

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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November 9th 2023

ST. MICHAEL'S  
SCHOOL

## Principal Message:



Rise  
Above.  
Inspire  
Greatness.



'Rise Above! Inspire Greatness!'

Dear Parents & Guardians:

November is dedicated to remembering our dearly departed. Two important observances are found on the first two days of the month: All Saints Day and All Souls Day. During the month of November, our St. Michael's Prayer Pot is placed near the altar in our gathering space called 'The Den'. This special prayer pot is where students are invited to put a written petition inside with the name of someone that has passed away that they'd like to pray for. Near the end of the month we will read all the names in our morning announcements and celebrate a special prayer for all souls that we pray for in heaven this month.

November is also the time we pause to remember those who have fought, and are still working toward peace for our country and world. Our Remembrance Day celebration was a wonderful gathering where students learned about the many people in our Legion Colour Guard who have served, and are still serving in our area.

Coming up on November 21st, all elementary parents are invited to join in the SPACES parent evening here at the school. This will be a virtual presentation to review the platform, and join many parents in the division in learning about SPACES and ways to be successful in this digital platform. Then, on November 23rd we invite all parents to join us for our Parent Teacher Interviews. In elementary, teachers will be connecting with parents about specific times to come in. In JH/SH, the interviews are an 'open house' style where all teachers will be available from 3:45 pm-8 pm (30 min supper break from 5:30-6pm) to review your child's learning and set goals for the second half of this semester.

The year is off to a great start, and because of the wonderful support, dedicated staff, and amazing students we serve- things are rolling smoothly!

I look forward to connecting with you at one of our events this month!

May God continue to bless St. Michael's School.

♥ Ms Schmidt

# Recess and Volleyball fun!



JR A Boys Volleyball Team brought home the Banner!



Jaxson Speelman



Kate Zoratti



Connor Robinson

Seniors Night - Jaxson, Connor and Kate played their last Volleyball games as Dragons.

# Halloween Fun!





# FAITH FOCUS



## BUILD! Nehemiah Chapter 2

This year as we go through the BUILD year of our faith plan we have been reading through the book of Nehemiah. This month we are looking through Nehemiah Chapter 2.

In Nehemiah 2, we see Nehemiah serving as the king's cupbearer, a position of great trust and influence. However, his heart was heavy for his people, and he couldn't hide his distress. He approached the king with courage, requesting permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city walls.

Here are some key takeaways from this chapter:

1. Prayer and Patience: Nehemiah's journey began with a heartfelt prayer in Chapter 1, which continued throughout his mission.

He patiently waited for the right moment to present his request to the king.

This reminds us that waiting on the Lord and seeking His guidance is essential in our endeavors.

2. Boldness and Faith: Nehemiah's request was bold, and it required immense faith. He asked the king not only for permission to leave but also for resources and letters of safe passage.

This illustrates the importance of having faith when faced with overwhelming tasks, knowing that with God's guidance, all things are possible.

3. Planning and Preparation: Nehemiah didn't just rely on his faith alone. He planned the project and gathered the necessary resources before departing for Jerusalem.

This demonstrates the importance of practical preparation in achieving our goals.


4. Opposition Anticipated: Nehemiah knew that the journey would not be without challenges. He wisely assessed the potential opposition and prepared for it.


In our own lives, we should also be prepared for obstacles on our path and remain steadfast in the face of adversity.



### About Us

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Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs  
8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday  
8:00am - 2:00pm

# Dates to remember

## NO School

November 10th, 13th & 14th.

## Academic Award Night

Join us on Wednesday November 15th at 6:30pm for our Academic Award Night

## No School Buses running

November 17th



Please click the calendar to the left to view the full year school calendar!



## Leaving Early?!

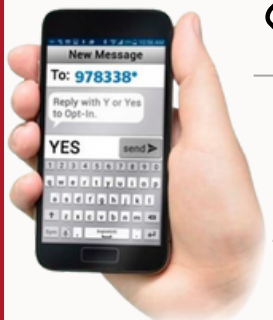
If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please also make sure you sign your child out in the office when they are leaving early!



## Arriving Late?!

Please stop in the office to sign in if you arrive to school late!  
Elementary school students are considered late after 8:30am, and Junior/Senior High students are considered late after 8:40am.

## School Communication



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division uses SchoolMessenger to improve our schools' communication with parents and guardians. This service does not replace other school communication methods. It is simply intended to extend beyond what we've traditionally used to ensure timely communications and reduce the amount of papers being sent home.

**If you would like to receive text messages for school closures please click here for instructions and more information!**

# DRAGON ATHLETICS!



Our Crashin' the Cave volleyball tournament was a huge success thanks to our supportive families who volunteered, amazing fans who cheered for all of our teams, dedicated coaches who put in countless hours, staff supervisors who help to make things run smoothly and to our competent scorekeepers! We are so thankful for you all!! Huge congratulations to our Sr. Boys who placed 1st!!! Such fantastic, exciting volleyball!! Way to go to our Jv. boys and Sr. girls who won a lot of sets and had some extremely close matches!! So much fun watching you play!! We are very proud of all our Dragons!!



# Academic Awards Night!

Join us for the  
Academic Awards Evening  
on Wednesday

November 15th 2023 - 6:30pm

In the Den!





## Dress Code:

- No spaghetti straps/halter tops/one shoulder shirts/tube tops.
- Tank top/muscle shirt straps must be at least 4 centimeters in width
- Bra straps must not show
- Underwear, that of both ladies and gentlemen must not show Midriffs must be covered.
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length (arms straight down at sides).
- No hoodies with the hood up, sunglasses, during instructional school hours, or during formal extra curricular activities such as the awards ceremonies
- T-shirts/shirts/hoodies must not have advertising which depicts controversial, obscene, rude, inappropriate and/or drugs and alcohol content on them.

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# BOOK FAIR!

The Scholastic book fair is coming!  
November 20th - 24th 2023

Evening hours Thursday November 23rd 3:45pm - 8pm





# Parent Teacher Interviews!

**November 23rd** we invite all parents to join us for our Parent Teacher Interviews!

**Elementary:** teachers will be connecting with parents about specific times to come in.

**Junior and Senior High:** interviews are an 'open house' style where all teachers will be available from 3:45 pm-8 pm (30 min supper break from 5:30-6pm)

The Scholastic Book Fair is also open late this evening!



December 14th and 15th  
the Drama class will be  
putting on a production!  
More details to come.



Elementary Christmas Carnival!!

Join us December 6th 2023 for a  
family fun Christmas evening!

5pm - 7:30pm

Christmas crafts, activities and caroling!!

Cake Walk -sponsored by School Council





# SpacesEDU

Join us for a **Spaces** Family Evening on  
Tuesday Nov. 21 at 6pm.

This will be a virtual session where Spaces Education Training Specialists, will provide some training for parents/guardians on how to navigate the platform, customize settings and answer any questions.

Families can register for the session using this [link](#). Those registered will receive a link to the session ahead of time, as well as a copy of the recording and any resources after the session.

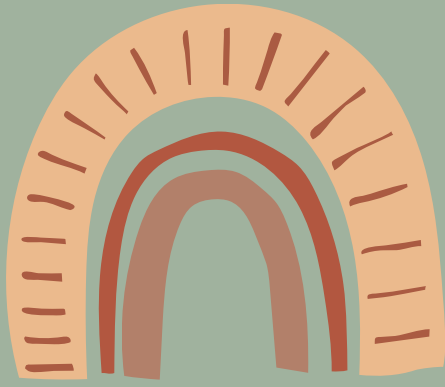


# Italy 2024!

If you are a new student in grade 10, 11 or 12 and love to travel, you need to find Miss Manon!! She has information for you about an upcoming trip to **ITALY** this coming **EASTER!!** Don't wait, go

see her!!



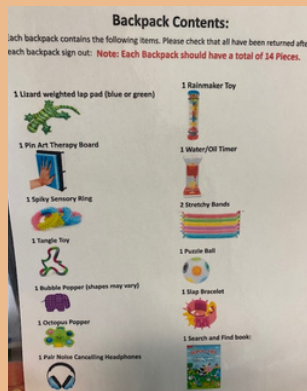


# School Counsellor Newsletter



## SENSORY BACKPACKS

The items in these backpacks are all about play with the added bonus of learning! Please call of text 403-634-2151 to borrow one.



## UPDATES

I will be in some of the classrooms working with students on Social Emotional Learning. Please click the link to learn more about SEL.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikehX9o1JbI>

## PARENTING IS HARD!

HERE ARE A COUPLE PARENTING STRATEGIES THAT CAN HOPEFULLY HELP

**Stress and building resilience**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly\\_mcgonigal\\_how\\_to\\_make\\_stress\\_your\\_friend?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_make_stress_your_friend?language=en)

**Triple P Parenting**

<https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/alb-en/triple-p/>

## CHECK THESE PARENTING PROGRAMS IN OUR COMMUNITY OR ONLINE !

<https://www.pcfamilycentre.ca/calendar>

<https://instituteofchildpsychology.com/freeweinars/>





# Picture Retake Day November 20th

**School Council meetings are held on  
the first Tuesday of each  
month at 7:00PM here at the school.  
Feel free to join us and give your input!**



**KIDSPORT PINCHER CREEK**  
**2023 INCOME CUT-OFFS INFORMATION**

Let's get kids back to sport this fall! If your family income is at or less than the following Income Cut-Offs, we welcome your application for funding of up to \$350 per child, per year towards your child's sport registration fee(s). Applicants to live within the Town or M.D. of Pincher Creek and registered in an ongoing sport or activity that is led by a qualified coach or instructor.

<b>Household Size (Includes Kids)</b>	<b>Income Cut-off</b>
2 Persons	\$54,864
3 Persons	\$67,449
4 Persons	\$81,891
5 Persons	\$92,880
6 Persons	\$104,752
7 or more Persons	\$116,627

**TO APPLY:**

Complete a KidSport Application Form and attach a copy of **one of the following** to verify your income eligibility.

- Notice of Assessment for EACH adult in the home for the most recent tax year
- Child Health Benefit Letter
- Subsidized Housing
- Canada Child Benefit Notice
- Income Support
- Three Consecutive Pay Stubs



**OR:**

- Complete a KidSport Application Form and have it **signed by an Endorser** i.e. school principal, social worker, member of clergy, doctor etc. that can verify your family situation or need.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Pincher Creek KidSport c/o of the Recreation Office  
895 Main Street, Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

Phone 403-627-4322 or email [pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca](mailto:pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca)

Application forms can also be accessed at <https://kidsportcanada.ca>



(I)SWAG - (Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guide  
Billy Woitte and Emily Wilison are new in the division and  
their job is focusing on Mental Health and Wellness with our  
Parents!

They are able to provide community resources, and help  
bring awareness to mental health and wellness.

Emily Williston SWAG - Student Wellness Access Guide  
Willistone@holyspirit.ab.ca Cell# 403-308-2445

Billy Woitte (I)SWAG Indigenous Student Wellness Access  
Guide woitteb@holyspirit.ab.ca Cell# 403-635-4215



# ***St. Michael's School***

## ***Prayer***

Father, we give You our school,  
May it be a place where we love  
to learn and learn to love;  
a place where everyone is  
respected, and all are cherished.  
St. Michael, give us the courage  
to stand up for others as you did.  
Unite our school family in love,  
truth and compassion.  
Walk with us, guide us, and  
protect us, as we become who  
you want us to be.

**Amen**

