



# December Newsletter



## OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> 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, PPO volunteers, Teachers, Daycare Staff 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 from November 19<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue until December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting 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.

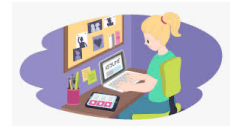
## WINTER ATTIRE

Whether we like it or not, the winter weather is slowly arriving. Students are expected to come to school dressed accordingly to the weather forecast (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 at the start of the winter weather. 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.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

The Big Box of Cards Fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to all who ordered. We are hoping that they will be delivered by the second week of December. An email will go out shortly with more information.

## CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS (WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2024)

Our Christmas Committee along with our PPO volunteers have been planning and getting ready for our Holiday week of activities.

### *Holiday Spirit Week: December 16-20*

**Monday:** Baby it's Cold Outside- Wear your ugly Christmas Sweater.

**Tuesday:** Rockin Around the Gingerbread House- Wear your favorite holiday accessory.

**Wednesday:** Jingle Bell Socks - Wear your toasty Christmas socks and enjoy chocolate milk.

**Thursday:** Christmas Bingo- Dress like a candy cane. Wear white and red.

**Friday:** We Wish you a Merry Christmas- Wear your Christmas jammies to celebrate the last day before winter break and enjoy Breakfast with Santa.



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.  
School resumes on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Daycare is open on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 which is a Ped. Day).

Marisa Mineiro  
Principal

Stefanie Fuoco  
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 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 enjoyed eating special fruits and vegetables, celebrating the gardening work done in the Spring and summer, as well as making our very own garlic & rosemary oil, [Pyjama/Games Day](#) where students enjoyed a variety of fun interactive and strategy games, our first fieldtrip to [Cineplex Star Cite](#) where student the students had fun at the theatre watching the heartwarming movie "The Wild Robot" while munching on their combo treat of popcorn/candy/drink, and lastly our special celebration of [National Children's Day](#) with [Sharon Simeca's Universe of Play](#) where the PreK-K had a blast using their imagination to sculpt and transform a variety of characters using playdough and Students in Grades 1-6 enjoyed taking part in improvisation games and scenes.

We also had a fun [Halloween Day](#) had a spookish day of Halloween activities and students treated to an early dinner.

The first Ped day after the holidays is scheduled for **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, (In School Activities):

[Winter Wonderland Theme](#). This will be the first day back from the holiday break; therefore, Ped day letters will be sent out in early December for this Ped day and due no later than **December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

*More information on this ped day and permission slips will be emailed shortly.*

The second Ped day in January is scheduled for [Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024](#)

*\*Information for this Ped day will be sent in January 2024*

Please note that we cannot accept any late registrations for Ped days since we staff, schedule, order materials, and plan according to the number of registrations we receive. We kindly ask that the deadlines are respected. We cannot make exceptions.



The December daycare programs have been 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 & school lunch supervision have been sent out.

The due date for Daycare fees for November is **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The December invoices will be sent earlier due to the holiday break.

We kindly ask that all daycare payments for December be made no later than: **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Statements for December will be sent out by email the week of **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.



*\*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 person 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 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.*

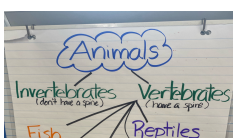
**We cannot take your children out of the activity.**

**\*Important!** For daycare students in tutoring from 5-6pm, please note that for now, students will return to daycare before 6pm when tutoring is finished. **They will be dismissed at the daycare door no later than 6pm.**  
**Please ensure you pick them up on time Late fees will incur after 6pm.**

**\*For students not in daycare, the tutors will dismiss the students at the main gate.**

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

Sincerely,  
Nancy Salituri  
Daycare Technician



## Grade 3 IB News

In their second unit of inquiry, students in *Grade 3* learned how living things adapt to their environment in order to survive.

They explored animals and their classifications. How the physical adaptations of animals are related to their environment and needs as well as the physical adaptations of animals and how they work. The students were communicators and inquirers when asked to classify animals into different categories. Here are a few pictures that showcase some of the students' work during this unit.

Good work grade 3!



### OTHER IB NEWS:

Grade 1 students and teachers showcased how courageous they are. They created a bulletin board highlighting how important it is to be courageous in all we do, including being ourselves.

