

St. Michael's Catholic School

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

NEWSLETTER 2017

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School Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th @ 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: School Staff Room
(across from Grade 7 room)

FOSM Meeting

Monday, March 6th @ 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: School Staff Room
(across from Grade 7 room)

February and March at a Glance

Wednesday, February 8th
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ready, Set, Learn

Friday, February 7th, 14th, and 21st
Grade 5,6,7 Ski Days

Monday, February 13th
BC Family Day - Classes not in Session

Thursday, February 16th
Student Led Conferences Classes not in Session

Friday, February 17th
100 Day of School, Hooray!

Friday February 24th
School Mass- 9:15 am Holy Trinity

Saturday, February 25th
Game Show Gala at St. Michael's School

Tuesday, February 28th
Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Lunch by K of C

Wednesday, March 1st
Ash Wednesday Mass Celebration

Thursday, March 9th
Science Fair
March 13th—24th
Spring Break

Monday, March 27th
School Back in Session

Mrs. Darilyn Simister's

Office Hours

8:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Out of office

12:00 p.m.—12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Julia Mason's Schedule

Monday - Friday: Teaching 1:35 p.m. — 2:55 p.m.

Friend's Files

FOSM Meeting

Monday, March 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

Council's Corner

Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th @ 4:30 p.m.

Dear Parents,

Council has revised and approved the tuition policy for 2017–2018 school year. Please note the changes for the coming school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school and speak with Mrs. Mason.

Annual Fees

\$115 - per child (K-7) - includes consumable workbooks, agenda, and all necessary school supplies.
Also, musical instruments and school t-shirts if required.

Kindergarten - Grade 7

First Child	\$255.00 per month for 10 months
Second Child	\$145.00 per month for 10 months
Third Child	\$65.00 per month for 10 months
Fourth Child	No Charge

Bus Fees

\$30.00 per month per child

Volunteer Expectations:

Every school year, each family will be required to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours as part of your registration obligations. It is important that the volunteer time is fulfilled to help offset operational costs.

Financial Assistance

If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Principal for a financial assistance application when registering. Please note, financial aid is provided to qualifying families for the tuition portion only.

Payment Options

Full payment in September, pre-authorized debit for monthly withdrawals, 10 post-dated cheques, or monthly cash payments.

Pastor's Corner

In Our Parish

Holy Trinity Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

“Pastor’s Message:

The People of Greater Trail and surrounding communities are blessed to have a Catholic School to educate their children and to be a vibrant sign of faith in our midst. Great efforts have been made to provide a top quality Catholic education at St. Michael’s School, and an increasing amount of families are choosing the school community in assisting them to raise their children.

The Catholic community is strongly committed in its support of St. Michael’s School. We are proud of its success and want to ensure its long term viability for many years to come. Each year parishioners are asked to remember St. Michael’s School in their charitable giving. We thank those who do so on a yearly basis, either directly to the school or at our annual donation drive in the parish. This year’s donation drive will take place on February 11th & 12th (following Catholic School’s Week).

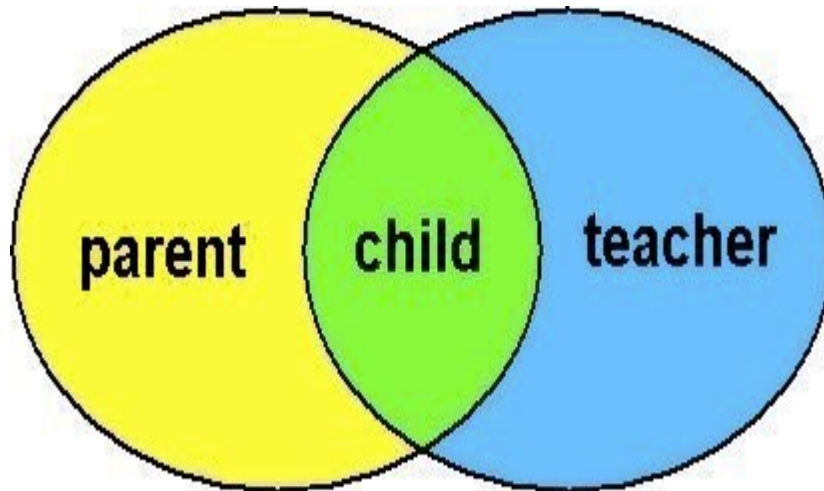
Parishioners are also encouraged to support St. Michael’s School by attending their Annual Gala on Saturday February 25th. Judging by the laughter and the active participation by all in attendance, last year’s Game Show theme and dance, was a great success. Make sure not to miss out this year and support St. Michael’s School in the process.

Another way to support St. Michael’s School is through the purchase of Ferraro Food pre-paid gift cards. We recommend this fundraiser to those who already frequent Ferraro’s for some or all of their grocery needs. The gift cards may be purchased through the school or parish and operate like cash in the store. The amount of your purchase is debited from your card each time you visit the store. Ferraro’s shares 10% of the purchase price of each card with the school. Please consider this option when buying groceries at Ferraro’s and support St. Michael’s School.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Bart van Roijen

Student-Led Conferences



Thursday, February 16th

Student Led conferences are a chance for students to take responsibility for their learning by facilitating a meeting with their parent that demonstrates the learning that has occurred. Teachers will be available for further discussion and reporting of second term.

Register for Kindergarten



St. Michael's Catholic School is now accepting Kindergarten Registrations for 2017-2018. Any child who will turn 5 on or before December 31st 2017, will be eligible to register for Kindergarten 2017-18 School Year. Please pick up a registration package at the office or visit our website for more information.

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Monday, February 13th

Classes not in Session

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 28th



It has been a school tradition for many years to gather together and have a pancake feast in preparation for the long fast during the Lenten season.

Thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** we have been able to revive this day.

We will gather as a family in the gym and eat together for lunch. Pancakes will be served in the Gym at noon for all the students. Please continue to pack a snack and a drink for your child. If you do not wish for your child to eat pancakes, please pack a lunch.

This day is regularly a hot lunch day. We will be having hot lunch on Wednesday and Thursday (March 1st and March 2nd)



Ash Wednesday Mass

March 1st 9:15 a.m.

Location: Holy Trinity Parish



The students will be walking to Holy Trinity Parish to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the first of 40 days in Lent.

The ashes, created from palms which were burned on Palm Sunday, are placed on the forehead as a symbol of our sinfulness and mortality.

Lent is a time we reflect on Jesus Christ and the sacrifices he made for us to bring us closer to him. Living in moderation and having self-control by not indulging on the things we enjoy, help us to focus on Jesus. This is a time to allow God into our lives and to allow him to help us.

Come and celebrate with us.

SPRING BREAK 2017

Monday, March 13th —
Friday, March 24th



**KEEP
CALM**

because

**School Is Back
In Session**

Monday,
March 27th