

December 2024 Newsletter



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Christmas Holidays

Christmas Holidays will take place from Saturday, December 21st until Sunday, January 5th. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.

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Spirit Days

St. Michael's will be having the following Spirit Days during the month of December:

December 6th—Gum Day .25¢
December 10th—Colour House
December 11th—Warrior Wednesday
December 16th—Christmas Accessory Day
December 17th—Red / Green Day
December 18th—Christmas Sweater Day
December 19th—Christmas Activities Day
December 20th—Pyjama and Movie Day
December 20th—Candy Grams Given Out

Kindergarten Registration

During the months of January and February please visit the School Board website at www.bhncdsb.ca to register your child. Please call the School Board office at 519-756-6369, if you have further questions. Please spread the news of the registration to other families!!



Christmas Family Donations

Once again St. Michael's will help out a less fortunate family for Christmas. A letter has been sent home in regards to this and we are hoping our families can do what they can to help this family have a wonderful Christmas. Donations can also be made on School Cash Online.



Parish Information

St. Michael's Catholic Church

Parish Pastor: Father Seejo John

Associate Pastor: Father Steve Marsh

Masses:

- Sat 5:00 at Sacred Heart
- Sun. 8:30 at St. Michael's
- Sun. 10:30 Sacred Heart Langton

Christmas Turkey Dinner

Our Parent Council has organized a Christmas Turkey Dinner for students and staff on Thursday, December 19th. We appreciate the generosity of the Parent Council in doing this for all of us to enjoy! We are asking families to make a donation to help cover the cost of the meal. If each child could donate \$2.00 it would be appreciated. We thank Kaley's Restaurant for making the meal so that we can all enjoy it.

Candy Gram Sales

The Spirit of St. Michael's Club will be selling Candy Grams on Wednesday, December 4th, Thursday, December 5th, Tuesday, December 10th, and Thursday, December 12th. The Candy Grams will be given out on Friday, December 20th. Cost for

one Candy Gram will be .50¢. Thank you to Madame Worden for looking after this event.

Christmas Social

This year we are going to have a Christmas Concert / Family Dance. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate Christmas. This event will be taking place on Wednesday, December 18th from 6:30 – 8:00 at St. Michael's School. Classes will be performing in the gym, followed by a family dance. As this is a family event all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please remember that staff will not be responsible for your children during this time.

Student of the Month Awards

Catholic Leadership Award winners for the month of October were: Blaire B., Mason D., Matthew V., Olivia D., and Alicia D.

Student of the Month winners for the month of October were: Blake , Brady F., Nihansa P., Axton P., Matthew O., and Bruce P.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!!

Winter Weather

Just a reminder to parents that during the winter months children tend to get their clothes wet during recess. If possible, would you please pack an extra change of clothes in their backpacks in case they need to change their clothes.

Zone 1 Inclement Weather

In the event of weather that may affect school transportation, parents are asked to keep in mind the following information. St. Michael's School is Zone 1 school with Norfolk County schools. If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 1 (as announced by local radio stations) St. Michael's School will be closed for students and staff. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. Parents can access this information through the Board's website (under the Parents tab) or use the website www.stsbhn.ca. Parents can click on the "cancellations—closures or morning fog delays" icon. The website page also contains information on other sources of cancellation/delay information such as radio stations and television channels.



Update Information

Please remember to let the office know when you have made changes to phone numbers, email addresses, etc. **It is very important to have the correct information for messages that are being sent home through School Messenger, and also the digital report cards.**

Junior Basketball

We wish the Junior Boy's basketball good luck as they will participate in the Board Tournament on December 6th at Holy Trinity. Thank you to Mr. Loncke for spending many hours getting the team ready!!

Grade 8 Open House at Holy Trinity

Grade 8 Parents and students are welcome to attend the Grade 8 Open House at Holy Trinity on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please mark it on your calendars!!



Health Unit News

If a child/student is having any of the following symptoms, they should automatically be excluded from attending:

Fever 38.0°C or higher – stay home until the fever is gone and feeling better for at least 24 hours

Respiratory symptoms that are new or unusual – stay home for 24 hours minimum (this includes cough, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, and shortness of breath)

Gastro symptoms (e.g. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) that are new or unusual – stay home for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Pink Eye stay home for 24 hours after an antibiotic treatment.



Transportation Information

The transportation department continues to offer a free app which allows students and parents to track where their child's bus is and be notified when it is getting close to their bus stop.

For additional information on how to access the app visit: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>

If your email is not attached on your student information sheet you will not be able to get the notifications, so please notify the office as soon as possible to update the email information.

When your email address is in our student system, all STSBHN apps and subscriptions will automatically pull in all of the student data associated with the email address.

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.
Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord
who enlists me in God's own work for justice.
Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a hunger for peace:
peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.
Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.
I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.
Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy and love and peace
that is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there,
hearty gratitude for the life begun there,
and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.
I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.
Amen.