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Principal's Message

As you may know, formerly I was a music teacher for over 20 years, and each year would publish a concert document at this time of year for teachers entitled, "Christmas Chaos Explained!" This year, the Christmas Chaos will be explained to you as the audience of this wonderful season here at school! There are so many wonderful events and activities happening this month, and none more exciting than in the next two weeks! Please read closely below for more information and inquire with your child's teacher, or even check with the office for assistance on anything happening! It's a busy time- but we're having so much fun!

This week is the third week of Advent and the theme is JOY! Throughout the school it is wonderful to witness many areas full of joy shared through many glorious interactions, activities and Spirit Dress Up Days! We also have had the school nativity scene come to life in a special way this week. Earlier this week the animals 'wandered away' and needed to be found and brought back to the stable. Today, the 3 wise men wandered off in search of a special star in the East. Luckily they also were found in the most peculiar spots in the school. This little magical way of bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life in our school has been a great reminder for us all to slow down, remember the real reason for the season, and to share the joy of this season with others.

On behalf of the school staff, we are excited to share time together at Kootenai Brown with the Elementary families, and celebrate at the Christmas Banquet with our Junior/Senior high students. Most of all, once we all head off for a well deserved break on the 23rd, we wish you a most joyous Christmas and may God be with you as we bring in 2023 together!

Merry Christmas everyone!

♥ Ms. Schmidt

Faith Focus

Christmas 2022

As we come closer and closer to Christmas, life seems to get busier and busier. Always so much to do at this time of year, and it can lead us to lose sight of the true delight we celebrate at Christmas. A few years ago Archbishop Martin W. Currie gave the following message that reminds us of God's love this Christmas and our call to respond to that love.

Christmas is, first and foremost, about Love, God's Love. How much does God love us? God loves us so much that God gave us the most precious gift imaginable, Jesus, God's own Son. That's the heart of Christmas.

This great and wonderful love calls us to love one another. We share love in and through our human relationships. Love isn't always a warm and cozy feeling; love is a commitment and a decision to stick by others, come what may, through thick and thin, when the going is easy and when the going gets more challenging. The love that we share in our human relationships is a reflection of the love of God, calling us to give of ourselves for others. At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable among the poorest people and the farm animals. What does this mean for us today? You and I are called to look for the face of Christ in the poor, those at our own door and in places far from here. Love can look like a cup of coffee offered, a hand held, a smile shared, and a story heard. I firmly believe that, in the end, we will be judged by how we care for the poor.

We often hear the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas" and we wonder how to do that. I think that Jesus himself gave us the best insight; if you want to keep Christ in Christmas, look around you, and look for Him. He is here. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and love your enemies. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." May you have a truly blessed Christmas this year!

Mark Wynder

Associate Principal



Winter has finally arrived!! Please send your child to school with appropriate winter gear as we still go outside for recess!



Christmas at Kootenai Brown

Pre-k - Grade 6 (& their Families)

Thursday Dec 15, 2022

5:30pm-7:30pm





We are looking to borrow any spare fake Christmas trees and any red, gold, and silver ornaments!! (needed by Dec 19/22)

Christmas Banquet 2022

Grade 7-12 students and staff

December 22nd, 2022 At St. Michael's School

Doors open @ 5:30PM

Dinner @ 6PM

Dance @ 8PM-12AM



For more information contact us at 403-627-3488

Christmas Heads and Feet Dress Up Day!!

Thurs. Dec 22nd

Wear your Christmas Hat, Headband, and or socks!



2nd Annual 'Co-Ed Christmas Classic' "Fun"draiser Tournament!

December 26th & 27th
at St. Michael's Gym

OFFICE SIGN IN!



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



Running 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!

Dates to Remember

Click the picture to view our school year calendar



Would you like to receive text messages for school closures?

Click the box below for more info



School Communic...

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THE 'FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S FOUNDATION' UPDATE!

[Friends Of St. Michael's School Foundation](#) is very sad to announce there will be **no Citrus Fundraiser in January 2023**

Last week, we received this message from the company that for so many years has trucked our orders for California oranges and grapefruit up to southern Alberta to the delight of our school community at St. Michael's, as well as many other area schools:

'I'm very sad to tell you that we have made the difficult decision to end bringing the fruit up from California. There were multiple hurdles we were facing, but the biggest one is that our supplier there [in California] is in his mid-eighties and has been experiencing some health issues. It's disappointing for us as well as for all those who enjoyed the fruit. We hope you can get another fundraiser in its place. It has been great dealing with all of you over the years and especially Kevin Parkin who worked very hard at getting it all started in Pincher Creek. Thank you and if we ever had another opportunity to get it going again we would certainly contact you.'

We sincerely thank all of you who have supported our Citrus Fundraiser for so many years, and we share your sadness that we will not taste the beautiful oranges and grapefruits this February. Friends of St. Michael's will be working during 2023 to see if we can find another California supplier for the fruit for 2024.

Need fuel, groceries, or hardware? Looking for Christmas gifts for those you love to help them with the cost of living?

Please consider purchasing Pincher Creek Co-op gift cards DIRECTLY from the [Friends Of St. Michael's School Foundation!](#)

Buy the gift cards directly from:

Chelan at 403-632-9340

Lori Jo at 403-627-5978

Margo at 403-627-3559

Pincher Creek Co-op graciously donates 10% of proceeds from every card bought directly from The Friends, helping us support student activities at St. Michael's school in Pincher Creek. Thank you to them, and to you, for supporting this fundraiser!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStMichaels>



Christmas Break

Christmas break goes from Monday, December 26 to Friday, January 6. See you back here on Monday, January 9!!



Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year!!

From the Staff of St. Michael's School!