

# MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## St. Michael's Catholic School



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

### Principal's Message

The beginning of May marks the beginning of Catholic Education week. Students and staff across the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will be celebrating Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week. This year's theme is "We Are Called To Love". Our staff at St. Michael's have been planning many fun, informative, interactive activities with resources from Student Mental Health Ontario that help promote well-being. Information and activities are designed to promote the well-being of ALL, including students, staff, and families. As always, we are all grateful for your continued support and for choosing Catholic Education for your child.

#### 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](http://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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## Catholic Education Week

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is **We Are Called To Love**. There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

**Day 1: As People of Hope**

**Day 2: As People of Faith**

**Day 3: As People of Mercy**

**Day 4: As People of Justice**

**Day 5: As People of Joy**

Catholic Education Week comes at the same time as Mental Health Awareness Week. Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other's wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love. Catholic Education Week is marked by special activities at all grade levels, including prayer celebrations and service activities.



## Catholic Student Leadership Award

Congratulations to Joshua R, who is the recipient of the Catholic Leadership Award for St. Michael's School for the 2023-2024 school year. Joshua is a grade 8 student who consistently exemplifies the Catholic Graduate expectations. He demonstrates strong Christian values and is a role model for others. Joshua accepts his award along with the other recipients from across the board at St. John's College on May 6, 2024. Congratulations Joshua!!



## Pizza Days

- May 2
- May 9
- May 16
- May 23
- May 29 (please note that the pizza day scheduled for May 30 has been moved to May 29)



## Sacrament Dates.....

### First Communion:

Sunday May 5, 2024 @ 1:00pm

### Confirmation:

Sunday May 26, 2024 @ 2:00pm



## Character Trait for May

Each month we celebrate and honour our students who exemplify our monthly focus. The theme for the month of May is: **Kindness and caring towards others**

## Mark your Calendars

### P.D Days

- June 3
- June 28

### Victoria Day (No School)

- May 20

### School Council Meeting

- May 27 @6:30pm (Virtual)

### Children's Mental Health Week

- May 1-7

### Catholic Education Week

May 5-10

### Grade 3 & 6 EQAO

- May 22 - June 5

### School Track and Field

- May 30

### Camp Celtic Grade 8

- May 31 - June 3



## Spirit Wear Days

Our spirit wear day will be on May 29. We encourage all staff and students to wear their St. Michael's spirit wear clothing or wear blue and gold. Let's show how proud we are to be a Hawk!

## EQAO - May 22 - June 5

Our grade 3 and grade 6 students will be involved in the provincial assessment (EQAO) from May 22 - June 5. We kindly ask parents of grade 3 and grade 6 students to avoid booking out of school appointments during those dates.



## Indoor Shoes

During the spring season, lots of rain makes our playground very muddy. Students are reminded to have indoor shoes to change into so the mud does not get tracked into the school or on the carpets. It is also a good idea for all students to have an extra set pants and socks as mud splashes and slips can happen



## Prayer for Catholic Educations Week

We are many, we are one; we all form one body of Christ. Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within; when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts; when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand; when we learn from those around us, let us respect our difference with joy; and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all, for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are.  
We are many, we are one.  
Amen

## 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.

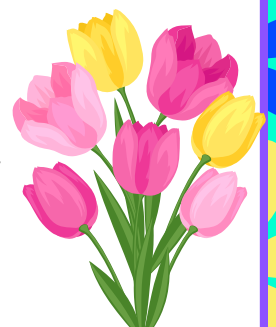


## Congratulations to Grade 2 Communicants

Many of our grade 2's will celebrate their Holy Communion on May 5th at St. Michael's Church. May God bless you as you receive Eucharist on your First Holy Communion! May the love of Jesus shine in your hearts now and forever.

## Mother's Day Prayer

We thank you for the love of mothers you have given us,  
Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,  
Whose patience seems to have no end.  
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.  
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love, or time or patience.  
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.  
We ask this in your name Jesus, our brother.  
Amen



## Dress Code Reminder

Modesty and common sense are the main guidelines for the dress code that is in place. Schools rely upon the good judgement and support of parents/guardians in helping their children determine appropriate wear for school.

The BHNCD SB believes that proper dress for pupils helps to create a positive and safe Catholic learning environment consistent with the mission and values of the Board. The responsibility for meeting the expectations of the Dress Code is primarily that of the parents/guardians of the students.

All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teaching and beliefs, reflect principles of modesty, and shall not include the following:

- Short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, etc;
- Accessories such as spiked bracelets/necklaces or any externals not in keeping with the spirit of the dress code, as determined by the local school; and/or
- Language and/or representation on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group.

## Breakfast Program

We are still seeking donations for our breakfast program. If you know of any business or organizations who would be willing to help sponsor our program please have them reach out to the school directly. Any contribution, no matter what size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.



## Transportation for the 2024-2025 School Year

**Moving over the summer?** Let transportation know so that your new address is ready to receive services for September! If you are moving over the summer, please let transportation know what your new address is so that they can plan services for you for the new school year. Transportation staff are working over the summer months and are happy to process any changes at that time. The form is available at:

[https://transinfobhn.ca/Workflow/Forms/CA\\_ON\\_STSBHN/TransportationRequest.aspx?FormVersionId=5fe370df-de79-4771-bcb0-9bb7e60b9bc4](https://transinfobhn.ca/Workflow/Forms/CA_ON_STSBHN/TransportationRequest.aspx?FormVersionId=5fe370df-de79-4771-bcb0-9bb7e60b9bc4)

**Looking to accessing transportation details for September?** Access to the transportation portal, available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, will be opened to the public on August 14th, 2024. If services on the portal are not accurate or if you have questions, please contact transportation directly to discuss. Transportation can be reached by emailing [transportation@stsbhn.ca](mailto:transportation@stsbhn.ca) or by calling 519-751-7532. Updates received and processed before August 28th at noon will be in effect for the first day of school.

Don't forget to check out the Chipmunk app this school year. The app is free and allows families to track the path of their bus and to be given notification when the bus is getting close to your assigned bus stop. More information on the app is available by visiting: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>

## Track and Field

On Thursday May 30, 2024, RAIN OR SHINE, students from grades 4-8 will be participating in our School Track Meet. Students will be walking to Thompson Creek School. We ask that students come prepared for the day with proper clothing, footwear, nutritious food, and plenty of water to drink. We also ask that students bring a plastic bag to sit on throughout the day as the grass is sometimes wet in the morning and use said bag to collect any litter that they may have created. Please do not forget sunscreen, hats and sunglasses or any rain gear if necessary!

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child(ren), however please do not photograph any other children.

A newsletter containing more information will be sent home with the students closer to the day. Permission forms will be available on School Cash Online beginning on May 1, 2024. Please make sure to sign the form so that your child(ren) may participate in this event.



## Cellphones at School

Please note that cell phones are not to be used during school hours. This is a Board policy. If your child brings a cellphone to school it is to remain in their backpack for the entire day. If necessary, your child can have access to the phone in the office. We will not accept any messages via a cell phone- i.e., child showing a teacher a message from their parent on their cell phone. Please make all arrangements before school. If you need to get a message to your child during the school day please call the office and we will happily assist you.



## Niagara Fresh Fundraiser

A reminder that our Niagara Fresh Fundraiser is still ongoing. Niagara Fresh is a Niagara based grower, wholesaler and retailer of produce that is grown in the Niagara Regions. They offer a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and other products. They offer free delivery in the Niagara and Dunnville area on orders of \$50.00 or more. Check out their website at [www.niagarafresh.ca](http://www.niagarafresh.ca) and use CODE STMIKESHS for 5% off your order.



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