

St. Michael C.A. News

Elementary Regional Arts Program

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Newsletter #3 November 2019

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

November:

6th: Photo re-take
 7th: CSC Meeting 7pm
 11th: **Remembrance Day Assembly** in the gymnasium at 10:30 am, all are welcome to attend
 12th: Progress Reports go home
 14th: Parent/Teacher Interviews (pm)
 15th: PD Day
 Parent/Teacher Interviews
 14-21: Book Fair
 18th-22nd: Radiate Kindness Week



November's Catholic Virtue is Justice

- * I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.
- *I will play by the rules, take turns and share.
- *I will be open-minded and listen to others.

“This month, beginning with All Saints Day on November 1, followed by All Souls Day, we keep in our prayers all the souls of loved ones gone before us. During November, we also take time to offer our prayers, remembering those brave men and women who have fought for the freedom we enjoy today in Canada. We keep in our prayers their souls and the safety of our present-day Peace Keeping troops.”



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

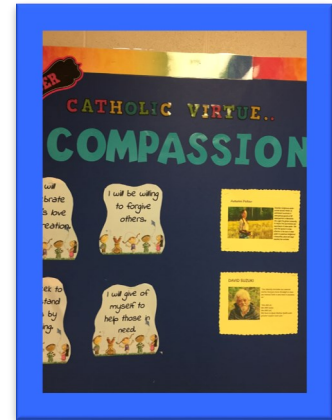
Strategic Commitments

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

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Civvies Day: The last Friday of each month students are invited to wear 'civvies' and make a donation to a selected charity.

Friday November 29th, will be our November Civvies day. Your invitational donation will go towards Covenant House.



Catholic Virtue Recognition: Each month we recognize students who demonstrate the Catholic Virtue attributes with a certificate, wrist band, group photo and Radio Show announcement. October's Catholic Virtue was **Compassion**.

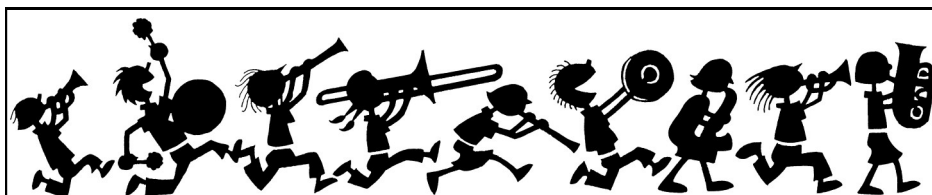
October's Catholic Virtue: **COMPASSION**

A discerning believer will...

- * seek to understand others by listening
- * will forgive others
- * will celebrate God's love for creation

Kindergarten Mauti Aden M Elena W	Kindergarten Iyora & Fake Kyle D Audrey C Natho A Sofia MD Bennett S	Grade 1 Martel Andrew Y
Grade 1 / 2 Messere Eva R Isabella C	Grade 2 Di Mambro Alexander W Ethan C Autumn S	Grade 3 Chance Isabel K Christopher LR
Grade 3 Belcastro Aimilea M Emma M	Grade 4 Caspersz	Grade 4/5 Di Fazio Adrian P Ava M Ava S
Grade 5 Skenderis Darren C Aidan T Emily W Shannyn R	Grade 6 Di Giovine Nathan W Kalia B Alyssa A	Grade 6 Vandehogen Nathan Y Charlene N Ethan C
Grade 7 Yarow Amelia C Kara D Aik A	Grade 7 Barbier Richard O Daniel VP Sal M	Grade 7/8 Paniculam Iris M Arianna H Terence W
Grade 8 Doria Andrew L Sofia P Spencer W		

ERAP Music



~ students are reminded to bring their instruments and music binders to all practices and music classes.

Jazz Band

Dear St. Michael Academy community

It is with great joy that I announce the startup of the Jazz Band. This year as we continue to gauge interest in the Jazz Band, all students who have auditioned for Wind Ensemble will have the opportunity to sign-up for Jazz Band. There is no fee and rehearsals will be every Wednesday after school from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm.

I am also excited to introduce to you Mr. Brendan Coutinho, a music teacher within the YCDSB and a St. Michael Catholic Academy alumni who will be leading our Jazz Band. Mr. Coutinho is a wonderful trumpet player and a jazz enthusiast. Thank you also to Ms. Paniculam for assisting with the Jazz Band.

Should you have any questions regarding Jazz Band please feel free to contact me at the school.

Here's to an exciting jazz filled musical year.

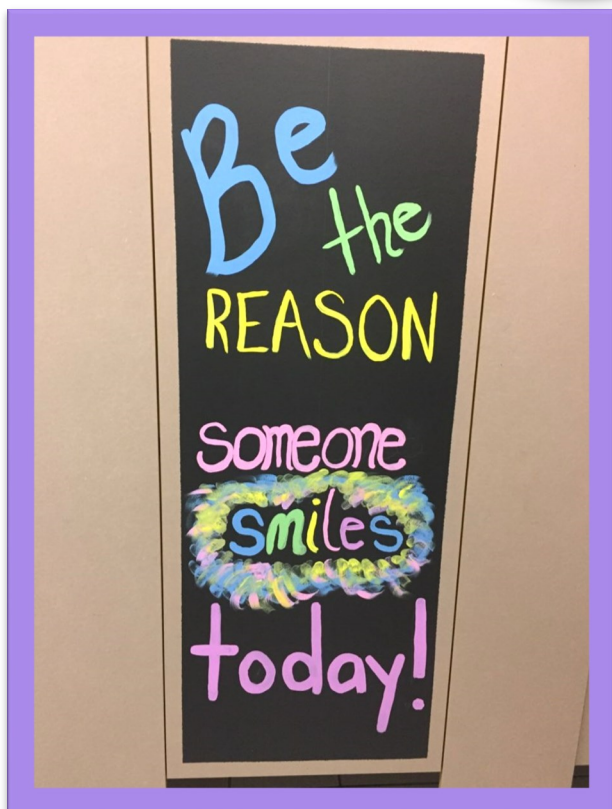
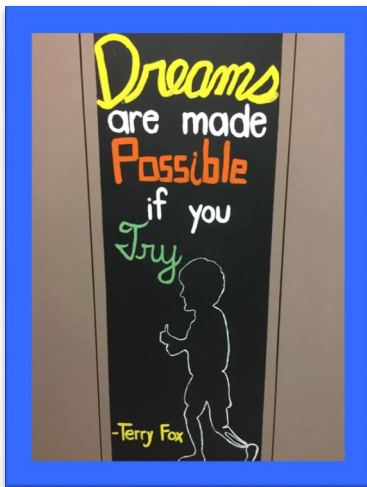
Mrs. Nagy
Music and Band Director



Intermediate Girls' Volleyball: regular team practices have begun. Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Martel and Ms. Paniculam for providing this opportunity to our students. Thank you also to Mr. Masci for volunteering his time to assist. St. Michael Academy will be hosting the Girls' Intermediate Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday November 26th, 2019.

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball: regular team practices have begun. Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Vandehogen, Mr. Yarow and Ms. Barbier for providing this opportunity to our students. Thank you also to Mr. Masci for volunteering his time to assist. The Boys' Intermediate Volleyball Tournament will be held on Monday November 25th, 2019 at St. Francis Xavier.

During our PD Faith Day in September teachers gathered together to create and paint inspirational quotes in the Grand Hall washrooms. We are hoping to extend these quotes throughout other spaces in our school this year and continue to build our community of 'faith.'

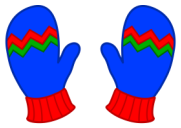


Engaging Our Communities

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Michael Catholic Academy

November 14th to November 21st

Be sure to visit the Book Fair with your family during Parent/Teacher Interviews in the Grand Hall, Drama Room.

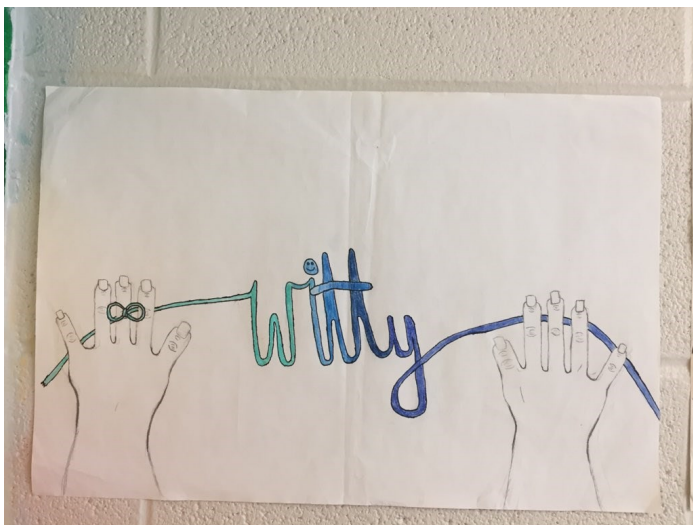


As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed warmly for outdoor recess. Please remember a warm coat, hat, mittens and boots. A change of clothing is helpful if items get wet or muddy.

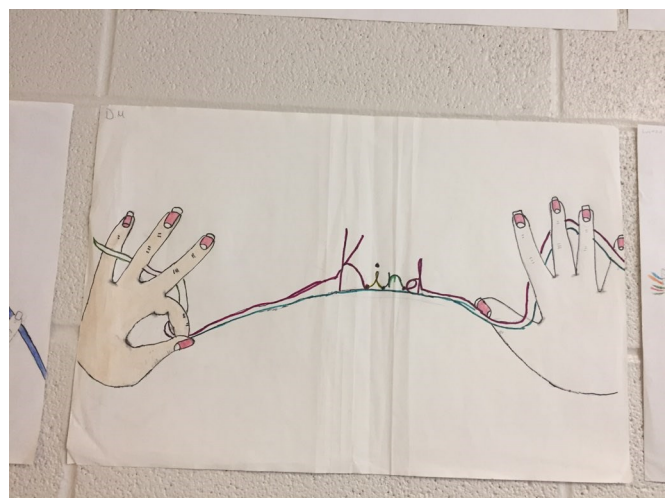
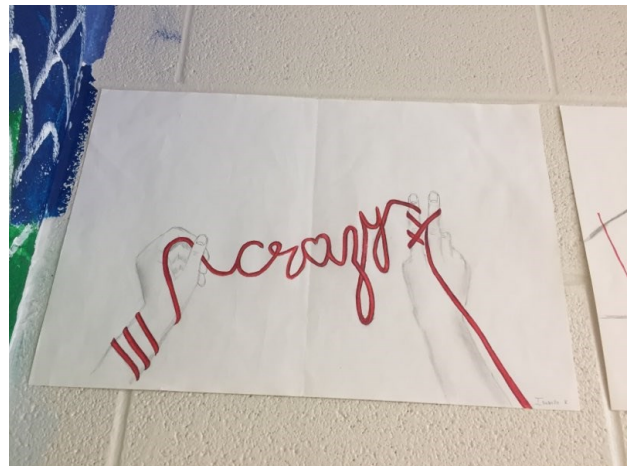


Progress Report Cards and Communication of Learning Initial Observations for Kindergarten go home Tuesday November 12th, 2019. Interviews will be held Thursday Nov. 14th pm and Friday November 15th am. A reminder that Friday November 15th is a PD Day. Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. All interviews will be held in the gym.

St. Anthony will be holding a parent information session for all feeder schools on Tuesday November 19th, 2019, at 7 pm in the library.

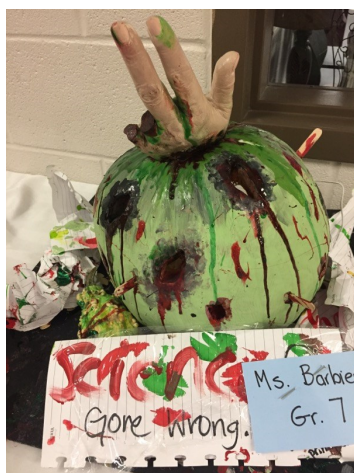
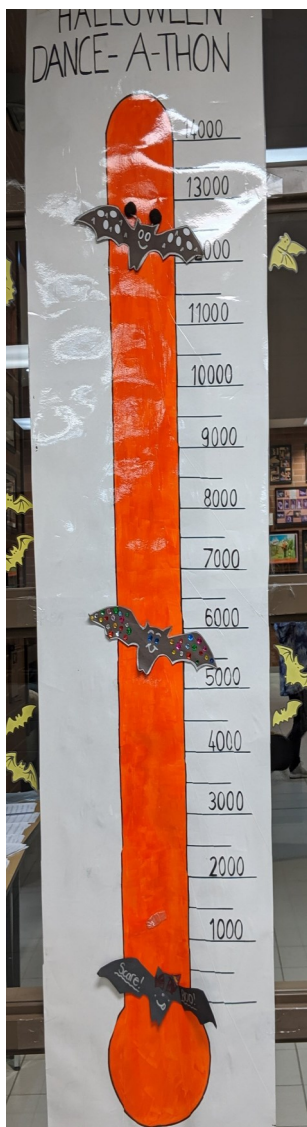


Intermediate Visual Art



Engaging Our Communities

Thank you to our amazing **Catholic School Council, Fundraising Committee 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. Fundraising totals have climbed considerably this week, we have raised **\$ 12 700.00**. **Keep those donations coming, final tallies will be at the end of this week.** Donations to the Fundraising Event are accepted throughout the year. All our students and parent visitors had a very enjoyable day. Thank you again Lorena Zuniga, Elaine Coelho, Celia Ciotola and April Dequanne. Thank you also to Mr. Fernando for keeping our gymnasium clean and our students safe.



Engaging Our Communities

Hot Lunches

Hot Lunch begins Friday October 4th, 2019. Thank you to Mrs. Dovolos, Mrs. Annibale and Mrs. Cozza for offering this service to our families.

Kid's Kitchen is available for our students Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please visit their website for further information. www.kidskitchen.ca

The Milk Program is available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you to our parent volunteers who provide this service for our students.

VOLUNTEERS: Milk Program

CAREN SAYADIAN (coordinator)
ANGELENE TSAPARIS
CHRISTINA OLAES
DAWN BURKE
COULA NITSOPOULOS
ERIKA RAMOS
FARAH POLA
JO-ANNE PETROPOLOUS
JOHANNA LALATA
LAURA MURGASKI
MARIANNE ZAMORA
MILAGRO WASSEF
NATALIE LEVINS (schedule planner)
PATIL DEMERJI
PEARL YANG
RACHELE D'AGOSTININO
TIFFANY DRENNAN



'WHEELS' At St. Michael Academy

Physical activity and healthy choices are encouraged, so it is great to see the use of bikes, scooters, skateboards and inline skates by our students. Wear a helmet!!! Ensure these items are locked or

securely stored. For safety reasons, students must walk onto, and off of, the school property.

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:

* Catholic School Council * Milk Program * Fundraising, and more. Make a difference in your child's school, meet other parents and be involved in your child's life at school. Please contact the office for further information.

DGN Kilters:

Uniforms are available by contacting DGN Kilters at www.dgn-kilters.com

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that we have seen instances where parents/guardians have missed receiving emails from our school. We understand these emails may be placed in your SPAM folder, or automatically deleted from your SPAM folder if this setting is selected in your email account.

The following action is recommended in your email account in an attempt to resolve this issue, or prevent it from occurring in the future:

Add the following email address as a **contact**: broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com

Whitelist the following: schoolmessengermail.com If you are unaware how to whitelist, you may perform an internet search "How to whitelist an email in (your email), i.e.; hotmail, live, outlook, etc.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Engaging Our Communities

Lunch Time Supervisors Needed: Monday to Friday 12:00pm—1:00pm

If you are interested in applying for this paid position at St. Michael C.A., please contact our school office 905-889-4816 for additional information. Thank you.

Lunch Time Routines 12:00—1:00 pm

Students remaining at school for lunch will eat in their classrooms from 12:00—12:20 pm. From 12:20—1:00pm, weather permitting, students are outside in the schoolyard. They are to remain on school property. For safety reasons, we ask that students not bring parent permissions forms requesting to visit local stores, restaurants or a classmate's home at lunch time. If your child's lunch time routine changes, a note signed by the parent/guardian will be required at that time and for each such occasion and sent to your child's teacher. Please come to the office and sign out your child(ren) when you pick them up.

Phone Calls & Cell Phones: We would like to remind parents that students should use the school phone for emergencies or if they are not feeling well. If students need to call or text home, we request that this is done in the office area. Cell phones should be turned off and out of sight while on school property. Exceptions will be made if cellphones are required for health or medical purposes and to support special education needs. Please refer to the Board Policy 311 "Digital Discipline-Student Use of Technology" for further information.

Food & Birthday celebrations

As many of our students and some staff members have life threatening peanut /shellfish, etc., allergies, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing food items to school to share. This includes birthday celebrations, Tim Horton's, cakes, or treat bags at Halloween etc., that contain any food item. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping all of our community safe.

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

Signing Out a Student: If you are picking up a child for an appointment during school hours, a parent/guardian must sign out the student in the office. The student will be buzzed to the office upon the parent arrival to the school. Please provide the school with a signed and dated note to this effect.

Please refer to www.ycdsb.ca for various policies...

Healthy Schools: 201

The Protection of Anaphylactic Students: 209

Pediculosis (Head Lice): 210

**SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL
CONDITIONS: DIABETES: 213**

Effective Use of Our Resources

Safety Reminders:

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 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.

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

-school doors are locked at 8:45 am, please come to the front doors and buzz for entrance with your child if you arrive after 9:00am, a late slip will be provided

-When dropping off or picking up your child at school, please use the designated parking area. The school parking lot is very busy, it is recommended that you use the church parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the school yard area.

Parent Parking: Visitor parking spaces are marked with appropriate signage and are for the general use of parents and / or other visitors to the school throughout the day. The number of 'visitor' parking spaces is limited. Please do not use 'visitor parking' to drop off/pick up your child. Parking is generally available at the Church and on side-streets. Please be a good neighbor and obey the road signs and times indicated.

Kiss N' Ride: On the east side (by the Church), there is staff parking and student drop-off area. **SAFETY FIRST**—single lane of traffic only, stay to the right side. When students are dropped-off, they should proceed directly to the school yard. Do not pass other vehicles in the drop-off area as students exit vehicles. Patience and cooperation ensures student safety. There is **NO PARKING** in the Kiss N' Ride. Please do not use the visitor parking to drop your child off in the morning. This creates a dangerous situation and impedes the flow of traffic in the Kiss N' Ride area. If you plan to walk your child to the school yard, please park at the Church or on a side-street and walk to the school along the sidewalk.

Bus Loop Shared with German Mills P.S.: We share a one-way bus loop with our neighbouring school German Mills P.S. The Bus Loop is for German Mills staff (parking), German Mills student drop-off, and school buses for both our schools. **Please do not drive/park in the BUS LOOP area before or after school.**

Morning Supervision and Dismissal:

School yard supervision begins each morning at **8:45am** in the school yard. Unless students are registered in the *Before and After Program*, they **MUST NOT be dropped-off early**, as there is no teacher supervision. Students are dismissed at 3:30pm, and should depart from the school grounds promptly and follow their pre-arranged after-school routine (B & A Program, bus, walk home, parent pick up, etc.) If a student is not picked up at 3:30, he/she should come directly to the office.

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



Effective Use of Our Resources

Student Transportation:

Important reminder for families of students who qualify for bussing at St. Michael Catholic Academy. If your child does not qualify for bussing, please ignore this message.

Welcome to a new school year.

Please go to www.schoolbuscity.com, click on "Find Your Bus Stop" and follow the instructions. You may also find this information on the YCDSB website, <https://www.ycdsb.ca/> go to the bottom of the page and click on "Student Transportation" and click on www.schoolbuscity.com. Alternate arrangements for your child's pick up from school must be communicated to their teacher/office. This includes, before and after care, parent pick up or other people picking up your child.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Parent Responsibilities:

The following is a list of responsibilities for parents. The information is a guide to ensure students safe travel to and from school.

*JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a responsible person.

Student Transportation Services of York Region, (STSYR), has developed a new Safety Program page for parents and students on the www.schoolbuscity.com website which provides access to valuable safety information.

* Parents should understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late.

* Parents should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times (10 minutes during the first week of school).

* Parents should know their child/children's route number.

* Parents should know their child/children's bus stop location.

* Parents should know the school (St. Michael Catholic Academy: 905-889-4816) and bus company (First Student: 905-770-1866) phone number in the event of an emergency.

* Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at www.schoolbuscity.com prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons.

Administration of Medication: If your child requires prescription/non-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 207B)

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 to ensure the safety of all of our students. Your support is greatly appreciated! Please return all forms by Monday September 9th, 2019

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.

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.