



St. Michael's Catholic School

September 2022 Newsletter

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

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Principal's Message

We are excited to welcome our staff and students back to a new school year! As the new principal of St. Michael's School, I am excited about working with you and your children this year. Our goal will be to foster an academic, physical, social and emotional environment that is rooted in our Catholic faith. A special welcome to all our new students and families who have joined our school community this year. Our commitment is always to strive to meet educational needs and ensure safety. The Board's 2022-23 Pastoral Theme is ~ We are Many, We are One.

As the principal of the school, I look forward to working with you throughout the year. Please feel free to phone, email klomax@bhncdsb.ca or book an appointment to connect. Correspondence such as newsletters, order forms, and calendars can be accessed through our website www.stmichaeldunville.ca I look forward to sharing your child's successes with you and working together to address any questions or concerns.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Acari, Grade 1 teacher; Ms. Stanisa, Grade 7/8 teacher; and Mr. Stephen, Kindergarten prep teacher and LTO EA, Miss Hicks (for R. Roswell).

A Prayer to Begin our School Year

God of wisdom, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.

God Bless, *Kerri Lomax*

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SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2022-2033



Kindergarten 1	Mrs. B. Vallee
Kindergarten 2	Mrs. D. Bubish
E.C.E.	Mrs. Y. Embleton
Grade 1	Mrs. N. Acari
Grade 1/2	Mrs. S. Carnegie
Grade 2/3	Ms. S. Sienna
Grade 3	Mrs. K. Villella
Grade 4	Ms. S. Papez
Grade 5/6A	Mrs. T. Molnar
Grade 5/6B	Mrs. R. Drouin
Grade 7/8	Ms. S. Gaudette
Grade 7/8	Ms. C. Stanisa
French	Mme. M. Premi
French/Prep	Ms. J. Sikap
Kinder Prep	Mr. B. Stephen
STEM Teacher	Mrs. T. Mosher
Special Ed. Teacher	Ms. A. DeMelo
Educational Assistant	Mrs. S. Bick
Educational Assistant	Ms. B. Swent
Educational Assistant	Ms. C MacDonald
Educational Assistant	Mrs. C. Sowden
Educational Assistant	Ms. C. Hicks
Librarian	Ms. C. Gohn
Custodian	Mrs. M. Bottrell
Cleaner	Ms. L. Pielechaty
Secretary	Mrs. I. Bowden
Principal	Mrs. K. Lomax

School Photo Day

Our school photo day this year will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. More information will be sent out closer to the day. Please mark this date down in your calendar.

Indoor and Outdoor Shoes

Please be sure your child has an extra pair of shoes for wearing indoor at school. These do not need to be expensive because they will only be worn indoors. We ask that all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 follow this policy to help make our school clean and attractive to work. Outdoor shoes (or boots in bad weather) will be left in the hallways, and indoor shoes will be left in the classroom. Since running shoes are needed for gym, we suggest indoor shoes be running shoes.

School Cash Online



Pay for and order pizza, milk, trips etc. securely online! If you haven't yet registered, please do so at: <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Please remember cheques are no longer accepted as a form of payment.

Dress Code Reminder

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

The BHNCDSB 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 students attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings 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.



School Bell Times

8:50 am: School Begins

10:30-11:10 am

1st Nutrition Break

12:50-1:30 pm

2nd Nutrition Break

3:10 pm

School Dismissal

Absent Late Students

It is important that you report your child's absence to the school office. Please call and leave a message on our answering machine prior to the beginning of the school day. You may leave a message on the answering machine outside of the regular office hours (even in the middle of the night!). If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please e-mail your child's teacher AND let the office know. If we do not hear from you, we must call your contacts until we receive verification of your child's absence. Phone calls may be automated so please ensure that all phone numbers (parent and emergency contacts) are current and up to date in the office. The school phone number is: 905-774-6052.

Parish Information

St. Michael the Archangel
204 Alder Street West, Dunnville
905-774-6972

Father Alarey (Rey) Abella
All are welcome to attend:

Saturday – 5 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am or 10:30 am

Administration Of Prescribed Medication

The staff at St. Michael's must follow definite Board procedures for the administration of medication during school hours. If your child requires such medication you are asked to contact the principal and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Authorization to provide such service must be made in writing by the parent and physician on the appropriate form (obtained at the school). Only prescription drugs will be administered. Non-prescription drugs such as aspirins and the like will NOT be administered to the students.

School Council Elections/Meeting

New faces are always welcome on School Council! The School Council is an advisory board to the principal. It makes recommendations to the principal based on the general views of the school community concerning issues like faith development, the school calendar of events, and fundraising to name a few. Council members lead two fundraising activities per year. Meetings are at least 4 times per year at the school. Come out and learn about your school activities, share your talents, help in raising funds and meet other parents involved in the school community. If you are interested in holding a position on School Council, please fill out a Nomination Form found on our website or pick one up at the office. The nomination form is available until Monday, September 26th, 2022.



Students and Cell Phones

Please note that cell phones are NOT allowed on school property. This is a Board policy. 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 teacher a message from their parent on their cell phone. Please make all arrangements before school. All students and parents/guardians in Grade 5-8 are asked to sign and return the Cell Phone/Device Responsible Use Policy that was sent home this week.

Student Accident Insurance

A Student Accident Insurance is available on the school website under School Forms. Should your child need an ambulance, damage their teeth or break a bone, this insurance will cover many costs not covered by OHIP or employee group plans. This insurance will provide coverage for school activities as well as activities outside of the school day. Should your child be injured on the basketball court, the baseball diamond, the soccer field or hockey rink, you will be able to claim many of the expenses associated with their injury if you purchase Student Accident Insurance. All rates are paid annually with family rates available. If you wish to purchase coverage, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call **1-800-463-5437**. The insurance agreement is between you and the insurance underwriter, **Old Republic Insurance**

Company of Canada.



Milk and Pizza Orders

St. Michael's School will begin the Milk & Pizza Program in October. Please watch for updates by email.

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

Thursday
September 29th

4-6 pm

More info to come
shortly

Brightspace/D2L

All classes have a corresponding virtual Brightspace environment. Your virtual classroom will be the place where teachers post information about classroom events, topics being covered, homework, etc. (information that can be viewed by all students and families). Most grades/marks for tests and assignments can also be viewed on Brightspace so you are able to monitor your child's progress. If you are unsure of how to access this platform, please reach out to your child(ren)'s teachers. If the message is specific to just your child or family, the teacher will connect with you via the email address that we have on file at the school or by phone.



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Volunteers and Police Checks

The Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Check process has changed and will be moving completely online. The Board is currently updating their practices in line with the various protocols set by local precincts. Documents to be used starting this school year will be updated by the Board and shared with our school community shortly. Please note that, depending on where a volunteer lives, there may be a charge for the process.

Please note: If you have a police check from another venue i.e. Sports team, or another school board or another agency...you MUST still have one for BHCNDSB St. Michael's as this is Board policy.

Volunteers and Police Checks

The safety and well-being of children in our care is of the utmost importance to the staff within our school. If your child has a prevalent medical condition that requires support or monitoring, we request that you contact the school as soon as possible to ensure that our staff have the necessary information to ensure your child is safe while at school.

The following are medical conditions that require a Plan of Care as determined by Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board policy and/or provincial legislation. The Plan of Care will be completed in collaboration with the school administrative team:

- Asthma – Please complete the Asthma Plan of Care
- Anaphylactic Reactions – Please complete the Anaphylaxis Plan of Care
- Diabetes – Please complete the Diabetes Plan of Care
- Epilepsy – Please complete the Epilepsy Plan of Care

If your child has any of the aforementioned conditions and you have not yet completed the required forms, please contact the school immediately to provide the necessary information and receive a copy of the required forms.

Please note: It is the responsibility of parents to notify schools of any medical concerns and to update the Plans of Care on an annual basis.

For more information regarding specific School Board policies or procedures concerning specific medical conditions, please visit: <http://www.bhncdsb.ca>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PA Days

October 7
November 11
January 16
April 21
June 2 & 29

School Council Meeting

September 26

Thanksgiving Day

October 10

Picture Day

October 25

Progress Reports

November 4



Welcome Back!