



# (L'Kwal) St. Michael Community School

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**As a Métis School of Excellence, we teach through Métis perspectives and celebrate all cultures! We are Safe, Respectful & Responsible!**

## ohahâwipîsim- August - Âcimôwin l'papi – Newsletter #1

### Dates to Remember

#### September

- 1-1<sup>st</sup> day of School am only
- 6 – Before and After school care starts
- 1 & 6 – Kindergarten staggered start A-K
- 2 – Kindergarten staggered start L-Z
- 1-8 – Pre-k home visits
- 12 & 14 -- Pre-K Staggered Start
- 5 – No School
- 9 – Gr. 3/4 and 4/5 at Métis days
- 14 – Community Breakfast
- 29 – Orange shirt day
- 30 – No School

#### October

- 7 – No School – PLD
- 10 – No School
- 11-14– Tim Horton's Camp
- 20 – Photo Day
- 28 – No school -- Staff retreat

### Tân'si from your Admin Team

**We are excited to welcome everyone back where our faith and our Metis culture and langue permeate all that we do.**

**We welcome new staff members Uncle Darren, Auntie Brittney, Auntie Shirley, Auntie Nicole and Auntie Shelly.**

**Our Michif Language program includes Kindergarten to Grade 2 with free city-wide transportation.**

**We ask our creator to bless our community as we gather again for a great school year.**

**Ma Tânt Cristin and Ma Tânt Faith**

### Michif Bilingual Program

**St. Michael Community School is the first school in Saskatchewan to offer Bilingual programming for our Michif Language (Métis Language). We offer programming in grades:**

**Kindergarten – all day everyday**

**Grade 1**

**Grade 2**

**Catholic Faith-based learning**

**Grow in your Métis identity through language and culture**

**Land-based learning**

**Transportation provided**

**Nutrition support (Breakfast, lunch, and Snack)**

## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Pre-Kindergarten is now full day Monday and Wednesday. The first two weeks of school the Pre-k teacher will be setting up a time to meet with families in their home or at school. Staggered start days begin September 12 and September 14, your teacher will tell you your start day at the meeting.

Kindergarten is full day, every day again this year and we will begin with staggered start. September 1(am) and September 6 will be last names starting with A-K and September 2 will be last names starting with L-Z. September 7 will be a regular school day for ALL kindergarten students.

### Welcome back Breakfast & Meet the teacher

When: 8am -9am Wednesday Sept 14

Where: School Gym

Who: All community members of St. Michael Community School

Why: Meet our staff & celebrate another school year!

### Cell Phone policy

We request that students **DO NOT** bring valuable items to school. WE ALSO DISCOURAGE STUDENTS FROM BRINGING CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted during the school day (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) we provide all the technology required for learning.

Students understand that if they do not follow these expectations, they may have the device confiscated. Students choosing not to follow these expectations, repeatedly, will have their cell phone taken away and a parent may have to come pick it up. Any parent wishing to contact their child during the day can easily reach them by calling the school at 306-659-7420.

### Dress Code

Over the past few years, the more prescriptive aspects of a dress code have evolved into something closer to a case-by-case examination of “appropriate dress guidelines.” As such, we offer the following guidelines to outline our beliefs:

- That we can rely on the good judgement of parents and caregivers to determine the clothing children should wear to school.
- That how we dress affects our attitude and behavior. Students and staff are encouraged to dress for success in their roles as learners and professionals in a Catholic education setting.
- That weather, activity, age and many different variables cause great variation in what can be deemed reasonable and respectful.
- That clothing with vulgar language or themes of racism, sexism, drug, alcohol and tobacco will not be allowed.
- That students have the clothing necessary to participate in school activities and outdoor recesses.
- If a student’s clothing choice is questionable, a conversation will ensue, and the student may be asked to change their attire.

## Staff for 2022/2023

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Principal – Cristin Dorgan Lee

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### Teaching Staff

Darren Donauer- Grade 7/8    Katie May Grade- 6/7

Brittany McKinnon- Grade 4/5    Lesley Kerpan Grade -3/4

Shirley Gardiner- Michif 2    Kim McCallum Michif- 1

Julia McCormick- Michif Kindergarten    Nicole Gursky- PreK

Christa Felix & Megan Wotherspoon LAT

Rylee McKenzie – Core Michif Release

Sandra Laliberte – Language Keeper

Dayna Inkster – Métis Education Program Leader

Nevin Buehler- Fiddle

### Educational Assistants

Tash Uhryn    Omonuvie (Omo) Oseghale

Emmett Cutts    Amie Conley

Office Coordinator – Kristi Bingley

Elder – Mary Morin    Nutrition Assistant – Moe Westby

### Tim Horton's Camp

We have an incredible opportunity to partner with Tim's Camp in Kananaskis, Alberta.

We will be attending camp in the fall (October 11-14, 2022) and spring-time. This opportunity is for select grade 6-8 students.

At the camp we will help our students imaging a future where they achieve their full potential with hope, diversity, community engagement, inspiration and gratitude.

### Boys and Girls Club -- Before and After School Care

**We will have the before and after school care program again this year. Please fill out the application form online, we will not provide paper copies. They will begin September 6<sup>th</sup> so please make sure you have alternate arrangements for September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Here is the link for the application: <https://www.bgcsaskatoon.com/programs/before-after-school-programs>

## Education Thru Karate Program

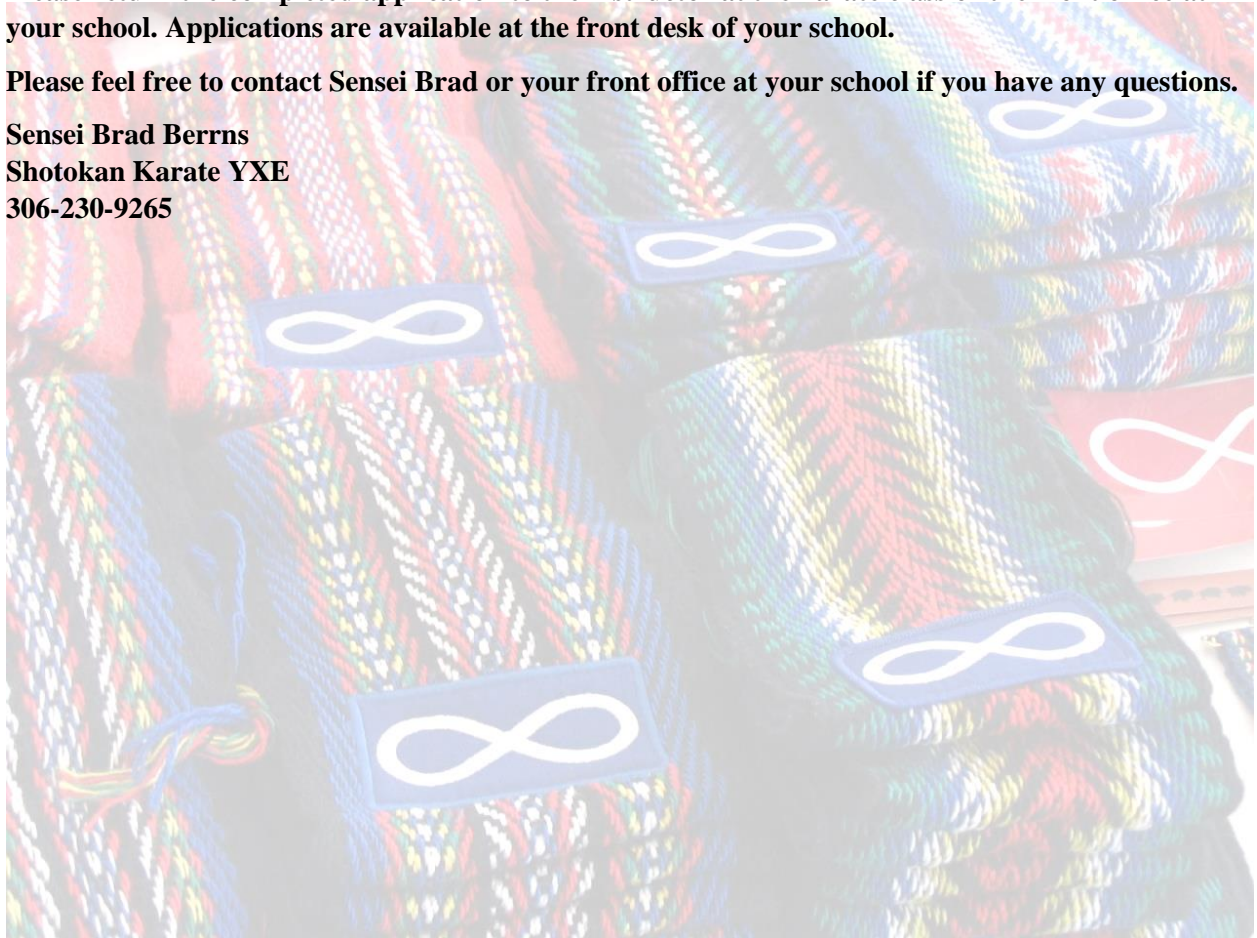
Shotokan Karate YXE is continuing to teach our After School Karate Program at St Michael Community School. This class is at St Michael Community School on Tuesday's from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. There is no cost for this karate class. Students are still able to join this program. Your young athlete learn karate basics and self-defence principles. They will also benefit from increased fitness, flexibility, anti-bullying while having fun learning karate.

Students that are members of our After School Karate Program can also join our full karate program at no cost on Tuesday's at St. Michaels School from 6-7pm and on Wednesday's at St.Maria Goretti from 6-7pm.

Please return the completed application to the instructor at the karate class or the front office at your school. Applications are available at the front desk of your school.

Please feel free to contact Sensei Brad or your front office at your school if you have any questions.

Sensei Brad Berrns  
Shotokan Karate YXE  
306-230-9265





**Learn. Play. Grow.**

**Prekindergarten 2022-2023**

**Applications are now being accepted for our Prekindergarten program at St. Michael Community School.**

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools offers **FREE** ministry-funded pre-kindergarten programs for **3- and 4- year-old** children in targeted school areas. Each classroom has a professional teacher and an educational associate.

Most programs run half days from Monday to Thursday with some Fridays targeted for family engagement activities.

Families interested in applying for a program or want more information, please contact St. Michael Community School at 306-659-7420 or visit <https://www.gscs.ca/page/79/pre-kindergarten>

[Prekindergarten Application Form](#)

*Apply now as spaces are limited*



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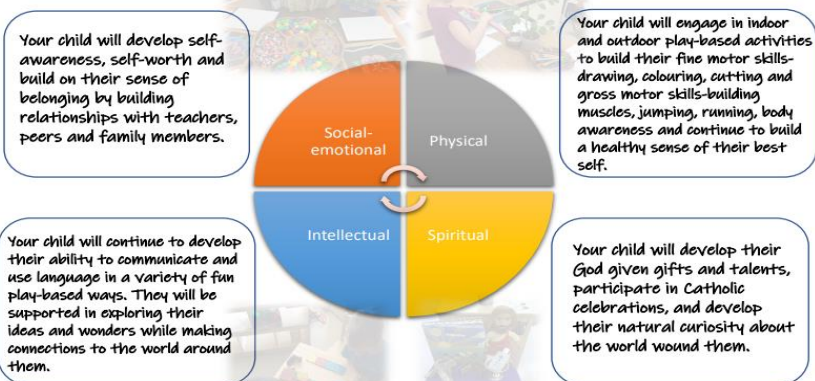
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Prekindergarten is a Ministry of Education funded program for 3 and 4-year-old children. A holistic approach is foundational to the Prekindergarten program. This means that all aspects of a child's life are considered within the program – the family, the community and his/her language, culture, social-emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual development. Each classroom environment focuses on play and promotes hands on learning opportunities. Prekindergarten runs 4 days a week either mornings or afternoons (depending on the school) with some Fridays dedicated to family days, home visits and class outings. There are 16 students per class, 1 teacher and 1 EA-8:1 ratio. Nutritional snacks are provided to students each day. Families need to fill out an application for potential program placement. Due to the limited availability of Prekindergarten programs, children and their families are selected for the program to ensure the most vulnerable children are served based on Ministry criteria.



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