

St. Michael C.A. News

Elementary Regional Arts Program

Newsletter #6 March 2018

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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 Lent

God our Father,
You formed us from the dust of the earth
And brought us to new life in Christ
Through the waters of Baptism.
We ask you to change our hearts
As we journey through these forty days of Lent.
Help us to see Jesus in everyone we meet,
And to serve him in all persons,
Especially the poor, the sick and the lonely.
By your grace, may our prayers and sacrifices this Lent
Help us grow closer to each other and to you,
As one family in Jesus.
We make this prayer to you in His name.
Amen.
Source: Unknown



March's Virtue ...

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

March Break: 12th—16th

Anaphylaxis Presentation March 20

Oral Communication Presentations (Speeches)

Juniors Tuesday March 27th 9am

Intermediate Tuesday March 27 1pm in the gymnasium



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. February's Catholic Virtue was *Wisdom*

I will:

- *use my conscience as my guide
- * love God and I will love others as myself
- * use my creativity and gifts for the good of all

Kindergarten Paniculum Braeden T. Tejasvi M. Cindy H.	Kindergarten Maravantano Ray H. Ella Z. Alex. W.	Grade 1 Martel Suhyun K. Alexa T.
Grade 1 / 2 Ierullo Lucas F. Noah S.	Grade 2 Di Mambro Mateo R. Meghan L. Alexander O. P.	Grade 2/3 Chance Alexis M. Luciano R.
Grade 3 Belcastro Thiago L.F.-V. Shannyn R.	Grade 4 Carrigan Kioko B. Maro P. Madison W.	Grade 4/5 Di Fazio Sophie N. Owen C. Maria A.
Grade 5 Di Giovine Emily V. Zara R. Evan M.	Grade 5/6 Manserra Kiera R. Emma K. Rami H.	Grade 6 VandeHogen Vanessa C. Bosco N. Caesarius S.
Grade 7 Yarow Jaymin L.S. Rocio M.D. Serena M.	Grade 7 Bonomo Ella N. Renee B.	Grade 8 Robertson Nathan Y. Nathan H. Alex Y.
Grade 8 Doria Denelle C. Tudor M.		



Thank you for your generosity, the **Valentine's Raffle** raised \$939.65 for Covenant House. Thank you Mrs. Cozza, Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Dovolos and Mrs. Annibale for organizing this event for our students.



Join us for Mass at Good Shepherd Parish
Thursday March 22nd, 2018 at 9:15 am



Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday March 29th
10:45am in the gymnasium



Renee B. Gr. 7, Ella N. Gr. 7, Victoria L. Gr. 7

Luke 4:18 Update!

We are so excited that we have officially completed our first milk bag mat! It is so exciting for our students to see what happens when they combine recycled milk bags, hard work and a lot of love! We have a lot more mats to make and we really appreciate all of your help. Please send in your milk bags so that we can continue to make mats for people around the world who do not have beds.

Thank you for all of your kindness and support,
Luke 4:18

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Black History Biographies

Throughout the month of February the Radio Show leaders and classes celebrated the many Black Canadians who, throughout history, have contributed so much to make Canada the culturally compassionate and prosperous nation we are today.

Students from Ms. Di Giovine's Grade 5 class

Singer/Teacher

Portia White



Background information

- Portia White was born in Halifax 1911.
- Portia White was the first ever black Canadian to be concert singer.
- Her voice was so good she sang for Queen Elizabeth in Charlottetown, PEI in 1964.
- She Died in Toronto in 1968.

Contribution in Canadian history and culture

Portia White was a great singer she was in the church choir as a child. Years later she became teacher and taught in black communities. After her break she took her voice to radio broadcasts which was hosted by her father she was so good at singing she got a scholarship to a amazing music arts school in 1939. At the age of 30 she made her singing a debut in Toronto. Portia White was the first black Canadian to be a concert singer. Sadly Portia White had some vocal problems and died in Toronto. To honor her, a stamping company put Portia White's picture on a stamp.

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Harry Jerome

Track and Field



Background

- Harry Jerome was born in Prince Albert in 1940 and died in 1982
- He has won a lot of medals and written books about track and field
- He was a teacher and he got education from University of Oregon

Contributions to Canadian history and culture:

- Harry Jerome had set a world record of 100 yards in 10 seconds but it got beaten by Armin Hary in 1982 by 0.8 seconds
- In 1964 Tokyo Olympic he won the 100m gold for Canada
- After his retirement he taught kids about track and field and how to be good in it

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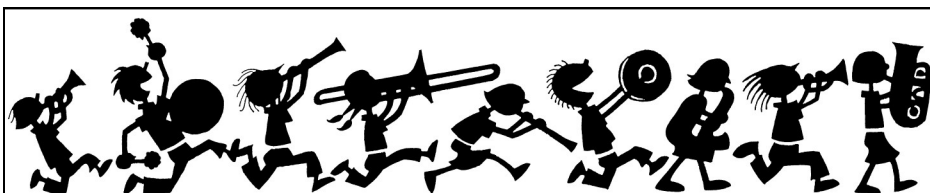
ERAP Music Band Students

Beginner Band: Music Alive March 21st, 2018 Newmarket Theatre 505 Pickering Crescent Newmarket

Junior Band: Music Alive March 19th, 2018 YCDSB Centre for Performing Arts 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill

Intermediate Band: Music Alive March 8th, 2018 YCDSB Centre for Performing Arts 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill

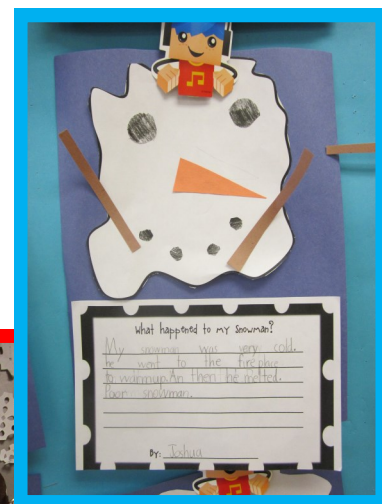
Wind Ensemble: Kiwanis Festival March 1st, 2018 Sir John A. Macdonald CI, 2300 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Carnaval at St. Michael Academy

Thank you Madam Terzian and Monsieur Lavoie...Carnaval was enjoyed by all!!!!



Congratulations to Ms. Belcastro's Gr. 3 class, Ms. Carrigan's Gr. 4 class, and Ms. Robertson's gr. 8 class, they will enjoy a slice of pizza on Monday March 5th for their door decorating .
Ms. Ierullo's grade 1/2 class will also enjoy a slice of pizza for winning Carnaval lotto!



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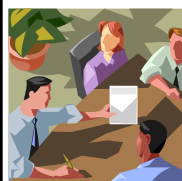


Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Competition Colour Poster, Black and White Poster Junior Division

Congratulations to all our Junior students who submitted artwork for the Royal Legion Remembrance Day Poster contest. We are very pleased to announce that 4 of our students received a presentation from the legion on Wednesday February 14th, at Good Shepherd Parish at 11:00am. Congratulations to Sonja C., Elijah D.J., Caesarius S., Ronnen N., The Legion was absolutely amazed at the level of skill and even more with the mastery of symbolism shown by all the entrants this year. Thank you to Ms. Manserra for taking the time to explore the ways of remembering and appreciating the sacrifices made to ensure our freedom.



Engaging Our Communities



Catholic

School Council

Catholic School Council Meeting:
Tuesday March 6th, 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.

Family Math Night was a huge success!!

Thank you to our student volunteers Gary H., Danelle C., Darrah T., Vanessa C., Thea P., and Alik D. Thank you to our parent volunteers Patil Demerji, Rina Kulathinal, Noraly Cisneros Barillas, Poolak Babanzadeh, Caren Sayadian, Ryan Crocker, Diana Crocker and Rita Hatsios.



Civvies Day: Students will be invited to wear civvies on **Thursday March 29th**. Donations to Autism Society Canada are appreciated.

January's Civvies day raised \$330.50 for Alzheimer's



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.

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

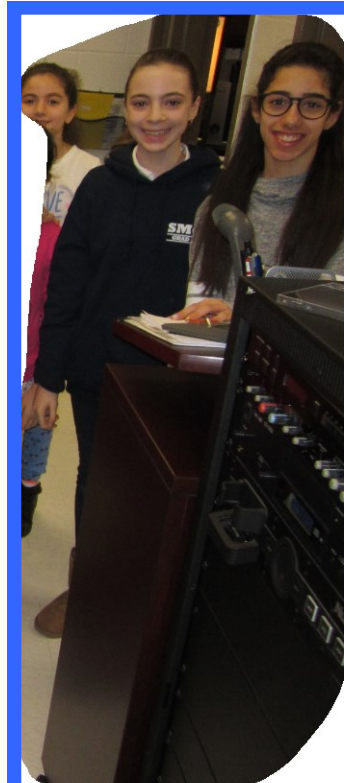
Year Books

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.

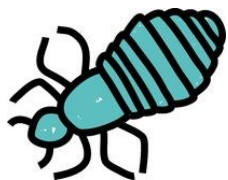
Administration of Medication: If your child requires prescription medication, check with your doctor about the possibility of prescribing medication that could be taken before school and/or after your child returns home. If your child is required to take medication at school, it is the YCDSB's policy 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)



Radio Show announcers Kristina D. and Julianna R. and Maro P. welcome students in Ms. Carrigan's Grade 4 class to sing O Canada in French during Carnaval.



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.