



December Newsletter



OPEN HOUSE

Our first Open House was held in-person on Thursday, November 17th. We had a lot of interest from our visitors, and we were excited to highlight all the great things we offer. A big thank you to our Governing Board and PPO Chair and Vice Chair and of course to all the students who showed off their Michelangelo pride, did a fantastic job speaking about our school!

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair took place last week from November 22nd to November 24th. Thank you to all those who placed an order and of course to all the parent volunteers that gave their time to help us out. It was a great success!



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Our Chocolate Fundraiser ended at the beginning of November. Like every year, students and parents really came together to make this a fun success for our school.

The Top 3 Chocolate sellers for our school were: 1st: Leia Scattone, 2nd: Mia Rose Riviera and 3rd: Alessandro Paparelli.

The Top Chocolate sellers by grade were: Pre-K: Miko Maniscalco, Kindergarten: Giuliano Di Iorio, Grade 1: Leia Scattone, Grade 2: Briana Cabral, Grade 3: Alessandro Paparelli, Grade 4: Cristina Insogna, Grade 5: Jade Emery Mediacci, and Grade 6: Lucas Racanelli.

HOLIDAY CHARITIES

This year we will be continuing our annual tradition of donating to the less fortunate. We will have two charities that we will be working with. **Sox in a Box** that will run from November 29 to December 9 inclusively, and **Sun Youth (Food & Toy Drive)** that will run from December 1 – December 12 inclusively. These drives are organized by our Spiritual Animator, Veronica D'Agata and information detailing the drives has been sent out on November 24th.



HOLIDAY READING!

We will be bringing back the Holiday Reading activity again this year where parents can schedule a time block with your child's class to read a Holiday book to the group. Interested parents will be given a choice of either reading in-person or virtually on Teams depending on what is more convenient for you. Teachers will be communicating with you with more details next week.

LATE ARRIVALS

We have been noticing that there has been an increase in the number of students coming to school late in the morning. It is important for students to arrive to school on time and to be ready to start classes promptly at 8:52 a.m. in order to avoid class disruptions. Please note, as it is stated in the agenda, 3 unexplained late arrivals in a month will merit a reflection.

WINTER ATTIRE

Whether we like it or not, the winter weather has arrived. Students are expected to come to school dressed accordingly (hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc.). The students will be going out to play for a total of 60 minutes (not including Daycare). They are to be dressed appropriately for the weather. All children should be wearing boots. It would be a good idea to keep an extra pair of socks in your child's school bag in case their socks get wet. Please note that the school does not have enough spare clothing items to be lending to children when they come in wet from Recess and Lunch. Furthermore, due to Covid-19 and to ensure student safety, we are refraining from lending out items as much as possible.



SCHOOL MESSENGER

When using School Messenger, please do not reply to the email that we've sent, as we do not receive those messages. To ensure that your message is read, kindly address your emails to the Michelangelo email address (michelangelo@msb.qc.ca) or to whomever you would like to address your concern.



GRADE 3 IB NEWS

When you read "*Sharing the Planet*", what comes to mind?

Our grade 3 students are exploring this theme by looking at how *humans* share this planet. Now, how can grade 3 students make a connection to this big idea? They look at it through the lens of how they interact with each other through peace and conflict resolution.

This unit is very relevant to the students' reality as they must reflect upon the real-life situations that arise daily at school. They must find solutions and



strategies to improve the outcome of these situations.

The teachers have also been creative in coming up with engaging activities to help students make significant connections, especially when it comes to divergent perspectives in a conflict.

Student Council Update

Since the elections, the Student Council has been very busy learning about their roles and responsibilities as representatives of their grade level. They have also been surveying their peers regarding the Halloween and Christmas activities that were implemented and are being planned for the school. The students' input has been shared with the teachers involved in these said committees. Furthermore, the Student Council has been meeting regularly these past few weeks to prepare action plans for projects that they will propose and present to the administration this week. Stay tuned for more news to come...



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful holiday season filled with happiness and many wonderful memories. We hope that you get to spend quality time with family and friends.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

See you back again on January 9th, 2023.

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Mario Benvenuto
Vice-Principal

A Message from Daycare

It has been a busy, action packed and fun first few months of Daycare for all the staff and students in daycare. The educators have been working hard on implementing some great new activities that compliment our IB units.

We had lots of fun on our **Ped days** with the special companies and educators planning some fun activities to keep all our students happy and engaged. Starting off with celebrating **Fall and Halloween**, **Donut decorating with Enfant & Compagnie**, **Celebrating World Smile Day** -spreading kindness and smiles and making our very own smile bracelets, **Apple Picking** for the first time since the pandemic, **Celebrating National Child's Day** with Everblast & All Aboard Games, a fieldtrip to **Cinema Guzzo** with a yummy pizza lunch waiting for us when we returned, and lastly our adventures with **Space and Science**.

Our upcoming ped day scheduled on **Monday, Dec 9th, 2021**, celebrating **The Holidays!** (Deadline to register for this Ped day is **December 1st, 2022**).

We have many more fun-filled in store for the new year as well!

The first Ped day **after the holidays** is scheduled for **January 30th, 2023**, and we will be treating the kids to fun-filled day with the company **Club Fy** who will plan a whole day of kid-friendly circus-type training. *More information on this ped day and permission slips will be distributed in January.*

Deadline to register for the Jan 30th, 2023, Ped day will be Wednesday Jan 18th, 2023.

(Please don't miss this deadline. Students who do not submit the signed permission slip will not be permitted to attend that Ped day).

The December daycare programs are also being sent out by your child's educator.

Please take the time to see all the interesting activities they have planned for your children this month.

Daycare Registration Forms: Please note we will be sending home the official Daycare Registrations forms to every student who is registered in daycare either as sporadic or full-time who have not signed their registrations yet. **These need to be signed and returned to school immediately.**

Please read the instructions attached to the forms for more information.

Daycare & Lunch Supervision Fees:

We kindly ask that all daycare payments for December be made no later than: **December 21st, 2022.**

Invoices for December will be sent out by email the week of December 12th, 2022.

*Please make sure to pay the correct accounts for daycare or lunch Your statement will indicate which account to pay on the top heading of the statement. It will indicate either "Michelangelo School" – LH CODE for online payments or "Michelangelo Daycare" – SG CODE for online payments.



VERY IMPORTANT!

Safety Concern for Daycare Dismissal:

With the colder weather, and time change it is becoming very dark quite early and it is sometimes very difficult to see parents when they pick up their children. Please note that for safety reasons unless there is an authorized adult **visible** at the daycare door, we cannot dismiss and send your child out.

REMINDER!

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: (Soccer/PELO/Chess/Karate)

A reminder that daycare students attending afterschool activities need time to be dismissed from their activity and return to their daycare group and retrieve their things. Please do not come to pick them up from daycare before **5:15pm** on those days. Please do not send a Hop Hop request before the activity ends, this makes dismissal very confusing as they are not with the daycare during the activity.

*Also, often adults picking up the children forget when they have their activities and come to pick them up too early from daycare. Please make sure that anyone authorized to pick up your child is aware of the afterschool activities they are registered for. We cannot take your children out of the activity.

*For daycare students attending the later session of Soccer from 5:00-6:00; please note that the soccer instructor will dismiss **all the students** including daycare students from the office doors for the second **soccer session only**.

On behalf of all of us from Daycare, we wish you above all a Healthy, and Joyous Holiday Season.

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Nancy Salituri

Daycare Technician



