



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

St. Michael's Catholic School

St. Michael's School is a Peanut/Tree Nut Safe School

Principal's Message

It is amazing that spring is just around the corner, the year is flying by! With the promise of spring comes the promise of the Resurrection as we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. We began our Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday mass and received our ashes as an outward sign of our repentance. Through Lenten sacrifice, we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God so that we can live in right relationship with God and with each other. Our journey together continues as we seek opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world today. Thank you for your continued support of our Lenten collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Staff at St. Michael's School continue to be committed to the Essential Practices that are fundamental to improving student achievement. We continue to engage in professional learning as we implement the new math curriculum and our structured literacy instruction through our Flyleaf and Heggerty programs. Please know that there are many resources on our school and Board websites that provide suggestions for you to support your child at home.

March Break is right around the corner and is a wonderful pause before we begin the sprint to the end of another school year. Enjoy this time together with your family!

Kerri Lomax, Principal



School Bell Times

8:50am: School Begins

2nd Nutrition Break

12:50-1:30pm

1st Nutrition Break

10:30-11:10am

School Dismissal

3:10pm

St. Michael's Catholic School

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ZONE 2

Principal: Mrs. K. Lomax

Secretary: Mrs. M. Reidy

Absent or Late Students

If your child will be absent or late for school please call the office before 9:00am at

905-774-6052



Parish Information

St. Michael the Archangel

204 Alder St. W, Dunnville

905-774-6972

Father Josephat

All are welcome to attend:

Saturday - 5pm

Sunday- 8:30am or 10:30am

Board Website

www.bhncdsb.ca

Please view the Board's website for important information. The website includes calendars, Board Policies and other useful information

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Kick Start to Kindergarten - March 26th

Our Kick Start to Kindergarten event is March 26th from 3:00pm-6:00pm. The goal of this evening is to welcome all new children and their families to our school. Our school community wants all children to have the opportunity to participate in a developmental check in with an Early Year's professional.



Lent Offering

Our Lenten Campaign has been running since February 14 and will continue until March 28th. Collection items have been predetermined (see below) in conjunction with the Dunnville St. Vincent de Paul Society. Any assistance you can provide will be put to great use! Gift cards and online cash donations are always welcome and are available on School Cash Online. Cash donations allow St. Vincent de Paul to purchase fresh food.

1. Canned vegetables, tuna, canned baked beans, canned pasta or soup
2. School snacks, peanut butter, jam, crackers, cereal or Giant Tiger Gift Cards
3. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper

Thank you for your support!



Pizza Days

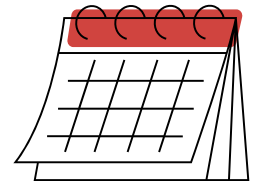
- March 7
- March 21
- March 28



Mark your Calendars

P.D Days

- April 8
- June 3
- June 28



Parent Engagement Night

- March 25 @ 6:00pm (Virtual)

School Council Meetings

- April 29 @6:30pm (Virtual)

March Break

- March 11th - March 15th

Easter Celebrations

- Good Friday - March 29
- Easter Monday - April 1

Healthy Snack Donations

Please consider making a donation to this program. With the help of our amazing volunteers, St. Michael's offers healthy snacks to our students, three days week. Donations can be made online through our School Cash Online Program. We thank you for your support



March Break

Schools will be closed from March 11-15, 2024, for March Break. Enjoy your time off! We look forward to seeing all of our students back on Monday March 18, 2024.

Vacation
time!

St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day falls during the March Break this year, but we will celebrate on Monday March 18th when we return from the break. Students are asked to wear green clothing on this day.

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY



Spirit Wear Days

Wear your St. Michael's Spirit Wear on Thursday March 28, 2024!!

School
Spirit

Character Trait for March

Each month we celebrate and honour our students who exemplify our monthly focus.

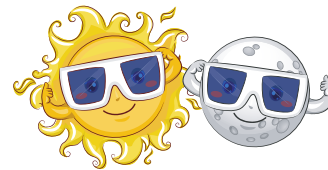
The theme for the month of March is:

FAIRNESS



P. A. Day Change

Please note that due to the solar eclipse that is happening our P.A. Day originally scheduled for Friday April 19, 2024 has been changed to **Monday April 8, 2024!**



Sacrament Dates.....

First Confession: Wednesday April 24, 2024 (all baptisms must be completed prior to April 24, 2024)

First Communion: Sunday May 5, 2024 @ 1:00pm

Confirmation: Sunday May 26, 2024 @ 2:00pm



World's Finest Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

A big thank you to all of the families who participated in our chocolate bar fundraiser. The fundraiser was a big success and the school raised over \$5000.00 which will be used to purchase additional school and classroom materials. Congratulations to our Grand Prize winner Zayne S. who sold 7 boxes of chocolates!! Zayne has won a \$100.00 gift card to the store of his choice. The winner of our Grand Prize Draw was Adeline C., she also won a \$100.00 gift card to the store of her choice. The class prize goes to Ms. Papez Grade 4/5, they have won an ice cream party and the winner of the 5lb chocolate bar was Charlotte C.!

Congratulations!!

Fundraising
EVENT

Grade 8 News.....

Popcorn

Our grade 8 Student Parliament Team is selling popcorn to help raise money for their year end class trip to Camp Celtic. Popcorn is \$2.00/bag and there are 6 flavours to choose from! Popcorn will be sold every Wednesday and Friday at first break. We appreciate any support you can give to help our Grade 8 class!



The Moccasin Project - “Da-Giiwewaait - So they can go home” Presentation

On March 25, 2024 parents and students are invited to attend The Moccasin Project Presentation. The Moccasin project is a National Campaign that is raising awareness about child apprehension impacting Indigenous children in Canada. Through education and citizen action, the goal of the Moccasin Project is to eradicate racism and bring children home to their families and communities. Our school goal is to make 200 pairs of moccasins to help The Moccasin Project to attain their 165,000 pair goal. Our facilitator for the presentation is Giidaakunadaad Rowe. This online presentation will begin at 6:00pm. A link for this presentation will be sent to families closer to the date.



Young Authors Entry List

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent our school for the Young Authors Contest. Great work!

Kendra A - Grade 3/4 Non-fiction Category
Ava B - Grade 3/4 Short Story Category
Tyleo S - Grade 5/6 Non-fiction Category
Kohen B - Grade 5/6 Poem Category
Angelica M - Grade 5/6 Short Story Category



Public Speaking Contest

On Sunday February 4, 2024, the Dunnville Legion held its annual Public Speaking Contest. The following students represented St. Michael's School.

Grade 4-6
Angelica M - Canadian Legion
Delaney L - Bullying Awareness
Kennedy S - Horses
Jenna H- Invention of the Telephone
Austin R - NASA Sea Exploration



Grade 7-8
Lexi Wilkes-Wilkins - Outrageous Invention

All the students did a fantastic job!!

A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Lexi W. for winning the speaking contest and moving on to the next level!!

Congratulations!

Morning Drop Off / School Bus Zone Safety

A reminder to families that pick up and drop offs are to be done on South Cayuga St. only. For the safety and well-being of our students, parents are not permitted to pick up or drop off in the school bus loading zone that is located on Pine St. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

