) that he/she is not at school.

**This is done for the safety of our students.**

When students need to leave school parents must come into the office and sign them out (for elementary & junior high students). Senior high students can sign themselves out, however, if we have not heard from parents School Messenger will be calling you.

## St. Michael's Live Calendars:

We have two "live" calendars located on our new website under "School". If you hover over calendars you will have the option to view the main calendar (upcoming school events) or the athletic calendar (practice and game information). Links are below.

[SMPC Events Calendar](#)

[SMPC Athletic Calendar](#)

## Holy Spirit Board Meetings:

To see the Holy Spirit Board meeting dates and meeting briefs click the link below:

[Board Meetings and Briefs](#)

## Alberta Health Services

For more information:  
[Healthy Children February](#)  
[Healthy Teens February](#)



## Off Campus News:

For information on post-secondary fairs, open houses, RAP and work experience:

[Off Campus Information](#)

[Off Campus Newsletter](#)

# January 2020

19	20	21	22 Math 30-½ Diploma (9:00-12:00)	23 ELA 30-½ Pt. B Diploma (9:00-12:00)	24 Mini Basketball 1:15-2:45  Day 2	25
26	27 Biology 30 Diploma (9:00-12:00)  School Council Mtg 7:00 pm in the Den	28 Math 30-3 Final (1:00-3:00) Social 20 Final (9:00-11:00)  <i>Grade 10 has pm classes</i>	29 Biology 20 Final (9:00-11:00)  <i>Grade 10 has pm classes</i>	30 Physics 20 Final (9:00-11:00) Science 10 Final (1:00-3:00) Science 14/24 Final (1:00-3:00)	31 PD Day No school for students	February  <i>Pick up your citrus order at the school before noon today!</i>
2	3	4	5 "Get Your Google On" Presentation for parents in the Den 7:00 pm  Winter Walk Day For elementary & jr high	6	7 Mini basketball 1:15-2:45  Day 1	8
9	10	11	12 EPIC Day in Lethbridge for grade 11 & 12's	13	14 Mini basketball 1:15-2:45  Day 2	15
16	17 Family Day  Family Week Break No school for students all week!	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Mini basketball 1:15-2:45	