



January Newsletter



January 4th, 2023.

Dear parents,

Welcome back! There are just a few more days left to this Holiday season. 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 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 8:47 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.



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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

With the new year, all organizers will be preparing their activities for their winter sessions with the activities beginning throughout the month. Please refer to the January Calendar for the important dates.

OPEN HOUSE

Our second Open House is scheduled for Friday, January 27th, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents who did not get the opportunity to visit our school in November are invited to pass by our school for a visit. We

also encourage any new parents to visit our website or even call Main Office. We are just an email or phone call away!

REGISTRATION

Sibling Registration will take place from Monday, January 23rd, 2023, to Friday, January 27th, 2023, from 8:00 a.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.

New Student Registration will take place from Monday, January 30th to Friday February 3rd, 2023.

The link to book appointments to register will be available on our social media one week prior.



January News from Daycare & School Lunch Supervision

New and updated December & January statement of accounts (invoices) will be provided to all parents for both daycare and school lunch supervision services once we return to school.

(*The December 23rd, 2022, snow day will be removed from the invoicing school calendar for both daycare and the lunch program, and any extra amounts already paid for that day will be applied to the January 2023 statement).

A reminder that all outstanding fees, including the December fees are due January 9th, 2023.

Reminder:

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 daycare team have a lot of fun activities planned for the students upon their return.

The educators will be sending you a copy of their activity plans when we return.

We will also be continuing offering the **Sport ball Activity** every **Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:30 am** starting again on **Feb.1, 2023**. For the winter session, we will be offering activity to the students from **Gr 3-6** on a rotation schedule for 8 weeks. We will send the schedule to parents before it begins.



Upcoming Ped days:

✚ Jan 30th, 2023 – In School Club Fy Activity

✚ Feb. 8, 2023 - In School – Valentine Theme

✚ Feb 24th, 2022 – Outing – more info to come



Income Tax Receipts for 2022 (Jan-Dec 2022)

Daycare Receipts and School Lunch Supervision Receipts will be prepared and distributed to everyone by February 28th, 2023. Please note that this income tax receipt includes payments made in the year 2022 from January to December 2022. ***(This means that it covers Jan-June 2022 of the previous school year, and Sept-Dec 2022 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. This is how the information is linked to Mozaik. If we are missing any information including a SIN# we will contact you. Each parent has their own link should there be more than one payer eligible for a tax receipt.

Daycare Registration Forms: *Due some processing and distribution issues, the Daycare Registration forms will be sent out in January 2023. 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 will need to be signed and returned to school immediately. Please read the instructions attached to the forms for more information when you receive them.*

Some Helpful Reminders:



*Don't forget to send your child to daycare/school in the morning with their shoes on the first day back to school. They are often forgotten on that busy first day back!

*Bring all winter attire such as snow pants, hats, mittens – we go out for recess everyday!

*Especially for younger grades: It is a good time to replenish and send extra clothes for the winter months that students can bring and keep at school for those unexpected mishaps or accidents that require a change of clothes. Pants, socks, shirts, and undergarments are always a good idea!

*We also ask that parents please look over their orders for hot meals for January if they have ordered for the month, to avoid errors, or missing lunches for that first week back.

*Whenever possible we recommend that parents do not order hot meals on the days that their child is in an extra-curricular activity at lunch time such as ball hockey, chess, and guitar. Students from the Junior (PreK-Gr 2) & Senior groups (Gr 3-6) have their lunch at different times, and it becomes more complicated to remove meals from the warmers etc. when they change their lunch routine. It also takes longer for them to eat which can take precious time away from their activity. A quick sandwich/wrap, for example, would do the trick on those days.



*Happy New Year from the Daycare Team!
Sincerely, Nancy Salituri, Daycare Technician*



Grade 2 IB News

Reflecting on these past 2 weeks, one may conclude that holidays are often wonderful occasions that unite people. Furthermore, celebrations reflect culture, community, and family, and are a part of *Who we are*. In their present unit of inquiry, the grade 2 students are discovering many different holidays and occasions celebrated around the world. They are also looking at their own personal celebrations and traditions. In the end, students will come to realize that even though many celebrations seem quite different to their own, there are many similarities that connect them together.



Student Council Update



To continue the theme of spreading kindness, the Student Council was very engaged in the Christmas celebration planning as they proposed an activity for the entire school. In an announcement, they encouraged everyone to spread good cheer and holiday wishes to someone special in the school whether it be a peer, a friend, a relative, or an adult in the school by offering them a card. The Student Council chose the images for the cards, folded them, sorted them, and distributed them to every classroom. The student representatives are very excited to be the little elves delivering the cards to all the happy recipients at the end of the week.

We are looking forward to working collaboratively with you in 2023.

Sincerely,

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

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Vice Principal

