

February 2025 Newsletter



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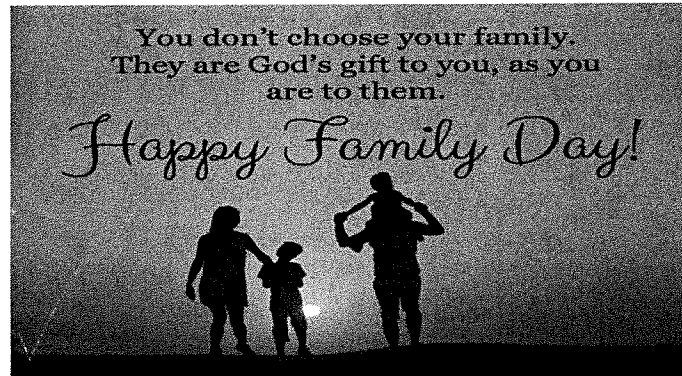
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Family Day

Monday, February 17th is Family Day. There will be no school for students that day and we hope everyone has a fantastic day with their Family.

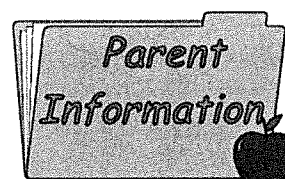
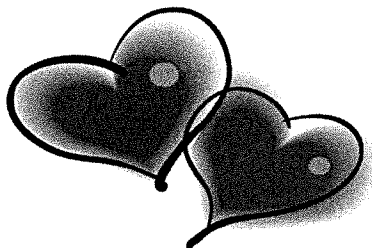


Kindergarten Registration

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year has been taking place during the month of January and is ongoing until February 21st. Please call the school at 519-426-5462 if you have not registered yet. If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know to contact our office to enroll.

Report Cards

First term report cards will be sent home on Monday, February 10th digitally like the Progress Reports were sent home in November. If you have any changes in your email address, please let the office know so that our records are up to date. Please take the time to look over the report card with your child. Please also note that interviews were held in November, however, you may request a meeting with your child(s) classroom teacher at any time.



Parish Information

St. Michael's Catholic Church

Parish Pastor: Father

Seejo John

Associate Pastor: Father

Steve Marsh

Masses:

Sat 5:00 Sacred Heart

Langton

St. Michael's Walsh

Sun 8:30

Sacred Heart Langton

10:30

Pink Shirt Day

Our school will participate in Day of Pink, a bullying prevention initiative, on **Wednesday, February 26th**. We are encouraging all our students and staff to show their support for this movement and celebrate diversity by wearing pink. Together, as a school and community we have the power to unite against bullying.

Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to: Dylan V., Bella H., Matthew O., Brienna H., Bruno L., and Mya O. for winning our school free throw competition. They represented St. Michael's at the Knights of Columbus competition on Saturday, January 25th.

Special congratulations to Brienna H., Bella H. and Dylan V. who all finished first in their age category and have advanced to the next level. They will be participating in the next round on Saturday, February 8th at Lakewood School in Port Dover. Good luck to all of them!!

Thanks to Ms. DeCloedt and Mr. Loncke for helping the students.

World Cancer Day

Tuesday, February 4th is World Cancer Day – a day to come together to honour and remember everyone affected by cancer, and take action to change the future of cancer forever. We ask that students and staff wear yellow to show our support in honour of all those families who have been affected with cancer.

Souper Bowl

To help celebrate Super Bowl we are collecting cans of soups up until the Super Bowl takes place on Sunday, February 9th. Each classroom will be graphing their results on a bar graph. These will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families who are in need. Thank you to Mr. Loncke for taking care of this special event.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Friday, February 14th. Please wear red / white / pink to celebrate the day.

Read Your Way to the Fair

Congratulations to our students who finished second place in the Norfolk County Fair, Read Your Way to the Fair Contest. The monetary prize will be used to purchase literacy materials for the school. Thanks to Mrs. Carrier for getting us involved!!!

Cold Weather Guidelines

Our School Board has an Administrative Procedure which we follow (available on the school board website: AP 200.45) in making decisions on whether or not we send children out to recess in cold weather. When the temperature drops below -20° Celsius (with or without a wind chill), we keep the children indoors. When the temperature is between -10° and -20° C, we do not spend more than 20 minutes outside at a time. Please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. Students are expected to wear a hat and mittens/gloves outside for recess, regardless of the grade they are in. The students will be going outside for at least part of recess whenever the weather permits.

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. Also, please remember to have your child/ren dress for winter, hats, boots, gloves or mittens.

Artwork in the School

Everyone is welcome to come into the school to see the beautiful artwork that Norfolk County resident Michael Barber painted to showcase around our schools. Through our Arts Consultant Mr. Rait, we are proud to display this in our school. This 8 foot by 12 foot mural is a collaboration between the artist and approximately 100 students from the BHNCSB. It depicts the painful loss of traditions and stories that Indigenous children experienced through residential schools. We thank Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Adams for putting up the display and Mr. VanLeuvenhage for delivering it to our school.

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 a **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 now access this information by pressing the "Transportation Cancellations" button on the website. We encourage families to subscribe to the transportation notification system through the website (stsbhn.ca).

Grade 8 Graduation Photos

Edge Photography will be at the school to take Grade 8 Graduation Photos on Tuesday, March 18th in the morning. More information will be sent home with the Grade 8 students.

March Break

March Break will be held from Monday, March 10th until Friday, March 14th. We hope everyone has a wonderful break!!

St. Michael's Spirit Days

We will have Spirit Day's on the following days in February:

Tuesday, February 4th—World Cancer Day — Wear Yellow

Thursday, February 6th—Colour House Day

Wednesday, February 12th—Warrior Wednesday, Red / Black

Friday February 14th —Red / Pink / White Day for Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 20th—Pyjama Day

Friday, February 21st—Gum Day .25¢

Wednesday, February 26th—Pink Shirt Day for Bullying Awareness



Board Basketball Tournament

Our Girls' and Boys' teams represented St. Michael's School very well at the Board Basketball Tournament on Wednesday, January 29th at Holy Trinity. Thanks again to Mr. Loncke for putting in so much time coaching the teams and also to Ms. Oud for helping coach at the tournament. Team members were:

Aubree A., Alaina B., Ava D., Olivia D., Alexa D., Vanessa D., Brienna H., Haven J., Eliana P., Remy P., Liliana S., and Etta W.

Bruce P., Braxton A., Alex H., Chase H., Chris G., Nash V., Isai H., Matthew O., Casey C., Riley B., Levi O., and Loukas L.

Newsletter and Calendar

Due to the rising cost of paper we are going to be sending the newsletter and calendar home through school messenger starting March 1st, 2025. You will still be able to print it off from home and a calendar of events is also posted on our school website. If you have any concerns or questions please let the office know.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Month awards for December:

Catholic Leadership Award: Waylon W., Bodyn P., Harwin B., Jacob K., Alaina B., and Levi O.

Student of the Month Award: Marty G., Clark P., Aryanna R., Alyssa D., Aubree A., Alicia D., and Jordyn R.

