



THE STARS NEWS

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. We hope that everyone has enjoyed a healthy and relaxing summer and are prepared for another busy and exciting year. I would also like to convey a special welcome to our new families who are now part of our St. Michael's School community. Whether you are a first time Kindergarten parent, or a seasoned veteran transferring from a different school, we hope that you find St. Michael's an open and caring community.

On Thursday, August 31st we will hold our annual **Welcome Back and Unpack night** from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. This event is a great way to meet your teacher, take a tour of the classroom, drop off your items before school starts and help promote an easy start-up to the new year.

In a faith filled environment, St. Michael's students are encouraged to grow in integrating their faith and lives as Catholic Christians. Our students can strive to reach their potential through the integration of spiritual, academic, sporting, and cultural learning experiences.

The staff of St. Michael's School believe that educating the youth of our community can only be accomplished by continued cooperation between home and school within a framework of mutual respect and participation. We look forward to your continued interest, support, and involvement in the education of your child(ren).

Yours in Catholic education,

Mr. S. Boucher Principal— email: boucs01@cttcs.ca

Mr. L. Bissonnette & Mrs. S. Willson, Vice-Principals

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WELCOME BACK AND UNPACK BBQ

Thursday August 31st
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Come join the St. Michael's School Community Council to the welcome back to school BBQ!
Come meet your teacher, unpack your backpacks before school starts and have supper with your families on the lawn!
We can't wait to see you!

WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING FEES ON THIS NIGHT:

We will collect school fees during the month of September. We prefer Credit/ Debit payments. We can take payments over the phone. Cash or Cheque will also be accepted (send with your child in an sealed and labelled envelope with the fee breakdown sheet in September).

"Called to Love and Serve"

Remember
your water
bottles!

We
encourage
students to
use water
bottles.

Students
should have
an indoor
and outdoor
pair of shoes
at school!



Shared School Driveway

Please note, that school buses take PRIORITY in the driveway.

Parents/family members etc. should not be exiting their vehicle during the drop off or pick-up. If you need to exit your vehicle to assist your child, please park on the street and walk them up.

Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop off or pick up.

It's also important that the drop off/pick-up is quick. **Do not sit in the driveway waiting.**

If drop off or pick-up requires time, we ask that you please park on the street and walk your child to the school.

Please do not block the entrance of the driveway or stop behind a bus. Please pull up as far as you can on our side of the school.

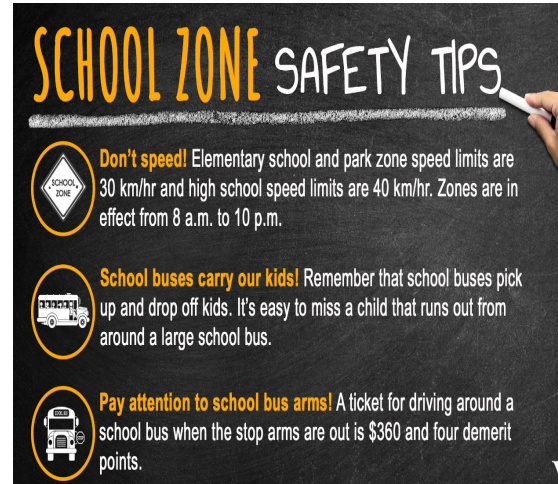
This is a reminder to support student and staff safety!



SPEED ZONES

A reminder to drivers in Parks & Elementary School Zones will be 30 km/hr from 8 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week. High School Zones will continue to be 40 km/hr from 8 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week. More info at

<https://www.yorkton.ca/en/your-city/school-and-play-zones.aspx>

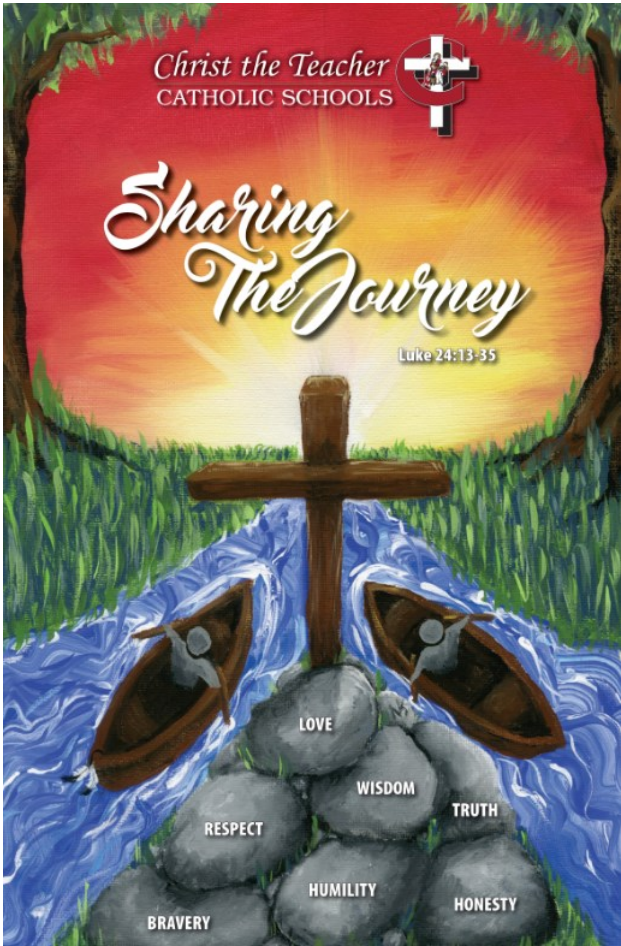


School Photos

School Photos are Scheduled for **Wed. Oct. 4th: KB– grade 4 and Thurs. Oct 5th: KB- grade 5-8**

Retakes are on: Friday November 3rd—Day 6 (you need to be on the re-take list at the office to have your photo taken again with parent permission).





St. Gerard's Parish



Grade K-4	Grade 5-8
8:50	8:50
8:55 - 9:30 Period 1	8:55 - 9:30 Period 1
9:30 - 10:00 Period 2	9:30 - 10:00 Period 2
10:00 - 10:30 Period 3	10:00 - 10:15 Recess
10:30 - 10:45 Recess	10:15 - 10:45 Period 3
10:45 - 11:15 Period 4	10:45 - 11:15 Period 4
11:15 - 11:45 Period 5	11:15 - 11:45 Period 5
11:45 - 12:15 Period 6	11:45 - 12:30 Lunch (out 1st then eat)
12:15-1:00 Lunch (eat then out)	12:30 - 1:00 Period 6
1:00 - 1:30 Period 7	1:00 - 1:30 Period 7
1:30 - 2:00 Period 8	1:30 - 1:45 Recess
2:00 - 2:15 Recess	1:45 - 2:15 Period 8
2:15 - 2:45 Period 9	2:15 - 2:45 Period 9
2:45 - 3:20 Period 10	2:45 - 3:20 Period 10

2023-2024 Bell Schedule



Visitors/
Parents:

Please
remember
to **SIGN IN**
and WAIT
AT THE
OFFICE for
assistance.

Thank You!

ST GERARD CHURCH

**SACRAMENT
PREPARATION
PROGRAM
2023 - 2024**

FIRST RECONCILIATION
CONFIRMATION
FIRST EUCHARIST

GRADE 2 AND UP

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

EMAIL US AT
OFFICE@STGERARD.CA

BEFORE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church

Father Sathi Antony
125 – 3rd Avenue North -
Phone: (306) 782-2449
Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday Mass: 9:00
a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*All Sacraments are taken through the Church, please
contact the Parish Office.*

**St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic
Church**

Fr. Basil Malowany - Pastor
Fr. Yevhen Zadorozhnyi, CSsR - Assistant
Pastor
155 Catherine Street - Phone: (306) 783-4594
Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 p.m. (English)
Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9:00 a. m. & 9: 00 am
(Ukrainian/English)



St. Michael's School

St. Michael's School
Student Information Verification
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August 28, 2023

Student: _____
Current Grade: _____

Student Email: _____
Parent Email: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Legal Last Name: _____
Legal First Name: _____
Legal Middle Name: _____
Preferred Last: _____
Preferred First: _____
Preferred Middle: _____
Gender: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Family Country: _____
Health Services No. All Health No. _____
Previous School Name: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
PC: _____

Physical Address: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
PC: _____

Emergency Priority: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Primary Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
PC: _____

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Work Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Yellow Demographic Forms

There will be a GOLD Demographic Verification form coming home with your child on the first day of school. Please make any needed changes directly on the sheet and send it back with your

child ASAP. **ONLY SEND BACK IF THERE ARE CHANGES TO BE MADE ON THE STUDENTS FILE.**

Thank you!

Southland Bussing Company

Our bussing company is Southland. Our bus routes for our school are Route 1 and Route 2, both

bus routes are found on our school and division websites! Transportation will start September 5th.



School Fees

This year we are giving parents the option to pay for all the school fees up front! There was a fee breakdown sheet emailed out with the fee amounts. The amount will depend what grade the

student is in. We ask that each family fill out 1 fee breakdown form per family. Preferred method of payment is CREDIT or DEBIT CARD. We can also take credit and debit card payments over the phone.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Students Full Name(s): _____
Grade & Homeroom(s): _____

2023-2024 Please CIRCLE to indicate the items that you are paying for.

You can use ONE breakdown sheet per family

	Terry Fox Donation (Sept)	Chess Club (Gr. 3-8 Nov-Feb)	Advent Project (Christmas)	Tele-Miracle Donation (March)	Lenten Project (Easter)	SCC Hot Lunch for the Year	Motherwell Trip (June)	AMPO (June)	Band Fee	Total
	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Gr. 4 Only	Gr. 7 Only	If Enrolled	
Kindergarten	2.00	N/A	2.00	5.00	2.00	25.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 1 English	2.00	N/A	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 1 French	2.00	N/A	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 2 English	2.00	N/A	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 2 French	2.00	N/A	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 3 English	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 3 French	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 4 English	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	20.00	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 4 French	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	20.00	N/A	N/A	\$
Gr 5 English	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	50.00	\$
Gr 5 French	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	50.00	\$
Gr 6 English	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	95.00	\$
Gr 6 French	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	95.00	\$
Gr 7 English	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	75.00	120.00	\$
Gr 7 French	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	75.00	120.00	\$
Gr 8 English	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	120.00	\$
Gr 8 French	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.00	N/A	N/A	120.00	\$
TOTAL:										\$

N/A = not applicable for that grade.

CASH: _____
CHEQUE #: _____
MC/VISA/DEBIT: _____

Preferred method of payment for school fees is CREDIT or DEBIT CARD. I can take credit card payments over the phone as well.

WE ACCEPT DEBIT & CREDIT

* Every year we have a school wide Terry Fox walk in September, donations being sent direct to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.
* Chess club runs from November through February during the lunch hours, this is optional for grades 3-8.
* As a part of our Religion classes, Advent and Lenten donations will go towards the campaign of choice, more information will be sent out closer to the date.
* The GRADE 4's go to the Motherwell Homestead as part of their curriculum in June.
* The School Community Council has 1 hot lunch day every month (NOT in December or February) for those who pay. (Kindergarten gets one every 2 months, but that they are only at school half time). You can pay this for the entire year upfront! There will still be month to month order forms available.
* Every year we fundraise for Telemiracle and we will have a weeks worth of "fun" theme days in February/March.
* AMPO: The grade 7 students from our school division have a week in June of outdoor education at St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake.
* Gr. 5 Band fees include the Band Boosters Fee, Book/CD and T-shirt, Grades 6-8 Band fees include Band boosters Fee, CTTCF Fee, and T-shirt. If you are borrowing a band shirt from a previous student, please do not include the price of the shirt in your band fees.
(Grade 5-6 Band Shirt is \$15, Grade 7-8 Band Shirt is \$40).

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2023-2024 School Calendar

2023 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER					
	28 Inservice	29 Inservice	30 Inservice	31 Inservice	1 Inservice
	Labour Day	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4
	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3
	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2
	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1

2024 FEBRUARY					
				1 Day 3	2 Day 4
	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3
	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2
	19 Family Day	20	21	22	23
	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	

2023 OCTOBER					
	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6
	9 Thanksgiving	10 Inservice	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3
	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2
	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1
	30 Day 2	31 Day 3			

2024 MARCH					
					1 Day 1
	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6
	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 PR Day 5
	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4
	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Good Friday

2023 NOVEMBER					
			1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6
	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Inservice
	13 Holiday	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 PR Day 2
	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1
	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	

2024 APRIL					
	1	2	3	4	5
	Easter Holidays				
	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1
	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6
	22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5
	29 Day 6	30 Day 1			

2023 DECEMBER					
					1 Day 6
	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5
	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4
	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
	Christmas Holidays				

2024 MAY					
			1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4
	6 Day 5	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3
	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2
	Victoria Day	Inservice	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5
	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4

2024 JANUARY					
	1	2	3	4	5
	Christmas Holidays			Day 2	Day 3
	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2
	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1
	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6
	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31 Inservice		

2024 JUNE					
	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3
	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2
	17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1
	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Admin	28 Admin

PR Student Progress Reports: November 17 and March 15
PR Student-Led Conferences will occur on 2 evenings in both November and March.



Ball Glove Donations

If anyone has extra **Baseball Gloves** kicking around your house and you don't know what to do with them, we would LOVE for you to donate them to our school. The

students LOVE playing baseball and many do not have gloves.
Thank you!



September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labour Day No School	First day of classes! Assembly 1pm 				
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Gr. 3-8 CTTCS Cross Country Meet		
	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Truth and Reconciliation Week	Gr. 7 BOYS Canoe Overnight Trip	Gr. 7 GIRLS Canoe Overnight Trip	Gr. 1-2 Cross Country Meet AM		Gr. 3-8 Saltcoats Cross Country ORANGE SHIRT DAY	
	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools
Believe... Belong... Become

September 5, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety of our children is of top priority for all of us. We, the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools, are involved in intensive safety training with our community partners. Together, we developed a plan for responding to high-risk behaviours. High-risk behaviours include, but are not limited to, possession of weapons, bomb threats and threats to injure oneself or others.

This letter is to inform you that GSSD/CTCS school systems have a policy that requires principals to initiate a "threat assessment" in all cases of students displaying any type of high-risk behaviour. Should you wish to review the "Administrative Procedure 165: Safe Schools" or "Administrative Procedure 354: Threat Assessment", please visit our websites at either www.gssd.ca or www.christtheteacher.ca. The purpose of these assessments is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please advise your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the procedure is being followed and that the primary goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as school communities, will not accept "no response" to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are pleased to provide, in conjunction with our community partners, a safe environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Quintin Robertson
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