

St. Michael C.A. News



Elementary Regional Arts Program

Newsletter #8 May 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



O Mary we crown thee
With blossoms today
Queen of the Angels
Queen of the May.
Bring flowers of the fairest
From garden and woodland
And hillside and dale.

Our full hearts are swelling
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.
We honor and praise thee
Please pray that our hearts
Will forever be thine.
In joy and in sorrow
From thee may we borrow
A faith that is trusting. In Jesus thy Son.

St. Michael pray for us.

Catholic Education Week:

"Renewing the Promise"

May 6th—May 11th, 2018

"With Christ as the centre of your life, you will never be disappointed." Pope Francis

The community of St. Michael Catholic Academy is looking forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week beginning at our school on Monday May 7th with daily Radio Show announcements and prayers, a Cross Divisional Gathering, Sara Westbrook Presentation, Mass and Volunteer Appreciation Tea.



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.

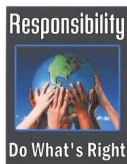
April's Catholic Virtue was 'reverence.'

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



May's Virtue is
Responsibility

I will:

- * honour my commitments to my family, school and community
- * be reliable so people can depend on me
- * be accountable for the things I say and do

Thank you for your donations to ShareLife on Civvies Day, we raised \$ 231.00

April's Virtue

Kindergarten Paniculum Vaughn F. Isabel W.	Kindergarten Maravantano Ethan F. Emmanuel S.	Grade 1 Martel Gaile C. Nelinda J. Joshua C.
Grade 1 / 2 Ierullo Emma C. Kristen N.	Grade 2 Di Mambro Gabriel B. Christian F. Jake T. Maxx C.	Grade 2/3 Chance Sienna Di Olivia R.
Grade 3 Belcastro Luke L. Hagop T. Alexis J.C.	Grade 4 Carrigan Yza P. Izabelle E. Mia H.	Grade 4/5 Di Fazio Gavin H. Stephen C. Sonja C.
Grade 5 Di Giovine Alicia T. Jaiden S.	Grade 5/6 Manserra Selina H. Dikran C.	Grade 6 Vandehogen Lorenzo P. Andrew L.
Grade 7 Yarow Juliana R. Karolina T.	Grade 7 Bonomo Lara T. Renee B. Armen B. Liza S.	Grade 8 Robertson Anne Marie P. Gary H.
Grade 8 Doria Alis S.		

Dance Prayers

Dear God,

Thank you for the love and hope you give us. I hope to believe in you, myself and love. I pray to be kind and to be faithful towards you. Thank you for helping when I am hurt. I pray to be hopeful, positive and to give love. I am very thankful for all your love that you give everyone, the love that will never end. Help me and guide me through the darkness and when I need help. Please teach me your loving, forgiving, sharing and encouraging ways. I pray for my friends, family, teachers and myself. I pray for those who mourn, the meek, the poor in spirit, the merciful, the pure in heart and for the peacemakers. Amen.

Written by: Dominic, Matthew and Elijah

Ms. Carrigan's Dance Students- Students in grade 6 and 7 worked together in groups to create a prayer based on a theme. They wrote the prayer together and then had to make up dance movements that reflected the words. As they performed, they used spoken word because they said the prayer as they danced. What a great way to communicate to God...through dance!

Dear God,

Give me the strength to overcome obstacles and fears. As well as to help me persevere in doing good and give me the strength to have courage to overcome present and future obstacles. Heal me when I am sick and heal the poor in spirit, for we will be rewarded greatly in heaven.

Written by: Aidan, Matthew, Andre and Rami

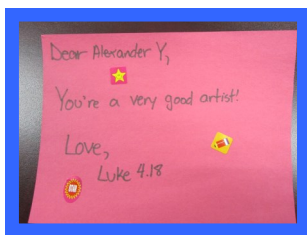
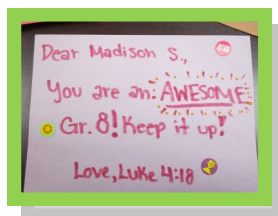
Dear God,

Help me to believe in myself and to persevere whenever I fall. My passions are strong and I want to make them stronger. Help me to believe in myself and to have hope through my entire life. When I give up I have faith and try again. I believe that I can do it. When I am lost, I persevere through my journey. People with great passion can make the impossible happen. Having hope will give you courage. If you believe in yourself anything is possible. Amen. Written by: Celeste, Aerika and Alik

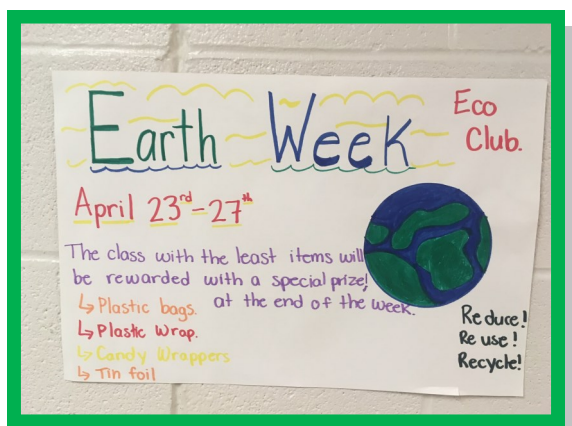


Grade 6 Dance students,
Aidan, Matthew, Andre, Rami,
Dominic, Matthew, Elijah,
Celeste, Aerika and Alik

Integration of Our Catholic Faith



Luke 4:18 - We are 'Love Campaign' - Students in Luke 4:18 worked really hard to create little personalized notes for every student in the school to tell them how amazing they are. Kind words can make someone's day! It felt so good to radiate kindness and spread love throughout the school.



Luke 4:18 students: Ella, Treasurer Gr. 7 , Cherry, Secretary gr. 7 and Victoria, President Gr. 7



Eco teams clean up our gardens. Thank you Ms. Martel and Ms. Paniculam for leading our students.



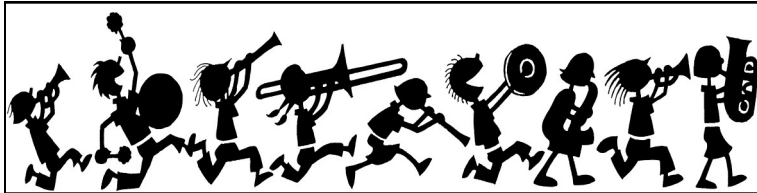
Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

ERAP Music Band Students

Spring Concert Thursday June 21st, 7pm

YCDSB Centre for the Arts 525 Westminster Drive
(St. Elizabeth CHS)

Beginner Band, Junior Band, Intermediate Band,
Wind Ensemble and the Forever Young Choir



Cinderella

May 1st, 12pm

May 2nd 7pm

May 3rd, 7pm

YCDSB Centre for the Arts

525 Westminster Drive

(St. Elizabeth CHS)



EQAO Grade 3s and Grade 6s

May 23rd to May 31st, 2018

Education Quality and
Accountability Office

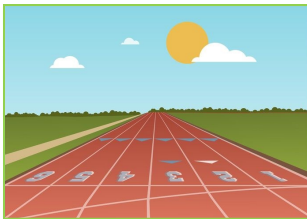


Thursday June 7th, 2018

CSC Annual



Friday June 15, 2018



Track and Field
York University

Grades 4 to 8 Monday June 18, 2018



Grade 8 Graduation Tuesday June 26, 2018

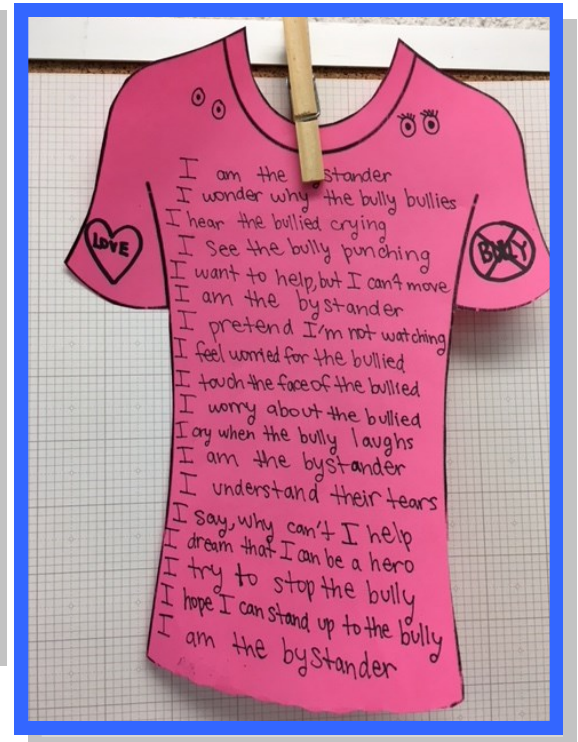
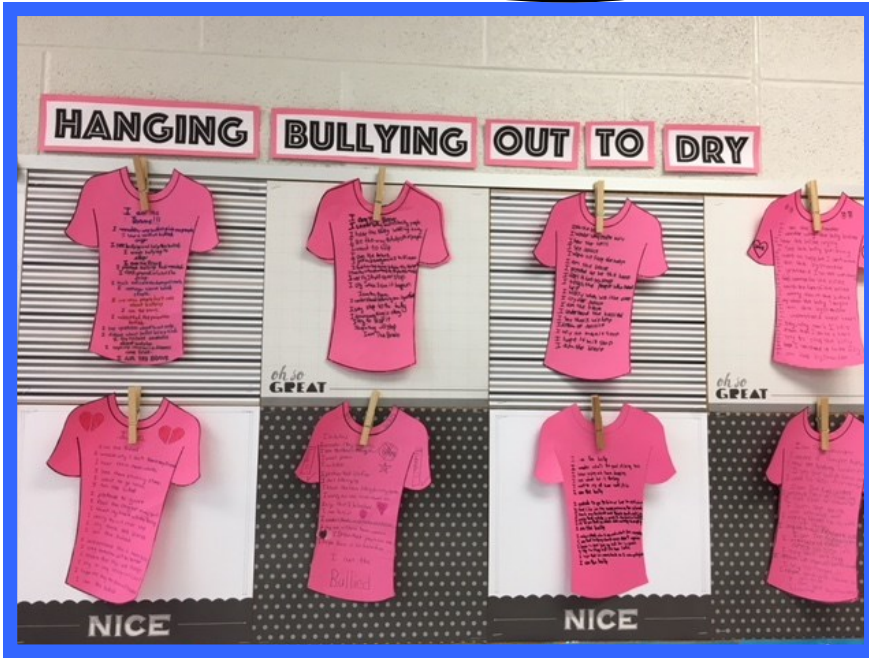


Friday June 22, 2018

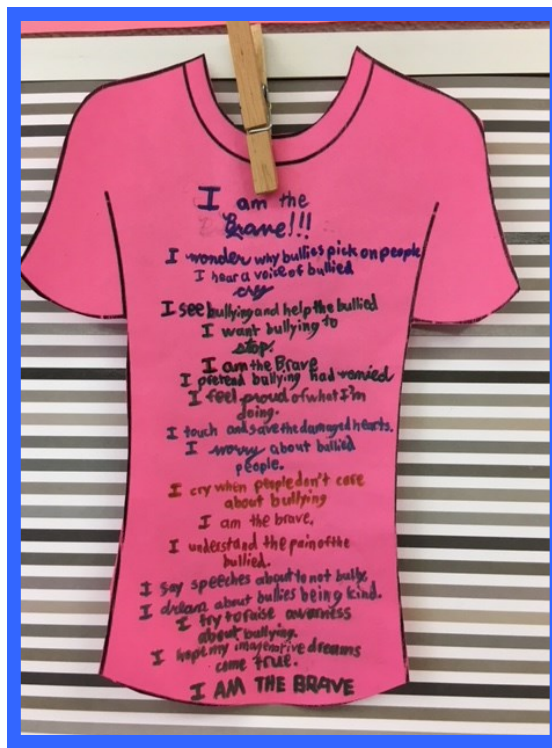
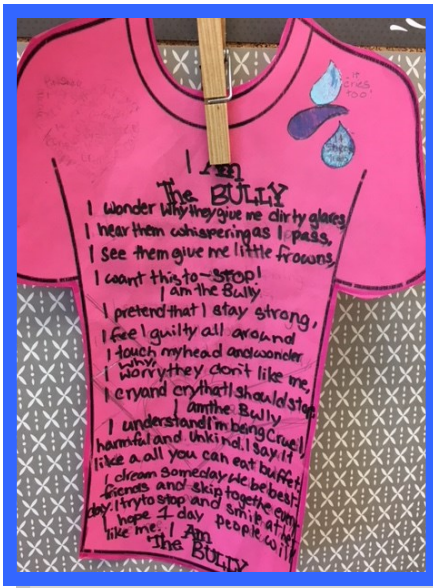
Victoria Day: Monday May 21st, 2018

PD Day: Monday June 4th, 2018

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement



Grade 5/6 students in Ms. Manserra's class attended a workshop entitled "Bully B.R.A.V.E." The Bully B.R.A.V.E.™ Program B.R.A.V.E.™ teaches students preventative bully resistance skills. Students are learning about the realities of bullying, the stereotypes and roles, and how to effectively diffuse situations before they escalate.



Engaging Our Communities




Catholic School Council

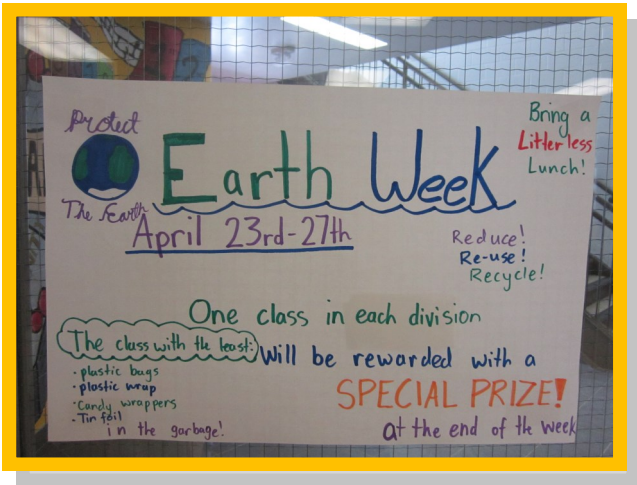

Catholic School Council Meeting:
Tuesday May 15th, 2018
7pm
all are welcome to attend

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.

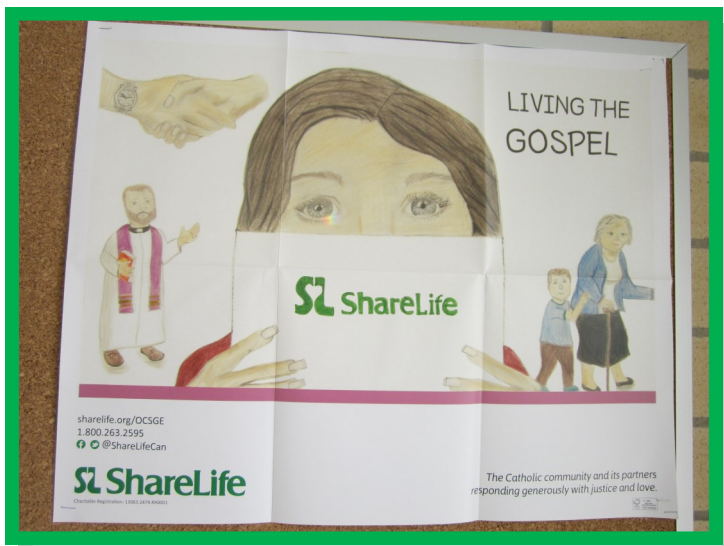
School Volunteers: We Need You! We value the assistance of many parent volunteers at St. Michael Catholic Academy. Would you like to get involved in some way? Please contact the office or a member of the CSC for further information.



Civvies Day: Students will be invited to wear civvies on **Friday May 25th, 2018**. Donations to ShareLife are appreciated.

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)

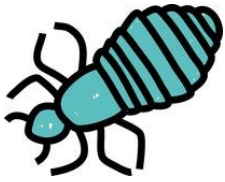
Grade 8 Geometry

DESIGNING A FLOOR IN A CONDOMINIUM

Using:

- 1) Translations (Slides)
- 2) Reflections (Flips)
- 3) Rotations (Turning around a center), and
- 4) Similar Shapes (re-sized)

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.

Municipal Election 2018

Monday, October 22, 2018

Voting Information for Catholic Ratepayers

Protect and promote Catholic education...Ensure you are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter

- Ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter is important for the protection and preservation of Catholic education in Ontario.
- As a registered Catholic school supporter, you have the opportunity to elect trustees who will represent and address your interests and concerns at the school board level and at various levels of the government.
- Registering your Catholic school support ensures your school board's assessment roll is accurate. This is important because:
 - Your school board's assessment base is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools
 - It helps track demographic trends for educational planning purposes
 - It guarantees your right to enroll your children in Catholic schools

How to check if you are registered:

- Visit voterlookup.ca, an online service created by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to check the accuracy of your voter information.
- Or call your Municipal Clerk's Office to inquire how to check the local list of electors.

If your name is not on the list of electors or if the information is incorrect (e.g., name, address or school support data missing or incorrect) you should:

- Update or change your information, add a name to an address, or change your school support directly on the voterlookup.ca website.
- Go to the municipal offices for your community and fill out an application to be added to the list or to correct information. Proof of identification may be required. Please call your municipal office to determine what documentation you may need.

At the Polling Station:

- Verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an '**Application to Amend Voters' List**'. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.
- Ensure the ballot you are given is a separate school ballot.

Voting for Catholic School Board Representation:

- Catholic ratepayers must declare themselves to be Catholic and separate school electors in order to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections.



Catholic Education Week

Sunday May 6th—Friday May 11th, 2018

St. Michael Catholic Academy Celebrates
by “Renewing the Promise”



Catholic Education:
Renewing
the
Promise

May 9th

Sara Westbrook
Presentation

Gr. 4-8 10:45-12pm
Kindergarten—Gr. 3
1:15pm-2pm

May 10th Volunteer
Appreciation Tea
following mass

God of grace and goodness,
We gather in faith to
praise and give thanks
for Catholic education.
Help us to live the
promise of God's love
that we come through
God's world.

May we continue to
renew this promise in
our Catholic schools
and direct our actions
to live in peace.

We ask this through Christ,
our risen Lord. Amen.

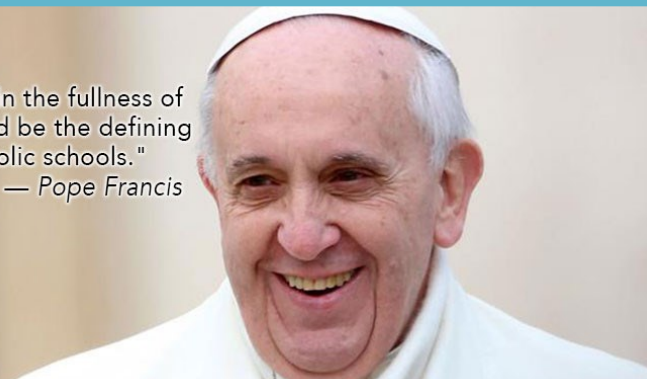
May 10th
9:15 am
Mass

Daily Radio Show
Announcements
and Prayers

Cross Divisional
Gathering
May 11th

"An education in the fullness of
humanity should be the defining
feature of Catholic schools."

— Pope Francis





You are cordially invited to the
Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Join us for Mass at 9:15 am
at Good Shepherd Parish

Thursday May 10th, 2018

Reception to follow at St. Michael Academy
in the gym



RSVP by
May 8th
905-889-4816