Newsletter #2

October 17, 2022

Principal Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

What glorious autumn days we are experiencing as we are all settling into regular school weeks, routines and goal setting for the term. Our students maintain a strong energy within the building and that strong energy is resulting in wonderfully creative projects, student endeavours, sportsmanship and relationship building. Our children are off to a great start to the year for sure. Look for things such as the Grade 1/2F Fall Harvest Fundraiser, the Grade 12 Graduation Bottle Drive, and our Dragon Athletes excelling on the volleyball and cross country front!

Now it's time to bring our parent group to the forefront! One of the most significant parts of having your child(ren) attend a Catholic school is that you are parent's are welcomed and supported as the primary educator of your child. Working with you, teachers, administrators and staff will maintain to support whatever it is you bring forward regarding your child's learning, accommodations, supports and goals. We truly need you to commit to the partnership responsibilities as outlined in the School Act (link here) to be that voice for your child. We are finding that one of the areas we need to rebuild following the pandemic restrictions is that strong connection between parent and school. As such, we are passionate about hosting events (such as the BBQ) to bring parents together; to make connections.

Other ways you can get involved in our school are:

- Volunteer in your child's classroom. All you need to do is connect with your chid's teacher to arrange a time to come in! Upon arrival, sign in at the office and receive a 'visitor tag' and enjoy time within the building and classroom environment.
- Check out our School Council Meetings! These are held the first Tuesday of every month in the school. All parents are welcome to attend! This year we've even arranged babysitting within the school for your little ones! Each meeting is from 7-8 pm and the next one falls on Tuesday, November 1st!
- Current Career Opportunity for Educational Assistants: We currently have openings for Educational Assistants for this school year. Perhaps you, or someone you know is interested in working within the school? All you need is a valid Alberta Diploma Certificate to apply. Find more information at <u>(click here)</u>

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Did you know that it was a group of 7 parents that got together to form a committee for our Outdoor court? Together they raised (through grants & fundraisers) over \$120,000.00 in less than 2 years and our court is underway!

In whatever ways possible, my focus this month is to find ways to continue to promote parent involvement. You matter as much as your child. In the words of Charles Edwards, "Parents are equal to teachers and the principal." Let's all work together this month to commit to new and consistent ways to support children through that parent lens. Either just for your own child(ren), or in a larger group, please know your input matters, and we want you to feel as much of the St, Michael's School family as your child is. Have a great rest of the month, and continue to feel God's grace through the warmth of this glorious sunshine!

Ms. Schmidt

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

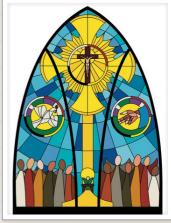


Faith Focus

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is just around the corner. It come every year on November 1. Why do we celebrate All Saints Day?

There are more saints in Heaven than we can count. Many saints are well known. We celebrate them on their own feast days. However, there are also saints who lived quieter holy lives. There are not enough days in the year for us to celebrate a feast day for



each saints. This is why we celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1, to honour the lives of all the saints.

A Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did.

Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors.

Amen.





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PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER!



Leaving Early??

If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please keep in mind that during recess it can be challenging to find students when they are outside.



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday's 8:00 am to 2:00 pm



Are you late??

Remember to stop in the office to sign in if you arrive late... otherwise the dialer will be calling you! Elementary students are considered late after 8:30 and junior/senior high students are considered late after 8:40.

Thank you!

HEALTHY KIDS NEWSLETTER - CLICK THE PICTURE



DATES TO REMEMBER



School Picture Day

Tuesday, October 18th. Retakes will be on Monday, November 14th. Our Monday-Wednesday Kinders will have their pics taken on re-take day.



Remember...

Monday, October 24th is a PD day - no school for students.



Remembrance Day Celebration

There will be a Remembrance Day Celebration in the gym at 9:30 am on **Wednesday**, **November 2**.

CLICK THE PICTURE FOR OUR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



AHS MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS: CLICK THE IMAGE BELOW



The Library Corner

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming up!

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from November 21st to November 25th. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their regular scheduled library class time. The book fair will also be open the evening of Thursday November 24th during parent teacher interviews!

Hope to see you there!



OUR NEW OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT IS UNDERWAY!!



BOTTLE DRIVE Graduating Class of 2023

On Saturday, October 29th the grade 12 class will be having a bottle drive to fundraise for grad. We will come to you; leave your bottles outside on your front porch and we will swing by and pick them up! Leave your name, address, and phone number on one of the bottle drive sheets so we know where to stop. Bottle drive sheets are located in the office, and the grad bulletin board. You can also can go talk to

Mrs. Smith to arrange the pick up.

Saturday, October 29

St. Michael's School

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

DONATE YOUR EMPTIES Thank You For your Support

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

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