

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



Lord, You have arisen
forever
in my heart!
May the sunrise
remind me to shine in

Your light.

May the caress of a gentle breeze
remind me of Your compassion.

May the fragrance of a flower
remind me to blossom in Your love.

May the singing of birds
bring a song of joy to my lips.

And in the closing of each day
may I remember to quietly pray.

St. Michael,
pray for us.

Amen



April Virtue Reverence

I will:

- * honour and respect God's gift of life
- * appreciate the awe and wonder of God's creation
- * celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection



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



Each month students are recognized with a virtue certificate for demonstrating a Catholic Virtue. March's Catholic Virtue was 'perseverance.'

- *Continue to be the best that I can be
- *Be patient and calm as I continue to strive for success
- *Always believe in myself and have faith in what I can accomplish
- *Stay the course, no matter how difficult it might become
- *Prepare for Easter by acts of goodness and worship



Thank you Alex for announcing "Autism Awareness" Day at St. Michael Academy on April 3rd, on the Radio Show.

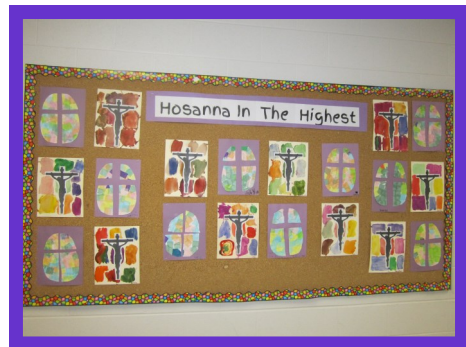
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| Kindergarten Paniculum Lim Lim A. Sabrina D. Eaker H. | Kindergarten Maravantano Ana C. Antonio D. | Grade 1 Martel Connor C. Luca R. |
| Grade 1 / 2 Ierullo Charlotte L. Audrey L. | Grade 2 Di Mambro Maxx C. Miggy M. | Grade 2/3 Chance Delband B. Owen C. |
| Grade 3 Belcastro Luke L. Hagop T. Alexis J.C. | Grade 4 Carrigan Adaleigh D. Nathan Y. Evan M. | Grade 4/5 Di Fazio Arvand B. Alyssa A. Sal M. |
| Grade 5 Di Giovine Arthur T. Aaren M. | Grade 5/6 Manserra Isabella D. Matthew P. | Grade 6 Vandehogen Aileen K. Avo O. Cole P. |
| Grade 7 Yarow Sara N. Vivian P. Alex O. | Grade 7 Bonomo William D. Abigail Mc. Jacob S. Austin W. | Grade 8 Robertson Michelle M. Joseph V. Andrew L. |
| Grade 8 Doria Julia B. Martin H. | | |



Autism Awareness: On Tuesday April 3rd, we will be raising our flag to show support and unity for people living with Autism and celebrating "Inside Out for Autism" by wearing our shirts inside out for the day. Let's work together to make our school a more welcoming environment for everyone.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

On Holy Thursday our Primary students presented the 'Stations of the Cross' to the St. Michael Academy community.



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Congratulations to our Beginner Band, Junior Band, Intermediate Band and Wind Ensemble! All of our bands represented St. Michael Catholic Academy at the Music Alive and Kiwanis Festival this past month. Thank you to the many parents who attended the festivals. Thank you to Mr. Pizzi for preparing our students for these performances.

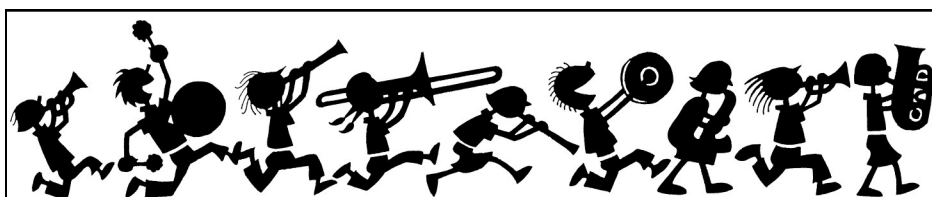
ERAP Music Band Students

Beginner Band: Music Alive : Silver

Junior Band: Music Alive : Gold

Intermediate Band: Music Alive: Silver

Wind Ensemble: Kiwanis Festival : 2nd Place Silver



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Oral Communications Competition

Grade 4 - Carrigan

Yza P. (Positive Attitude)
Amy Y. (Self-Esteem)
(sub) Kioko B. (Rosa Parks)

Grade 4/5 - DiFazio

Maria A. (Jean Michel Basquiat)
Lara M. D. (Colour Blindness)
(sub) Sophie N. (Hypothermia)

Lucas P. (Longer Recesses)
(sub) Audrey F. (Mites)

Grade 5 - Di Giovine

Anthony R. (Sharks)
Michaela T. (Organ Donors)
(sub) Peter D. (Cars)

Grade 5/6 - Manserra

Emma K. (Parenting)
Daniel V.P. (Courage)
(sub) Iris M. (Stress)

Matthew P. (Toronto Maple Leafs)
(sub) Rami H.

Grade 6 - Vandehogen

Sofia P. (Fear)
Cole P. (Titanic)
(sub) Alexander P. (Bees)

Grade 7 - Bonomo

Jacob S. (Climate Change)
Clarice Y. (Pollution)
(sub) Ella N. (Global Warming)

Grade 7 - Yarow

Tate C. (Water Pollution)
Serena M. (Deforestation)
(sub) Juliana R. (Salmon Fishing)

Grade 8 - Doria

Kristina D. (Change)
Michael P. (Dangers of Voice Technology)
(sub) Rianne C. (Parallel Universes)

Grade 8 - Robertson

Anne Marie P. (Brain)
Madison S. (Impact of Social Media)

Oral Communications



Our school Oral Communications Competition was held on Tuesday March 27th, 2018. Thank you to Mr. Lyons for coordinating the school-wide competition and to all our Junior and Intermediate teachers for preparing their students.

Area finals will take place on Wednesday May 2nd, 2018 at St. Justin Martyr.



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement



Valerie F., Denelle C. and Alyssa K.



Brian C.K.

Students in Grade 8 create artistic visual representations of animal and plant cells.



Aren T., Rianne C. and Marissa T.



Tudor M., Michael P. and Marissa T.



Alis S., Joshua L., Tino G. and Martin H.

Engaging Our Communities




Catholic School Council


Catholic School Council Meeting:
Tuesday May 15th, 2018
7pm
all are welcome to attend

Kindergarten Registration: a reminder that registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. Please visit or call the office for more information and registration packages.

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? Please contact the office or a member of the CSC for further information.



Thank you for your generosity, Grade 8 Graduation pizza day raised \$500.00




Civvies Day: Students will be invited to wear civvies on **Friday April 27th, 2018**. Donations to ShareLife are appreciated.



Many Faces Of Markham

Grade 8 students Darrah T. and Lauren P. participated in Unity through Diversity: Protecting Human Rights and Promoting Inclusion on Saturday March 24 at Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School. Thank you Ms. Carrigan for supporting our dance students.



Collecting 4L Milk Bags - Did you know that it takes hundreds 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.

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 Kindergarten students are asked to bring their children directly to the Kindergarten 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 (when it is raining/inclement weather, students will go indoors to their classrooms). 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 a 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.

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

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

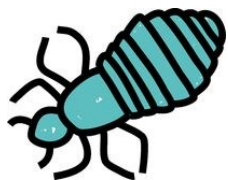
Spirit Wear

Student Photos, etc.

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

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)

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, please 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 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.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board's website for more information related to 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.



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*"They can no longer die; for they are like the angels.
They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection."
Luke 20:36*



At the York Catholic District School Board, we are committed to developing school communities formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions that enable all members of our learning community to engage in their personal faith journey.

For forty days in Lent, we have participated in the call of the Church to pray, fast/abstain, and to give to those in need. Throughout the Lenten Season, our schools demonstrate what it means to live the Gospel by putting our Catholic faith into action. Students and staff reflect on Christ's Passion and His greatest gift to us, His Resurrection.

We are truly blessed with the gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. Our faith is alive and vibrant in school communities. We have come together for Masses, liturgies, charitable endeavours and other Lenten activities, as we all prepare for the Resurrection of our Saviour.

Easter is the most important holy day in the Christian calendar. The Resurrection of Christ is the core event of our Catholic faith. It is the Resurrection that reminds us that each student in our care, and each person we encounter, is a child of God. We celebrate the God of life who reminds us that we are all children of hope and resurrection.

As we look ahead to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord for the next 50 days of the Easter Season, I wish you and your families the blessings of the Easter season.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Carol Cotton
Trustee