

St. Michael C.A. News

Elementary Regional Arts Program

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Daily Schedule

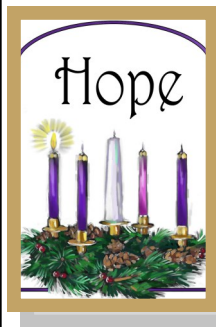
8:45 am-yard supervision begins
9:00 am-morning entry
10:25-10:40 am-morning recess
12:00-1:00 pm-lunch & recess
2:05 2:20 pm-afternoon recess
3:30 pm-dismissal

Prayer for Families

"Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for
your blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be
an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times
of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of
light and love.
May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all families."
St.. Michael, pray for us.
Amen



December's Catholic Virtue is Optimism (Hope)



During the month of December, we
celebrate the spiritual virtue of Hope.
Hope is strongly associated with the
Advent Season and is the theological virtue
by which we desire the kingdom of heaven
and eternal life as we look forward in hope.

I will:

Look to the future with trust in God
Keep a positive attitude
Prepare for Christmas by waiting with hope, faith, joy and
love.



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values

Excellence Equity
Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion
Integrity Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Luke 4:18

Thank you for all of your support with the Rafiki sales! All money is being sent to the organization WE and when the shipment of bracelets arrives they will be distributed to your child's class. We are SO excited to announce that we sold 142 Rafiki bracelets! Thank you for your kindness and generosity. When you receive the bracelet, don't forget to type in the code on the back to see where your money was sent and what impact you made!

Get Ready because... our Christmas Gift Drive is starting! This year we have decided to support Covenant House which supports youth in a variety of ways! The organization has sent a list of items they really need, so each class has been assigned a specific item.

Thank you for all of your support!

Luke 4:18

**Covenant
House**
Opening Doors for Homeless Youth



Radiate Kindness

Students and educators of the St. Michael Catholic Academy community launched our "Radiate Kindness Week" and celebrated how we can make the world a 'kinder place.' On Monday November 20th, students joined together in our Cross Divisional Virtue Groups. Each group was given a virtue theme to create a group name, we created a 'radiating kindness star' which was placed in the Grand Hall and front foyer.

On Thursday November 23rd our Junior students wrote and recorded a St. Michael Song...primary and intermediate students will help create the actions to this song later in the year. Also on Thursday November 23rd, students and staff wore bright colours to symbolize that St. Michael believes that kindness is the key to making the world a brighter place.



Superintendent of Education, Laura Sawicky visits St. Michael Academy 'Radiate Kindness' activities.



Integration of Our Catholic Faith

CWL Catholic Women's League Good Shepherd

Christmas Bake Sale and Bazaar

December 2nd and 3rd in the Church Hall.

From 2:30 pm on Saturday December 2nd
and after all the Masses on Sunday December 3rd

Please join us for an opportunity to purchase Christmas
goodies and crafts.

November's Catholic Virtue, Justice
recognition will be posted on the website
shortly.



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement



Radio Show:

Students in grades 7 and 8 have been invited to participate in the Radio Show morning announcements. Thank you to the following students who continue to show initiative, enthusiasm and student leadership skills.

Thank you for leading us every morning during O Canada, morning prayers and announcements. Congratulations to: **Kristina D., Abigail M., Juliana R., Mikayla L., Ella N., Karolina T. and Vivian P.** Thank you also to **Armen B. and Joshua A.** for their TFC weekly updates and thank you to **Simona V., Grace G., Abigail M., and Sofia P.** for their commitment to Luke 4:18 updates.

Students are encouraged to see Mrs. Fitzpatrick if they are interested in being a part of the Radio Show.

Dear Parents,

Catholic School Council Faith & Ethics Committee will be hosting Shrove/Pancake Tuesday, 1st Communion & Confirmation celebrations at school. We're looking for parent volunteers also a co-chair! To whom may be interested, please send your contact information to the school office. Thank you & God Bless!

St. Michael C.A. Parent Council Faith & Ethics Committee.

Leadership Links Reflection

By: Kristina, Juliana and Abigail

We all think we know the meaning of leadership. But there is no right or wrong answer to define leadership. Leadership is about showing people what's right and helping each other out and working as a team to create a better community.

This year's theme for the leadership conference that we attended together was 'Mission Possible'. Anything is possible if we put our hard work and determination into it. All leaders have one thing in common. They all have goals; some big and some small, but they all work towards achieving them. These are our 'missions'. You can be a leader at your school by setting a good example and encouraging your peers to do the right thing. Leadership isn't about being bossy, it is about helping people and inspiring those around you.

You probably all have heard the quote "Do what you love." A public speaker that spoke to us, made this simple quote into something we all need to remember. He said instead we should, "Love what you do." We all want to do what we love. But sometimes in life, we cannot do what we love all of the time. So we need to love what we do. We need to learn to love what we are doing because sitting around being miserable is never fun. Find something in that job that you can love. It will make you a happier person. In school, we might not enjoy every single subject, but we need to find moments within our day to find happiness, joy and gratitude.



You can use your talents and passions toward being a leader and making a better world. An example of this is my passion for dancing. I can raise money by putting on a dance show, where people need to pay to come watch. I can use all of the money I earned and donate it to a charity like SickKids foundation. Something so small to me can mean something so big to somebody else.

We challenge you to be a leader today. Whether it is holding the door for someone, standing up for what is right, or making a difference in your community - it is all important. A quote to leave you thinking about this topic is:

"Leadership isn't the love of power, but the power of love."

Go Dragons Go!!



Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Team: Congratulations to the *Intermediate Boys' Volleyball* team who had a successful season and put forth a great team effort during the tournament hosted at St. Michael Academy in November. Thank you to our coach Mrs. Vandehogen and Mr. Masci for volunteering to assist. Congratulations to Ethan D., Joshua K., Joshua L., Martin H., Kye B., Juan L.N., Javier A.R., Daniel Z., Andrew C., and Nathan Y. Thank you also to our helpers; Tudor M., Michael P., Aren T., Ashley L., and Andrew L. Thank you to the many parents who came to watch and support the team.
Go Dragon's Go!



Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team: Congratulations to the *Intermediate Girls' Volleyball* team who had a successful season and put forth a great team effort during the tournament hosted at St. Edward in November. Thank you to our coach Ms. Manserra and Mr. Masci for volunteering to assist. Congratulations to Abigail M., Ally R., Angelique R., Eva C., Sara N., Serena M., Sofia K., Marissa T., Rianne C., and Darrah T., Thank you also to our parent drivers; Mrs. McFarlane, Mr. Rybinski and Mrs. Thalassinos.
Go Dragon's Go!



Intermediate Girls' & Boys' Basketball: practices continue. Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Doria, Mrs. Chance, Ms. Manserra and Mrs. Di Mambro and Mr. Scott for volunteering to assist. **Go Dragon's Go!**

ERAP Music Band Students

Music Clinic

Beginner Band, Junior Band, Intermediate Band

Friday December 8th all day

Wind Ensemble students Tuesday December 12th (am)



Engaging Our Communities

BOARD NOTICE

Dear Supporters of Catholic Education,

In November, the Ontario Liberal Party launched their "Common Ground" website:

<http://commonground.ontarioliberal.ca>.

This website invites the public to put forward proposals that address particular provincial needs and priorities. One of the current suggestions is a proposal for the amalgamation of all Ontario schools under one non-denominational school board. It is important that we, as Catholic school ambassadors, strongly voice our Constitutional rights, and continue to stand steadfast in supporting our 175-year-old Catholic school system.

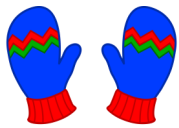
In our Catholic schools, we continually focus on developing our students into confident, faith-filled and charitable citizens. In addition to excellent academic programming, our students are enriched through Parish and community partnerships, which nurture students in mind, body and spirit by giving witness to Gospel values. Catholic school graduates are called to love their neighbours and contribute to the common good of our society.

As stewards of Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools, your Board of Trustees is united in our mission to protect our Catholic identity. Collectively, we can make our voices heard to preserve our right to publicly funded Catholic Education.

We encourage you to visit the Common Ground website and register to cast your vote in favour of Catholic Education. During the upcoming election year, media outlets may also run "online polls" on this issue, please participate in them to affirm our message and defend our precious heritage.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Board of Trustees, YCDSB



As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed warmly for outdoor recess. Please remember a warm coat, hat, mittens and boots.

Engaging Our Communities



Catholic School Council

Catholic School Council Meeting:
Tuesday January 23rd, 2018 7pm in the library
all are welcome to attend

Halloween Fundraiser Update:

Thank you to our amazing Catholic School Council and Parent Volunteers who organized a 'spook-tacular' Halloween for our students. The Halloween Dance-a Thon was a MONSTEROUS success. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you again to Mrs. Dovolos, Mrs. Annibale, Mrs. Ciotola, Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Sayadian and Mrs. DeAngelis for planning and preparing this event for our students. Your generous support raised over \$15 000.00 (see attached letter). A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the students and parents who worked so hard and collected all of the pledges to support St. Michael Catholic Academy.

Top three individual student winners:

1st place - Isabella Gr. 5 Manserra

2nd Place— Sienna Gr. 2/3 Chance

3rd Place—Justin gr. 1 Martel

Top three Class Pizza Party Winners:

Primary Division: Mrs. Martel Grade 1

Junior Division: Mr. Di Fazio Grade 4 / 5

Intermediate Division: Mr. Yarow Grade 7

Engaging Our Communities

School Volunteers: We Need You! We value the assistance of many parent volunteers at St. Michael Catholic Academy. Would you like to get involved in some way? Opportunities for involvement include:

* Graduation Committee * Kiss N Ride * Healthy School Committee, *BBQ Committee and more. Make a difference in your child's school, meet other parents and be involved. Please contact the office or a member of the CSC for further information.



Civvies Day: The last Friday of each month students are invited to wear 'civvies' and make a donation to a selected charity. Dec. 18-22 'Christmas Spirit Week', donations have been collected for Covenant House. Friday January 26 Civvies Day, donations to Alzheimer Society of York Region.



Collecting 4L Milk Bags - Did you know that it takes hundred of plastic bags to create a sleeping mat? Our school will be collecting clean 4L plastic milk bags, Please send your bags to school with your child and your child can put them in the box provided in the front entrance. The bags will then be turned into mats by our Luke 4:18 students. Learning about helping others is important.



Christmas Story Night at St. Michael Catholic Academy

Our Christmas Story Night was a huge success! Many families dressed in their pajamas and enjoyed cookies and milk and participated in various games and activities.

Thank you to Mrs. Crocker for planning this magical evening. Your commitment, dedication and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our parent volunteers; Ms. Demerji, Ms. Kim, Ms. Kulathinal, Ms. DeAngelis, Ms. Ciotola, Ms Akhavan, Ms. Tourosian, Ms. Jadeian Ms. Thalassinis and to all our student ambassadors who helped run all of the literacy activities.



Engaging Our Communities

Student Drop-off and Pick-up: Ensuring that we are providing a safe environment for all students both within, outside, and coming to and leaving from school is our shared responsibility. School staff will follow specific safety protocols to ensure your child's safety and we would ask that parents also adhere to the safety practices outlined below.

Parents of FDK (kindergarten) students are asked to bring their children directly to the FDK yard between 8:45am and 9:00am.

Parents who walk or drive their children to school are asked to say their good-byes before the children enter the school yard. In addition to fostering a sense of independence, this routine affirms the school's safety protocol that the only people in the school yard are the supervising teachers. Supervision is provided in the school yard beginning at 8:45am. Therefore, we ask that parents please do not send children into the school yard prior to this time. The school day ends at 3:30pm, students who walk home are reminded to go home following dismissal. If you pick up your child at the end of the day, please discuss a pick up area. Students not picked up by 3:40pm are asked to go to the office to ensure the safety of your child.

When dropping off or picking up your child at school, please use the designated parking area. Please be respectful of the ONE WAY entrance of the driveway. Please obey all traffic signs and SLOW DOWN.

Your child's safety and that of all of our students and staff depends on everyone's cooperation. Thank you for your support.

Effective Use of Our Resources



Administration of

Medication: If your child requires prescription medication, check with your doctor about the possibility of prescribing medication that

could be taken before school and/or after your child returns home. If your child is required to take medication at school, it is the YCDSB's policy that parents submit a completed Administration of Medication Form to the school with the medication. Do not send medication to school without notifying the school and completing the form. Medication is kept at the office. (Policy 207A)

CANADA'S ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION

Commercial Electronic Messages from the York Catholic District School Board and its schools

The York Catholic District School Board requires the permission of its parents / guardians in order to receive any electronic messages, which contain a commercial element.

Examples of Commercial Electronic Messages include:

- School newsletters
- All fundraising information (hot lunch, pizza days, civvies days, school BBQ)
- Field Trips
- Year Books
- Spirit Wear
- Student Photos, etc.

If you have not consented, please visit <http://www.ycdsb.ca/cas/> and enter the same email address which was provided on the School Emergency Form.

Emergency Contact Forms



Please take the time to ensure that the information on the Emergency Contact form is accurate and current.

With the beginning of a new school year, there is a lot of student data that requires inputting into our system. Your support is greatly appreciated!

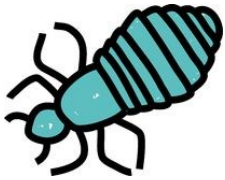


Parents & Visitors

It is important that all parents, friends and relatives report to the office upon entering the school, whether it is before, during or after school. We ask that all visitors "sign in" at the office and receive a 'visitor badge'.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your co-operation.

Effective Use of Our Resources



Pediculosis (Head Lice) Policy 210

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) from the Canadian Pediatric Society (<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice>) and Toronto Public Health (toronto.ca/health) is available on the school's website. A hard copy of the information posted on the school's website will be provided by the Principal if requested by the Parent/Guardian.



School Communication to parents related to Policy 206: Protection of Students with Asthma

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law : Ensuring Asthma Friendly

Schools, 2015) the Board approved a new policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma* at its June

21st Board Meeting. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current.

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206.



The Protection of Anaphylactic Students Policy 209: The York Catholic District School Board has a comprehensive policy for students with life threatening allergies. As outlined in the policy, parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies immediately and are required to fill in specific forms with yearly updated photos, which are available in the office. Parents are required to provide the school with two (2) up-to-date, single-dose applications of Epinephrine auto-injector. We ask that **NO PRODUCTS** be brought into the school that may contain nut products such as peanut butter, certain types of candy bars, cookies, etc. Please be sure to read all label ingredients. Fresh vegetables, fruit, 'no nut' granola bars, raisins, etc., make great snacks for your child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation.

November 22, 2017

Dear Parents and School Community,

On behalf of our Parent Council, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

During our last parent council meeting held on Tuesday November 21, 2017, the 2017/18 council financial plan and budget was presented and approved. We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of our school.

We are pleased to announce that our school council will be financially supporting the following items within the 2017/18 school year.

- Technology: Chromebooks, iPads, iPad storage, Chromebook storage \$24,527
- Teacher Support \$2100
- School Wide Presentations (Success & Wellbeing) \$2000
- French Program including Carnival \$600
- Library Author Visit \$300
- Annual Musical Production \$3500
- Annual Leadership Conference & Mental Health Conference \$350
- Student Subsidies/Compassionate Assistance \$1000
- Growing Celebration, Kdgn \$300
- G8 Graduation \$1500
- Art Show \$350
- Communication Board letters \$400
- School Song \$500
- School Mascot \$500
- Faith & Ethics Committee \$1200
- Literacy & Numeracy Committee \$400
- Council Banking \$50
- Council Expenses \$500
- Primary Yard Umbrella annual maintenance Fee \$300
- Math Manipulatives School Wide \$500

Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office. If you have any further questions, we encourage your attendance and participation at our council meetings.

Thank you for your continued support,

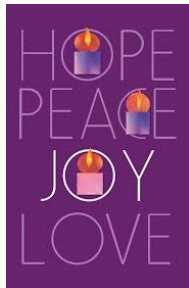
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Treasurer

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Chair

Advent at St. Michael Catholic Academy



Advent Mass

Thursday, December 7th, 2017

9:15 am at Good Shepherd Parish
all are welcome to attend



Primary Christmas Concert

Wednesday December 13th

6:30 pm

The Junior and Intermediate Students
of
St. Michael Catholic Academy

Christmas Concert



Tuesday December 19th

6:30 pm



Christmas Spirit Week December 18th -22nd

Students are invited to wear
red, green, white, Christmas
sweaters, hats/antlers

Cross Divisional Virtue Gathering

Christmas Sing-a-long

Friday December 22nd

1pm

All are welcome

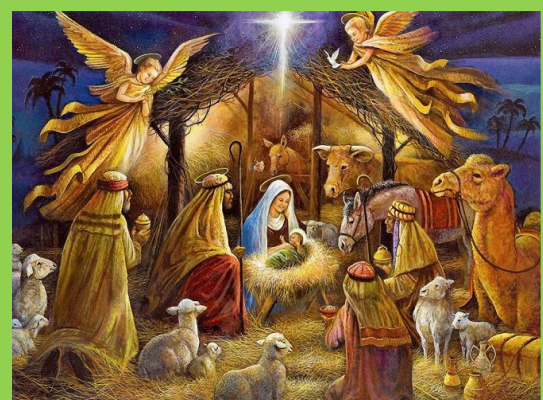


Kindergarten—Grade 3
will enjoy a 'Christmas Pajama Fun
Day'

Thursday December 21st
by participating in **Christmas Activities**



Luke 4:18 Get Ready because... our
Christmas Gift Drive is starting! This year we
have decided to support Covenant House
which supports youth in a variety of ways! The
organization has sent a list of items they really need,
each class has been assigned a specific item.
Information has been sent home





York Catholic District School Board

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*“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)*



December 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

During this Advent Season, students and staff in our schools have been enthusiastically preparing for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our faith traditions help us to think about Jesus' humble birth in a manger, and our Catholic schools provide all members of our Catholic learning communities with a wonderful opportunity to reflect together on the true meaning of Christmas. We are reminded to keep Christ close to us for He is our strength throughout our lives.

In our Catholic schools, students proudly display their faith in action. Whether it is by singing about the coming of our Saviour, organizing food drives, toy drives and clothing collections for those most vulnerable, or celebrating the Eucharist, our students demonstrate the true meaning of the season.

As your Trustee, I thank you for choosing Catholic Education. Your support of our school system is a blessing that allows our students and staff to grow in the love of Christ.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace and joy as you rejoice in our Saviour's birth. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Cotton".

Carol Cotton
Trustee
Markham (Thornhill/Unionville)

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November 16, 2017

Dear potential Confirmation Parents and Students.

As pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, I welcome you to celebrate Advent with us.

Grade 7 is a very important year in the life of every student. The Archdiocese of Toronto has determined that this is an appropriate age for children to receive Confirmation as a sacrament. Here at Good Shepherd Parish, there will be an important **information evening on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:00pm**. Only children whose families are registered at Good Shepherd Parish and who attend Mass here will receive the sacraments in our parish. This is in compliance with Archdiocesan directives.

The community of Good Shepherd is always open to the families of our school communities. We welcome new members, and would love to see children from our schools more regularly as altar servers or singing in our children's choir, but especially attending Sunday mass. If families of our school communities would like to have their children take part in the Parish Sacraments, these families must be registered with the parish office and attend mass regularly. Alternatively, if you already belong to another parish please contact your pastor to arrange for your child's Sacramental preparation.

At the meeting, the Catechist Team and I will carefully guide you through the Sacramental preparation program we will be following. Special attention will be directed to the enrollment ceremony, class dates, retreats, texts to be used, assignments, etc. There will be ample time for questions after the presentation. Please know that this meeting is for parent(s)/caregivers. However we encourage you to include your child in the entire process as it is their sacrament to receive. This year the confirmation ceremony will take place on Sunday May 27, 2018.

Confirmation registration will take place after the **Sunday Masses on December 3, 2017**. You are asked to **bring a copy of your child's original Baptismal certificate at that time**, your email address carefully printed/written out and **\$50.00 (cash or cheque payable to "The Church of the Good Shepherd")** which will cover the cost of student texts, Confirmation and gown rentals.

Sincerely,

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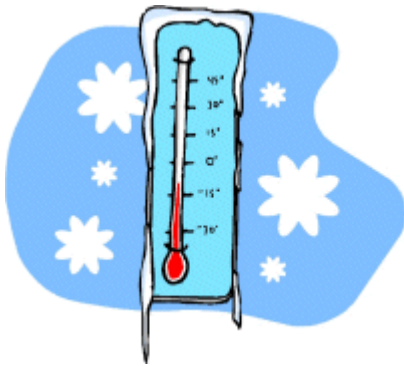
Father Anthony Iacobelli, Pastor

Inclement Weather Procedures



Winter Weather Reminders

As the season changes and becomes colder, students are reminded to dress appropriately. Remember to wear a warm coat, hat, mittens and proper foot wear. Many of our students are often getting their pants and socks wet during recesses and need an extra change of clothing. Please ensure that your child has an extra pair of pants, a top and socks at school in case of a wet or muddy emergency. Please review with your child the importance of keeping snow and ice on the ground so that everyone has fun in the snow. Thank you for your support.



We check
"The Weather Network"
theweathernetwork.com

Extreme Cold Weather (in consultation with CSC)

Temperature and/or wind chill minus 20 degrees Celsius	Indoor routine
Temperature with wind chill minus 17 to minus 19 degrees Celsius	Outdoor Routine (am & pm recess) and outdoor routine shortened to 20 minutes (20 minutes indoors, 20 minutes outdoors) during lunch recess. (at Principal's discretion, routines also dependent on yard conditions)
Minus 16 degrees Celsius and above	Outside routine

Bus Cancellations Hot Lunch Cancellations...all other Cancellations



To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. *When school buses are canceled, so are all school events (field trips, tournaments, etc.) and school-related services (all hot lunches).* Hot Lunches will be available to the students on another day, parents will be notified. All other canceled events will be rescheduled and communicated accordingly. **If a bus is cancelled in the morning all school trips, hot lunch programs and evening buses are also cancelled.** In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate transportation/ lunch arrangements. Inclement Weather Notifications will be posted to www.schoolbuscity.com and the YCDSB website: www.ycdsb.ca

Tests, quizzes, excursions, school programs, parent meetings (i.e. IPRC's), workshops, co-curricular activities and evening presentations, Continuing Education Classes, and all evening Permits are cancelled due to Inclement Weather.

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION

School transportation service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open when transportation services are cancelled.

The safety and well-being of our students is taken into consideration when making decisions concerning transportation service cancellation. Information regarding the cancellation of school transportation or school closures will be made available by 6:15 a.m.

Please exercise discretion in deciding whether to send your child to school when school transportation has been cancelled.

Please note the following:

- ✓ A decision to cancel school transportation service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- ✓ Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make alternate arrangements to transport their children to and from school if school bus service is cancelled.
- ✓ If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not operate in the afternoon.
- ✓ In the event school transportation is cancelled, exams, tests, quizzes, excursions, charter trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, as well as, parent meetings (i.e. Identification, Placement, and Review Committee Meetings, IPRCs) will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- ✓ Secondary School Cafeteria Services will be cancelled
- ✓ All evening permits will be cancelled
- ✓ All Continuing Education evening classes will be cancelled

Further Information regarding the Board's Inclement Weather Guidelines are included on the YCDSB Website at: <http://www.ycdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/Inclement-Weather-Notice.pdf>

Inclement Weather Notifications will be posted to:

- ✓ School Website & Board Website (www.ycdsb.ca)
- ✓ Student Transportation Services of York Region Website (www.schoolbuscity.com)
- ✓ Twitter ([www.twitter.com/ycdsb](https://twitter.com/ycdsb))
- ✓ Designated Radio and Television Stations:

RADIO		TELEVISION		
AM 640	640AM	CKDX	88.5FM	CITY TV
CBC	99.1FM	CKFM	99.9FM	CTV BARRIE
CFNY	102.1FM	KISS	92.5FM	CTV TORONTO
CFRB	1010AM	NEWS	680AM	CP24
CHAY	93.1FM	Q107	107.1FM	GLOBAL NEWS
CHFI	98.1FM	CJCL	590AM	
CHIN	1540AM & 100.7FM	CJEZ	97.3FM	
CHRW	94.9FM	CIQB	101.1FM	
CHUM	1050AM & 104.5 FM	CJBC	860AM	
CJKX	95.9FM & 89.9 FM			
CKDO	1580AM			

Information about school transportation cancellation is also available at www.schoolbuscity.com

November 21, 2017

Dear Staff, Parents, and Students at St. Michael Catholic Academy:

I hope that this year continues to be a blessed, faith-filled year for you and your families. At the very heart of the church is the Holy Family whose life and journey we share this Advent. Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd and is the start of the four week journey towards Christmas. It also marks the start of a new liturgical year in the Church. **We encourage you to prepare for the coming of Jesus by doing one act of kindness each day this Advent.**

School Mass: Our monthly school Mass will be held at the church on Thursday, December 7th at 9:15 am. We invite parents who are available to attend.

Confirmation: Confirmation registration for students in Grade 7 and above has taken place this week. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Candidates are required to attend several mandatory classes; class dates and times are forthcoming. We look forward to helping our candidates understand this very important sacrament in their growth as Catholics.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Children will receive First Communion with their families at the Sunday Masses on June 3, 2018. Several mandatory preparation classes are required. More information on dates/times will follow.

Children's Choir/Christmas Nativity Pageant & Concert: Thank you to all those who take part in our 9 a.m. Sunday Mass Children's Choir. We encourage new participants to join the choir. Choir rehearsals are held in the school on Friday during lunch hour. Our Choir is currently preparing for the Christmas Nativity Pageant & Concert which will be held at the church on Sunday, December 10th at 3 p.m. We invite you and your family to this event.

We welcome new members to our parish, and would love to see children from our schools more regularly as altar servers or singing in our children's choir, but especially attending Sunday mass. The community of Good Shepherd is always open for families of our school communities. If families of our school communities would like to have their children take part in the Parish Sacraments, these families must be registered with the parish office and attend mass regularly. This is in keeping with directives from the Archdiocese. Alternatively, if you already belong to another parish, please contact your pastor to arrange for your child's Sacramental preparation.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may He see you safely through the school year.

In God's peace and love,



Fr. Anthony