



December Newsletter



STRIKE DAYS

At the moment, we have heard the same information as you from the media. We have not received an official communication from the school board, but it is safe to say that they will indeed be on strike from December 8-14 unless the unions reach an agreement with the government between now and then. We assure you we will keep you posted as we receive more information.

OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House was held on November 9th and we are glad to report that we had a lot of interest from our visitors. We were very excited to highlight all the great things we offer. A big thank you to our Governing Board and PPO volunteers as well as to all our student volunteers who showed off their Michelangelo pride while speaking about our school!

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair took place this week from November 28th to November 30th. Thank you to all those who placed an order and of course to all the parent volunteers who gave their time to help us out. It was a great success!



HOLIDAY CHARITIES

This year we will be continuing our annual tradition of donating to the less fortunate. Our collection started on November 28th and will continue until December 7th. We will be collecting new socks, new toys and nonperishable food items. These drives have been organized by our Spiritual Animator, Veronica D'Agata. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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.

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 incase 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.



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@emsb.qc.ca) or to whomever you would like to address your concern.



HOLIDAY CLASS GIFTS

With the holiday season upon us we understand that students may want to bring in goodies for their classmates. Due to allergies, we kindly ask that students not bring in any form of food to give or share with their peers. If you choose to buy a small holiday token for classmates, please be sure that it is not excessive as this places pressure on other parents to do the same.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Our poinsettia fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to all who ordered. We are hoping that they will be delivered next week. An email will go out shortly with more information.



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 8th, 2024

Marisa Mineiro
Principal

Amanda Vallelunga
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 Harvest Celebration where with the help of Urban Seedlings company we revamped our gardens and planted garlic, strawberries and raspberries**, **Halloween Fun Day had a spookish day of Halloween activities**, **Games Day where students enjoyed a variety of strategy games**, our first fieldtrip to **Funtropolis where students had great fun jumping, sliding and playing**, and lastly our adventures with **Space and Science**.

Our upcoming ped day scheduled on **Friday, Dec 8th, 2023**, celebrating The Holidays – is now pending and most likely cancelled due to the Strike days, more information to follow.
(Deadline to register for this Ped day has already passed, and the ped day is full should we go ahead).

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

The first Ped day after the holidays is tentatively scheduled for **January 31st, 2024**.
More information on this ped day and permission slips will be distributed in January.

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 & Lunch Supervision Fees:

The November statements for daycare have not been sent out and will be sent out late. We are waiting on directives from the schoolboard regarding some changes. The due date for Daycare fees for November will be deferred until we get the information needed to send out the statements. More information to follow.

*For **School lunch supervision only**, the statements will be sent out shortly.
The new due date will be **December 5th, 2023, for the November fees**.

We kindly ask that all daycare payments for December be made no later than: **December 19th, 2023**.
Statements for December will be sent out by email the week of **December 11th, 2023**.

*Please make sure to pay the correct accounts for daycare or lunch Your statement will show which account to pay on the top heading of the statement. It will show 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 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: (PELO/Chess/Karate/Tutoring)

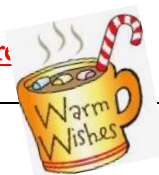
A reminder that daycare students attending afterschool activities need time to be dismissed from their activity and return to their daycare group and retrieve their things. Please do not come to pick them up from daycare before **5:00pm** on those days. Please do not send a Hop Hop request before the 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.

*Important! For daycare students in tutoring from 5-6pm, please note that students **will not** return to daycare at 6pm when tutoring is finished. **They will be dismissed by their tutors at the main gate.**

Please ensure you pick them up at the gate and not daycare – daycare will be closed.

If there are siblings of students in tutoring, please make sure to pick them up at daycare first, **before**
Late fees will incur after 6pm.



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

