



January Newsletter



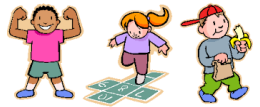
January 10th, 2022

Dear parents,

Welcome Back to what is already proving to be another interesting year. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and we, along with all members of our Michelangelo International School staff, wish you a Happy New Year filled with joy, peace and good health.

NEW YEAR REMINDERS

A new year brings about a fresh new start, with good intentions and resolutions. Let's all work together in order to ensure a smooth, successful and safe transition back to school for our students.



Healthy mind and body. Going to bed early to ensure your child gets enough sleep is essential for your child to focus and function properly in school. Having a healthy, nutritious diet as combined with outdoor physical exercise (outdoor play) helps to fuel a young growing body and a developing brain.

Attire. Students must dress appropriately for winter weather with snow pants, boots, hats, gloves and scarves. Students are required to follow the dress code as stipulated in your child's agenda. Lastly, students must have a change of shoes to wear in school.

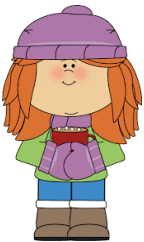
Punctuality. Being on time is a lifelong skill that is learned from a young age. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school on time. Morning entry begins at 7:47 and ends at 8:52 so that students are ready to begin class at 9:00 sharp. It is very stressful for a child when he/she walks in late. Walking in late also disrupts the classroom routine already in place. Deadlines for assignments should also be respected. Making excuses for your child will not benefit in the long run.

Responsibility. Learning to be responsible for yourself can be learned from a young age. Your child can start by preparing his/her clothing for the following day, making his/her lunch, packing his/her schoolbag the night before, etc. It is also never too early to instill the importance of respect for others as well as having good manners.

Being a lifelong reader. Reading daily, in both English and French, should be encouraged at home. Reading with your child or reading something of your own while your child reads his/her book (even for just a few minutes daily) encourages values of literacy and education.

HEAD LICE

Every year, especially in the Fall and Winter months, we get unpleasant surprises with head lice showing up in children's hair. We recommend that students keep their hair short or tied up, and that they do not share any hair accessories or hats. Young children hug each other and play in close contact with each other. Please check your child's hair as often as possible.





ONLINE LEARNING

Online classes began on Thursday, January 6th, 2022 and have been very successful. Lessons are being provided on Microsoft Teams. The teachers have reported great participation by the students. Please contact your child’s teacher(s) if you are missing any books. Often, they will be able to provide your child with a digital copy of the learning material. Due to safety reasons, there is limited access to the school, and we cannot go into the classrooms to retrieve students’ supplies. Only books that were prepared for pick up before the break will be available for pick up.

BORROWED DEVICES

We ask that all students who have borrowed a device from the school must return it to the Main Office on Monday, January 17th between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please note that these devices are used on a daily basis in our classes. If your child attends morning daycare you may also return the device to Daycare on Monday morning (7:00 am - 8:45 am).

RETURN TO SCHOOL

We anticipate being back in the classroom on Monday, January 17th, 2022. We will keep you informed if any changes should occur concerning our return to the classroom. Daycare services will also return and will follow the usual schedule. Reminder that Friday, January 14th, 2022 remains a pedagogical day. There will be no online classes that day. Daycare remains open for parents who are classified as essential workers.

REPORT CARD

The upcoming First Term Report Cards that were due to be distributed on January 28th will now be distributed on February 8th. Therefore, the Parent-Teacher Conferences that were scheduled for February 3rd will now be held on February 10th. There will also be a change in the pedagogical days that accompanies the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Kindly make note of the NEW dates below.

Report Cards (available on Mozaik)	Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school for students. Daycare open)	Pedagogical Day (no school for students. Daycare open)
February 8 th	February 10 th	February 11 th

COVID PROTOCOLS



Upon return to in-school learning, we will continue with Covid-19 measures set in place by Public Health and the Ministry of education. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, handwashing and social distancing continue to be a priority.

Masks. With the exception of Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, everyone must wear a procedural mask while at school. Procedural masks will also have to be worn during Physical Education (Gym) classes. ALL students (preschool included) must wear a procedural mask while on the school bus. Masks will be continued to be supplied by the school. Please have a conversation with your child(ren) about the importance of wearing masks and how wearing them ensures that everyone remains safe and healthy.

Isolation Period. You may have heard that the isolation period of a person infected with Covid-19 has been reduced to five days. This is in fact true, if the person has been adequately vaccinated. In the case of the students, the isolation period remains ten days as they have only received one vaccine and therefore are not adequately protected. Please continue to monitor your child’s symptoms and keep them home if they are sick.



RAPID TESTS



All elementary school aged students were given a Rapid Test Kit, each kit containing five self-tests, prior to the holiday break. We have been informed that more Rapid Test kits will be provided to students in January and February. We presently DO NOT have the new kits and will send them home as soon as we receive them. All kits are accounted for and labelled with the student's name. Kindly, do not call the school requesting an extra kit. If your child did not receive his/her kit before the holidays, we will ensure that he/she will get it upon their return.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in all extra-curricular activities and school sports has been suspended by the Ministry of Education and will remain on hold until further notice. Therefore, our ECA activities; Guitar Club, Chess, PELO, Karate, and FFF Soccer will not be offered when the students return to school.

GEORDIE PRODUCTIONS

Geordie Productions was scheduled to do a live performance of their play "When Stars Come Together." Unfortunately, the show had to be postponed. We are currently working with them to reschedule the performance. More information to come.

INNOVATION FAIR

Every year Michelangelo International School hosts an Innovation Fair to highlight the great work done by our students as part of our IB program. This year's Innovation Fair, scheduled for February 24th, will be postponed to a later date. More information to come



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We were hoping to have a Scholastic Book Fair for the February 1st -3rd, however, we had to cancel the in-school event as it is still not safe to have visitors in the building.

OPEN HOUSE

Our second Virtual Open House scheduled for January 28th, 2022 has been cancelled. We encourage any new parents to visit our website. The Main Office will be more than happy to answer any questions they may have. We are just an email or phone call away.



REGISTRATION

Sibling Registration will take place from Monday, January 24th, 2022 to Friday, January 28th, 2022 from 8:00a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register your child during this week, you must already have a child registered at school. You can use the link below to make an appointment to come in and register your child. Remember to also these original documents: (1) your child's original birth certificate, (2) the parent's certificate of eligibility, (3) the birth certificate of the parent whose name is on the certificate of eligibility.

Link to book an appointment:

https://doodle.com/poll/t7rd3ipuquk5ys2g?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

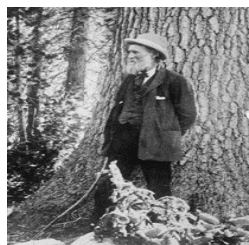
New Student Registration will take place from Monday, January 31st 2022 to Friday, February 4th 2022 from 8:00 to 3:30 p.m. Kindly, remind your interested friends and family members and share this link.

Link to book an appointment:

https://doodle.com/poll/b7q36xx8uuvszhez?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link



IB News – Grade 5/6



In their second unit of inquiry, students in Grade 5/6 class explored endangered species. The driving force behind this unit of inquiry came from the quote from John Muir, a naturalist: "Tug on anything at all and you'll find it connected to everything else in the universe." The students were easily able to understand that human actions affect animal survival. Students used their research and communication skills throughout the unit, especially while debating the pros and cons of keeping animals in zoos.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience, as we know that this pandemic has not been easy for anyone. With your continued understanding and teamwork, we will get through it all together. We are looking forward to working collaboratively with you in 2022.

Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Jennifer Martins
Vice Principal

January News from Daycare



Happy New Year from the Daycare Staff!

We started off our first days of January opening our doors to provide emergency daycare services for essential workers. We are looking forward to changing gear and welcoming everyone back to school safely as soon as we re-open. Please note that parents will **not be charged** for daycare services while we were closed and providing only emergency services. (Parents were also not charged for daycare services on December 21 & 22, 2021). The calendar has been re-revised with the added closures. Any overpayments will be applied automatically to any future fees. ***The same applies to the School Lunch supervision fees.**

New and updated December & January statement of accounts (invoices) will be provided to all parents using the daycare services once we return to school, and when we receive all the necessary information from the government regarding the daycare rates. Normally there is a slight increase to daycare fees every January; however, we have not yet received the amounts if any.

The January 14th, 2022 Ped day has been **cancelled** due to the closure. If you registered your child for this Ped day, **you were not charged and the registration has been removed.** The special activity with the company Club Fy has been tentatively re-scheduled for the Ped day on the new Ped day: Friday February 11th, 2022. This is **tentative** depending on whether or not there will be new protocols regarding special activities and the availability of the company on that date. Parents will receive a new Ped day permission slip for this activity when we have the go ahead. Parents need to **re-register** if they still wish to have their child participate in this Ped day activity.

We are currently preparing for the next scheduled Ped day scheduled for **Monday January 24th, 2022.** It will be an in-school ped day. The theme will be **Superhero Day!** Since this is time sensitive, the

deadline to register for this Ped day is **Friday Jan 14, 2022** so we can enough time to properly prepare. We have no choice but to send the Ped day letter by email and receive all the responses **by email** as well.

Please make sure to check your emails for the Ped day letter this week. (If schools are not re-open, then the Ped day will be cancelled).

The daycare team have a lot of fun activities planned for the students upon their return to school. The educators will be sending you a copy of their activity plans when we return.

A reminder not to forget to send your child to daycare in the morning with a mask (Gr 1-6) and their shoes on the first day back to school. (It's often forgotten on that busy first day back!)

Income Tax Receipts for 2021 (Jan-Dec 2021)

Daycare Receipts and School Lunch Supervision Receipts will be prepared and distributed to everyone by February 28th, 2022. Please note that this income tax receipt includes payments made in the year 2021 from January to December 2021. ***(This means that it covers Jan-June 2021 of the previous school year, and Sept-Dec 2021 of the current school year).***

Tax receipts will be made available on your child's Mozaik account. We will keep you informed as soon as we have the more information. Please note that we cannot issue a tax receipt without a valid SIN#, and correct email address on file. If we are missing any information including a SIN# we will contact you.

Upcoming Ped days:

~~✚ Jan. 14, 2022 – Club Fy activity – Cancelled~~

✚ Jan 24th, 2022 – In School Superhero day



✚ Feb 10th, 2022: In School – Winter Carnival Theme



✚ Feb 11th, 2022: In School Club Fy Activity – tentatively rescheduled



✚ Feb 14th, 2022 : In School –Valentine theme –Cake decorating with Enfant & Compagnie

