



St. Michael the Archangel  
Our Angel of Protection

# ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2020



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

After one month back in harness we believe education is progressing smoothly with a sense of normalcy. Students continue to follow protocols well and have been tremendous in all aspects of school life. Theirs and your diligence have proven to be noteworthy and have resulted in success to this point. We thank all of you for your cooperation and support.

At this point we are looking to establish a schedule with Father Wojciech for future Masses, Liturgies and classroom visits. We look forward to when these faith based activities can begin in earnest as it is this aspect of school life that is paramount and the reason for our existence.

You should be receiving correspondence on The Covey program—Leader In Me (K-12) from your homeroom teachers as activities, classes, etc. have and will be taking place. Please see the letter to grades 10,11 and 12 students and parents contained within this newsletter.

Terry Fox Day takes place this Thursday. Please support this very important initiative that if not already has affected will affect all of us on a personal level at some point. The research the Fox Foundation has turned into tangible success stories in its fight against cancer is truly breath taking. There are a myriad of ways to support this program that have been discussed. If you are unsure of how to participate please contact the school office or Mrs. Weatherhead. Thank you in advance for your tremendous support over all these years. Our goal of reaching the 100K mark over 25 years is a breath away.

Orange Shirt Day takes place tomorrow recognizing the worthiness of every child. Please see attached document.

SMBI will be closed Monday, October 12 for Thanksgiving and Tuesday, October 13 for a Divisional Professional Development Day.

Yours Most Assuredly in Christ

Chris Sumner



## Covey Program Letter—Grade 10, 11 & 12

Dear Parents (grades 10, 11 and 12)

We are pleased to announce that September 2020 marks the beginning of SMBI as a *Leader In Me* School. *Leader In Me* is a time-tested, evidence-based leadership framework founded on Dr. Stephen R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. As a *Leader In Me* School, everyone at St. Michael's will be viewed through the lens of the following five Core Paradigms:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The students quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be their best. SMBI has always strived to empower students and teach them the importance of personal responsibility; being a *Leader In Me* School enables us to sharpen our focus and unlock the full leadership potential found in each of us, staff, students, and parents alike.

From a high school perspective we are targeting the following areas;

- 1) Social-emotional needs
- 2) Workforce/Life Readiness—(Four Disciplines of Execution)
- 3) Elective Credits
- 4) Perhaps Leadership Certification (this may be more realistic for our 10's and 11's given time constraints)

We look forward to beginning this journey with you. We anticipate regular communication on this topic as the year continues.

Yours in Christ

Mr. Sumner

Mr. Allen

Miss Gatz

## Orange Shirt

This Wednesday, September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. It

is a day when we wear orange to honour the indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. We ask all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to show your support as Every Child Matters.



## Life Chain

Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 200 locations across Canada each year. It is an opportunity to show your support of Pro-Life. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 -3:00 at the intersection of Highway 3 and Centre Street.

## AR Program

The AR Program has been running for 15 school days and has 29 out of 72 students participating. Students have taken 73 quizzes passing 57 of them giving us a school average of 85.8%

## Hot Lunches

Peter's Pizza Day is set for October 8th. Online orders will be accepted until Sunday October 4th. Thank you for supporting the Graduating Class of 2021.

Pita Pit will be served this Thursday, October 1st for those that placed their order. All students' names were entered into a draw for a free lunch item. The winners of the draw are Haisley MacLean and Breck Grol. Proceeds of this fundraiser go towards our Year End Awards until Athletics is back up and running.

The next Pita Pit Day is set for Thursday October 22nd. Students who have won one free item from the October 1st draw are Michael Heinrichs and Shelby Bueckert. Congratulations!

## Parent Council

Parent Council meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month via zoom. If you are not on the Parent Council email list please contact them at [smbiparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:smbiparentcouncil@gmail.com) to be added.

## Terry Fox Walk

Our annual Terry Fox Walk is set for Thursday, October 1 beginning at 1:45. This is St. Michael's 25th year participating in the walk and the 40th year the walk has been held. In honour of that we would like to see each student raise at least \$40 for 40 years. Donations can be made by cheque or cash. Cheques must be made payable to St. Michael's School. If a tax receipt is required your donation must be made online. Please help our kids help the Terry Fox Foundation.



## Picture Day

School Picture Day—October 6 beginning at 8:40 a.m. We are please to once again welcome Lifetouch Photography to St. Michael's for our school photos.

## School Fees

Please remember school fees are due and can/should be paid through Cash Online as soon as possible.





# October 2020



**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			30 Orange Shirt Day 	1 Terry Fox Walk 1:45  Pita Pit Lunch	2	3
4 Life Chain 2:00-3:00	5	6 School Picture Day	7	8 Peter's Pizza Lunch	9	10 World Mental Health Day
11	12 No School Happy Thanksgiving	13 No School Division PD Day	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board of Trustees Meeting	29	30	31 Happy Halloween

# SHOW ST. MIKE'S YOUR



**St. Michael's School  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction IS ON!  
... it's just moving ONLINE!  
Online auction will close:  
MIDNIGHT Friday, December 4, 2020  
Keep watching for details!**

***Connect with a committee member to donate.***  
*(Rob VanRoessel, Mildred Thurston, Kelly Thacker, Christa Bueckert  
Jeff Weatherhead, Cassandra Kielstra, Michelle MacLean)*





Transformed by the Journey

# OCTOBER

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!*

Psalm 9:1a



## Special Days to Remember Month of the Holy Rosary

- 4 Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi
- 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 12 Thanksgiving Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 22 Feast Day of St. John Paul II

## Be Grateful

This month, we will focus on prayers of thanksgiving, another of our beautiful Catholic prayer traditions. Of course this is especially appropriate during the month of October when we actually mark Thanksgiving Day in Canada. Prayers of thanksgiving invoke a spirit of gratitude, of thankfulness for God's many blessings. Every moment of one's life can become a moment of thanksgiving, and thereby of prayer.

It would do our children well if we could respond to our many emotions throughout the day with prayer. When your children are joyful or excited about something, encourage them to say a quick prayer of thanksgiving – "Thank you God for our happy hearts!"



## Faith & Family

Brainstorm with your children ways to help others with their time, treasure, and talent by creating a "Family Foundation". This month, everyone in the family can decide how they will donate to the foundation. Perhaps your child will decide to be generous with his/her time by playing with a little brother or sister without being asked. Maybe your child will decide to donate part of his/her allowance to a favourite family charity. Perhaps your child will discover how to use his/her talents to bring joy to others. For example, a budding artist can create a chalk picture on the sidewalk for everyone in the neighbourhood to enjoy.

What a wonderful way for your children to understand what it means to serve and put our faith into action!



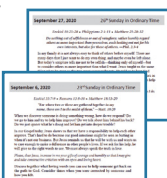
## Be Gracious

To be gracious is to be filled with good will and to treat others in the loving manner that Jesus taught us.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are the observable behaviours of people who have allowed the grace of the Holy Spirit to be effective in them. One of the Fruits of the Spirit is generosity. We often associate generosity as being about giving money. While that can be important if you are able, we try to model for our children that generosity is really more about the giving of ourselves. While it's important to recognize generous behaviour, we must be careful about rewarding it with youngsters. We teach them that being generous is not about getting recognition or a reward for ourselves. It is about sharing who we are and what we have with others, expecting nothing in return.

## Catholic Education

A few years ago, we started the tradition of asking our teachers to read the upcoming Sunday Gospel with their students each Friday. We wanted our students to learn to consider how the lessons of the Gospel stories will help them live their life today. In order to now connect this to your home, we have purchased "Mass Transit Cards" for you to use as you prepare for Sunday Mass. Included is a simple explanation of the Gospel and a reflection question for your family to encourage conversation about the Scripture. You can access the Mass Transit Cards for October [here](#).



*For it is in giving  
that we receive.*

- St. Francis of Assisi



Resources: *Praying Together* by Karla Hardersen;  
*Teaching Kids to Care* by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP



*'Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving:  
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!'*  
(Psalm 95:2)

# OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



## Virtual Post-Secondary Fair October 8, 2020 6pm to 8pm

ELAA (Education Liaison Association of Alberta) is holding their Post-Secondary Fair virtually this year. This means that parents and students can join from the comfort of their homes through their computers. This event is a fantastic opportunity to learn about and ask questions to Alberta, Universities, Colleges, Technical Institutions, the RCMP and Canadian Forces. These institutions will have virtual booths where you can explore programs, admission requirements, scholarships, housing and much more, as well as chat with recruiters. When you login into the site you will go to a main "Exhibit Hall" in the middle of the screen that will display all the different institution's names and logos. From there you can click on whichever institutions you choose and connect with them. You must register for this event in order to join at: <https://elaa.6connex.com/event/alberta/student/login> Register in the top right corner.

You can register in advance and then connect on October 8th by logging in from this same link.

There is a "brief case" for students to collect information in on the screen. Please remember to download this before the you leave the fair as once you have left, and the fair is over, students cannot access it again.

**ELAA**

## Alberta Out-of-Province (OOP) Virtual Fair.

**October 13-16 & October 19-23, 2020**

**4pm to 8pm each evening**

Similar to the ELAA Fair explained above the OOP Fair is for post-secondary institutions **outside of Alberta**. Institutions at this fair are from Western Canada, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. No need to pre-register for this event just login to: [www.albertaoot.com](http://www.albertaoot.com) This event is open to all students and their parents. Information packages can be downloaded at anytime. New information is added frequently.



## Hand in your September Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to hand in, email or text your hours for September to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.



## AGR 3000 Agriculture Safety Course

AGR3000 is a one credit prerequisite course for the Green Certificate Program. This year they are offering two AGR300 workshops for students to choose from, October 16th or October 30th. These one day workshops will run from 9am to 4pm and are held at the Lethbridge College. Workshops are open to all students in Grades 10 –12. The cost is \$30 dollars (free for registered Green Certificate students). To register or ask questions email: [marina.grant@lethbridgecollege.ca](mailto:marina.grant@lethbridgecollege.ca) or call 403-634-6308.



## Virtual Open Houses

-The **U of Calgary** on **October 3 10 am –3 pm**. Register at: [ucalgary.ca/openhouse](http://ucalgary.ca/openhouse)

-The **U of A** on **October 15 to 17** Register at: [ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house/](http://ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house/)



## Your Off-Campus Team

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