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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 3—PA DAY

FEB 6—AM EXAM REVIEW/PM SEM II BEGINS

FEB 10—FINAL REPORT CARD

FEB 14—VALENTINE'S DAY

FEB 15—SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG

FEB 16—OBA MUSIC FESTIVAL

FEB 20—FAMILY DAY

FEB 21—GR 9 COURSE SELECTION DUE

FEB 22—GR 10 COURSE SELECTION DUE

FEB 23—GR 11 COURSE SELECTION DUE

FEB 23—GR 12 COURSE SELECTION DUE

FEB 21-28 GRAD PHOTOS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Joel Chiutsi

Here we are at the end of yet another exciting semester! As we move into the second semester, I would like to thank you all for your support as we work together to guide our students and provide them with an excellent education.

This year we will be celebrating 25 years of academic excellence here at FMM. Our celebrations opened in November with a special mass led by His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. Following mass, local dignitaries including the school trustee, Marlene Mogado, Director of Education, Patricia Preston, as well as the Mayor of Markham, Frank Scarpitti spoke to students and staff. We look forward to many more celebrations with parents, alumni and the whole community in the next few months.

This month of February marks the 21st Anniversary of Black History Month. "Canadians take this time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today." (<http://www.cic.gc.ca>). The FMM community has a variety of educational and spiritual activities planned for the celebration.

A huge thank you to all our coaches and teacher advisors for their time and commitment to Athletics and our co-curricular clubs and councils. Our teachers give selflessly of their time to support our students allowing them to participate in activities they truly love.

We are very grateful to our Catholic School Council and appreciate the support that they have provided to the community. Their support is invaluable to the success of our Father Michael McGivney family. Thank you for the countless hours that you have dedicated towards the academic and social-emotional needs of our students.

I would also like to congratulate **Ms. Venosa** and **Ms. Egerer** on their retirement and thank them for the many years they have devoted to the academic excellence we pride ourselves with here at FMM. We wish them the best in the future ahead. I would also like to thank Ms. Adamo for her excellent work in supporting our students. I wish her much success as she moves on to Jean Vanier.

I want to welcome back **Mr. Musara** who was off during the first semester. We welcome **Ms. Junior**, **Ms. Rossi**, **Ms. Sciascia** and **Ms. Mercante**. We are so happy and blessed to have them at FMM.

We are very proud of our school, the students and staff members of FMM and congratulate everyone on a very successful semester. We welcome this second semester with great enthusiasm for all that awaits us.

God bless you all.



PHYSICAL HEALTH & EDUCATION

Healthy active living involves a combination of physical activity and appropriate lifestyle choices. Through the study of health and physical education, students will acquire basic knowledge about a wide variety of health-related topics and to develop relevant skills and attitudes. Students will understand how their personal actions and decisions will affect their health, fitness, and personal well-being.

Students in all physical and Health Education courses are tested on the 12-minute run, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility.

Students enrolled in the physical and health education programs are experiencing a positive and successful first semester.

The grade nine students will be taking part in a C.P.R. course delivered by certified instructors. Students will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course.

Students enrolled in the grade nine and ten program participated in a self-defense course and earned certificates at the end of the program.

The grade ten students participated in rope and wall climbing in the gym. Students will be able to challenge themselves by climbing ropes approximately 10 meters in height and repel walls of various degrees of difficulty.

ATHLETICS

Special congratulations to the Sr. Girls Tier I volleyball team. They won the tournament that was hosted by our school.

Congratulations goes out to the Sr. Boys Basketball team for winning the St. Brother Andre tournament.



LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE



The FMM library continues to be the hub of our school. Students line up before 8 am to be first in line to borrow a Chromebook for the school day. To say that the Chromebooks are a popular item, is an understatement. The Collaborative Work stations have been a welcome addition to our library. The 5 semi-circular spaces with plug-ins for computers, Ipads, phones are easily accessible. The large TV monitors at each station allow collaborative learning, dialogue, collaboration, and discussion for individuals, small groups and entire classes. As well, 30 new desktop computers were upgraded and installed in the Library.

The iRover – touch-screen latest generation Smart Board is a new interactive board used by all groups: Parent Council, Staff Meetings, Academic meetings, small and large classes, Games and Anime clubs, the occasional soccer game, to name a few uses.

Students are grateful for the library 'safe space' to use during before, during and after school. The various

meeting spaces welcome students to study individually, in groups, work on assignments and projects, and even meet up with peers and friends for friendly conversation.

A comfortable arm chair seating area, beanbags placed in various areas of the library and 14 study tables are well used.

Students have unlimited access to Ministry of Education, Board supported and School purchased Data Bases. These valuable research-based scholarly tools are available on the FMM web site – specifically through the Library Home page.

Students have used the library to help prepare sandwiches for the monthly downtown 'Sandwich Run' organized by the student council, prepare baked goods for sale for Mission endeavours, and hold the Anime, Chess and Games clubs once a week.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



As we head into the new year, we look forward to continuing of our successful programs that support our English Language Learners and Newcomers to Canada, introducing new and exciting initiatives, being on the forefront of Project Based Learning, presenting TED Talks, and implementing various technologies in the ELL Classroom. Our centre supports over 117 students (and continues to grow weekly), and we are fortunate to have the strong support from our school administration, Logini Vinay of SEPYR, and the McGivney International Circle (MIC) student group. In November and December, MIC successfully organized weekly #GetActive sessions at the Dome where a regular group of 30-40 students attended every Tuesday. Thanks to ParticipACTION, regular attendees received a surprise t-shirt (pictured

above) as a bonus reward. More events are coming soon, stay tuned! Visit us on Twitter (@EducatorHoss) or our #FMMELL Website for all current news and updates on everything taking place at the FMM ELL Centre.



CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

I would like to congratulate all of the Co-operative Education students for a successful semester. The students were able to create strong relationships among their fellow classmates, employees, and supervisors. Through this valuable work experience some have been offered part-time employment and have well deserved references that will support their future paths towards college, university, apprenticeships, or the workforce. I am extremely proud of all the coop students this school year and I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

A special thanks goes to the following employers. Our students appreciate the time you have taken to support them in this unique learning experience:

Goodlife Fitness (Markham Birchmount and Markville). Homelife Excelsior Realty Inc., NCIX (First Markham Place), Shoppers Drug Mart (Armada Plaza) St. Francis Xavier CES, Steadfast Safety Services, Street Xtreme Automotive. Sunrise of Unionville, The Centre for Dreams, The Perfect Setting, YMF Hair Salon

With the support of the employers and supervisors of these placements, our students will gain valuable experience that will enrich their lives, future goals, and aspirations.

If you have any questions regarding the many cooperative education opportunities that are offered, or would like to host a coop student in the upcoming school year, please contact the coop office at 905 472 4961 ext. 242.



25th ANNIVERSARY MASS

As we enter into this 25th Anniversary year, we were blessing to have His Eminence, **Thomas Cardinal Collins** present as our guest celebrant for the **25th Anniversary Mass** held on **Wednesday December 7th, 2016**.

In addition to the Cardinal, we were pleased to have in attendance many distinguished guests including **Marlene Moga-do** (Catholic School Trustee), **Patricia Preston** (Director of Education), **Ron Crocco** (Superintendent of Education), **Kathleen Westmass & Lou Paonessa** (former Principals), **Andrea Steele & Jim Merlin** (former Administrators), **Frank Scarpitti** (Mayor of Markham) as well as many others.

After the celebration of the Mass, guests were invited to attend a Luncheon in the Library where commemorative plaques were presented by Catholic School Council Chair, Richard Ramsomair, to the 3 of the 4 pioneer staff members -- **Adele Castriota**, **John Morelli**, **Vivek Naidoo**. Mr. **Gord Trapp**, also a pioneer staff member, was ill and unable to attend, but was presented his plaque after the event.

The 25th Anniversary celebrations started with a beautiful service this past December and will continue into the Spring of 2017 with additional events.



MUSKOKA WOODS



At the beginning of October, close to 215 FMM students excitedly headed off for our **Grade 9 Overnight Orientation** for the 9th year in a row. For Father Michael McGivney students and staff the event was, once again, a resounding success.

The 3-day Orientation & Retreat took place at *Muskoka Woods Sports Resort* in Rosseau, Ontario and was a beautiful getaway for the 3 days in October. From October 5th to 7th, students were able to participate in activities like mountain biking, high ropes, rock climbing, the giant swing and a nature hike as well as to be exposed to an Arts & Crafts activity and team-building activities such as cheers and skits. Throughout their time at Muskoka Woods, students were able to interact with each other, learn more about their new peers and develop their own interpersonal, creative and physical skills.

Close to 175 Grade 9 students participated, along with 40 senior student leaders and 15 staff members and Administration, and from the smiling faces and ravenous appetites that we saw for the 3 days, we know that bonds were made for a lifetime!

We look forward to the continuation of this great McGivney tradition next year!





FRENCH DEPARTMENT



We extend a warm welcome to Madame Rosie Alicandro and Madame Sherri Fiorino, who have joined us in the FMM French department this year.

Our students have had a very successful semester one, experiencing language and culture through a variety of activities, both inside and outside of the classroom, with an emphasis on authentic oral communication. The **grade 9's** produced and presented their very own

Pages Perso webpages *en français*, wrote emails and letters to penpals, and wrote poetry-music. The **grade 10's** researched francophone cultures, wrote blogs, presented dramatic skits, experienced literature circles and debated in French. The **grade 11's** created original Food Network videos and wrote French essays.

Field Trips:

French classes had opportunities to experience and practice their French in the "real world". On October 18th, the **Grade 11's** visited **Glendon College**, the French campus of York University. Students participated in a mock lecture about the French language and "*la Francophonie*" (the French-speaking world), followed by an tour of the beautiful campus. On November 21st, the **Grade 10's** experienced African drumming and dance workshops at **Lula Lounge**.

Guest Speakers:

In October, representatives from **CEEF (Canadian Education Exchange Foundation)** and **ISE (International Student Exchanges)** presented to French students in FMM's newly renovated lecture hall about some exciting exchange and travel opportunities to Quebec, Belgium, France, Germany, and Spain.

For more information about **travel and exchange opportunities**, please visit:

<http://www.ceef.ca/>

www.iseontario.on.ca.

<http://www.myexplore.ca>

<http://www.experiencescanada.ca>

<http://www.ef.com/ca/pg/high-school-study-abroad/>

<http://my.ymcagta.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=536>

Clubs:

Scrablons Club meets every Friday during lunches A & C and **French Club** meets every Friday after school. New members are always welcome. **YCDSB ScrabbleFest 2017** board-wide competition will be held on Saturday April 29 at St. Theresa of Lisieux.

IB French Exams: May 18-19, 2017. We are looking forward to an equally rewarding semester two!

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The 2016-2017 school year began with exciting experiences for students in English courses. In addition to the daily experiences of language, culture, and humanity, in the classroom we were fortunate to extend learning beyond the classroom with two unique experiences. The first was a field trip to Stratford, Ontario to The Festival Theatre to see *Macbeth*. It was a chance for students to see the play as it was meant to be experienced, which brought to life the drama of Shakespeare's tragedy and also an opportunity to support alumnus, Emilio, who played the role of Donalbain. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the play and are proud of Emilio's representation of FMM's talents. In the spirit of our 25th anniversary year, we would like to celebrate all of our alumni who are living out their dreams!

Budding actors in the making....



Allan Stratton, author of *Chanda's Secrets*, was the second highlight of our first semester experiences beyond the classroom. He discussed his experiences as an author completing research, the journey of writing, as well as conducted a reading from his new novel, *The Dogs*. He shared insights in the writing process, favourite personal stories, and provided pieces of advice to those interested in becoming authors. Thank you to everyone involved in the experience, including the organizer Sherri Fiorino, and all of the staff and students who supported this event with their enthusiasm. It was a memorable experience!

Thank you to an amazing English department, students, and staff, for a wonderful semester of learning! We look forward to an equally successful second semester!



BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

This fall our department was packed with events.

MARKETING FAIR

Marketing students under the supervision of Mr. Deslippe raised **\$235.00** during the Christmas Marketing Fair for the World Vision child who is sponsored by the business department and the marketing fair profits. For more information on this wonderful organization, visit www.worldvision.ca and BE the difference.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

We were lucky this winter to be able to book James Cunningham (comedian and award-winning public speaker) to speak to our senior classes on how to deal with money before they go off to postsecondary education. Cunningham was at FMM on Thursday December 15 to present the Funny Money — an interactive, dollar-dishing, comedic classroom that tries to teach students about financial literacy in a way that will stick.



Over the course of 60 minutes James Cunningham handed out about \$100 in cash, had students roaring with laughter and participating enthusiastically and dancing, and left them with three key messages: know how your money comes in and out, control your expenses and invest while young. This was made possible with support by Meridian Credit Union and the Government of Ontario in association with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

He also has many Funny Money animated cartoons teaching finances online. For further info about the financial presentation visit the following site <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Szy9jIEn6A4>

SHSM ARTS & CULTURE



The Arts & Culture SHSM Students have participated in several experiential learning activities and certifications this semester. All SHSM activities are geared towards providing sector specific opportunities for the students. This allows them to complete the requirements to graduate with the SHSM red seal, as well as prepare for Post-Secondary Education.

The Arts & Culture Students had an amazing opportunity to tour York University's AMP'D (School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design) Program, as well as participate in a Dance Workshop, featuring Luther Brown. It is experiences like these, and future excursions/certifications/tours, that make the Arts & Culture SHSM Program unique.

For more information regarding the Arts & Culture SHSM Program, please contact Mr. Ambida. All students are welcome to apply for the SHSM program.

SR BOYS' BASKETBALL

Mr. Dharmai and Mr. Wu are very proud of what the senior boys' basketball team has been able to accomplish this season thus far. Coming off a banner year, as defending 'AA' Champions in YRAA, the senior boys haven't missed a beat accumulating a 15-2 record while also winning the St. Brother Andre tournament earlier this season. But there is a lot of basketball still to play but more importantly a Championship title to defend!



SR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Girls Volleyball Team had an exciting opportunity to participate in a volleyball tournament in the Nation's Capital, Ottawa. The 16 team tournament was hosted by De La Salle Public Secondary School. Aside from finishing top 8, the team was able to build their team chemistry and create memories that will last a lifetime. With majority of the team currently in grade 12 and set to graduate this school year, we would like to wish them good luck with the rest of their season and all future endeavours!





GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Course Selection / Registration for September 2017:

During the next few weeks, Counsellors will be visiting all homerooms to discuss course selection and future planning in the first week of February. The decisions and choices which our students make during the **Course Selection Process** are amongst the most important ones they will make this year. **Course Selection** will be completed through **career cruising**. These choices are crucial to their future success and academic plans. To ensure that students get their first choices, they must have their completed Career Cruising printout and \$100.00 activity fee handed in during the week of February 21 – February 24th, at which time Counsellors will visit homerooms to collect the Course Selection sheet with the \$100 Activity Fee. In addition, it is extremely important to our planning and preparation for the next academic year that course selections are accurate and submitted on time. Critical decisions involving course offerings, number of sections and staffing depend upon this information.

Once the Course Selection Process is over, Counsellors will then scrutinize the students' course selection forms. To this end, students will be called down by the Counsellors and many will make appointments to see their respective counsellors to ensure that they are making informed and appropriate choices. Students are encouraged to make appointments to see their Counsellors to examine their post secondary options (University, College, Apprenticeships, and Work Place). Educational, Ministry and Scholarship web sites are also being shared with the students.

Students will be receiving their Verification sheets in early April during which time they will have the opportunity to make any changes to their course selections for September 2017.

University/College Applications:

Our University and College bound students have completed their applications to University and College with the assistance of the Grade 12 Counsellor. Ms. Castriota will also be assisting them with verifications, changes to and clarification of their program selection. We are also assisting students with scholarship/bursary applications.

Communicating with Students:

Ms. Castriota communicates with the students through career cruising email with important dates and events such as: Course Selection, Volunteer & Employment Opportunities, Presentations, Post-Secondary Info., Scholarships/Bursaries, OSAP, Night School/Summer School, Study Abroad Programs, Homework Help for Grades 9 & 10 Info., Important Deadlines, etc...

Guidance Counsellors are periodically visiting classrooms with above information, presentations, and words of encouragement and wisdom .

Please direct your concerns to the appropriate Guidance Counsellor at (905)472-0240.

Mr. Naidoo – Gr. 9 & 10 A-L & ESL Guidance Counsellor Mr. Cuda – Gr. 11 & 10 M-Z & SHSM Guidance Counsellor

Ms. Castriota – 12 & IB Guidance Counsellor Ms. Janette Donaghey – Guidance Secretary

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



This semester, the science department has been out and about making valuable connections between science curriculum and the real world around us! The grade 12 IB students completed their group IV project at Lake St. George Conservation Area in Richmond Hill. They were able to analyse abiotic and biotic factors of the lake and evaluate the biodiversity of the lake ecosystem based on fish species sampling. Let's just say it was a slippery, fun, wet and rewarding experience!





TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT



VEX ROBOTICS TAKES MCGIVNEY BY STORM!

The Tech Department has embarked on an exciting new journey for the Computer Engineering students. While always touching on the Robotics side of Computer Engineering, this semester we made the move into "VEX Robotics" which is a Robotic system allowing for our students to construct, program, and control their own Robot. While we have been able to make a modest start this year with 5 VEX Robot kits borrowed from a sister school in Richmond Hill. It is our hope, with the generous help of the Parent Council, to purchase our own kits for second semester when we will be running 2 Computer Engineering classes under the direction of Mr. Crossley.

Students have been very positive in their response to the new VEX Robotic kits in this semester's Grade 10 Computer Engineering class. These versatile VEX Robotic kits will allow for future expansion and enhanced learning opportunities as students' progress through the curriculum. Our students have overwhelmingly taken a huge interest in the new technology.

Considering the initial interest shown by our students, it is our hope that we can quickly build up a competent group of students to participate in future robotic competitions held locally, provincially, and nationally!

HAIRSTYLING & BARBERING



On November 22, 2016, the grade 10 and 11 Cosmetology/ Barbering students, along with a local barbershop "Royal Fades" and their barbers, hosted a special fundraising event called "The Barber Challenge". This event saw students from the Cosmetology/Barbering classes gather in the cafeteria during lunchtime and offer hair services at a low cost, with the proceeds being donated to charity. This year's charity was the **Starlight Foundation**, an organization that is dedicated to bringing laughter, joy and hope back into the lives of children with serious illnesses. The "Challenge" raised \$1,000 within 2 hours. Special live music and entertainment was provided by local Toronto Performers, "XpressakaDJXP," and "EverythingOSHauN of GSXMUSIC."

The school was filled with lots of positive vibes, action, but most of all KINDNESS which was displayed through the many donations from our student body. Hopefully next year we are able to achieve our fundraising goal of \$1,500.00. Thank you to all that participated.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

BEST BUDDIES



Our students in the Functional Life Skills, Social Communication and Educational Support programs are eagerly awaiting the Bocce Tournament which takes place at the end of January! Many preparations have been made including practices at Centennial Community Centre. At school, the Tuck Shop is thriving and students are learning valuable skills while shopping, stocking and serving their customers.

Many students in the Core Resource program are consistently using the assistive technology available to them, including Chromebooks and Google Read & Write to complete their coursework. Students are working diligently to review for final Exams at the end of January. We encourage students to continue to access the Core Resource room and work with their Monitoring Teachers throughout the school year. We are very proud of all of our students. Keep up the excellent work!



ARTS DEPARTMENT

VISUAL ARTS

Grade 12 art students have spent semester one creating individual bodies of work. Students explored concepts including the strength of women represented by geological crystals, paintings and architectural constructs inspired by animals, the fragile qualities of memory, how our engagements with the natural world has been disrupted by technology, the luscious forms of fruit, and visions from the Book of Revelations. Students celebrated their work with a show and reception at the Markham Village Public Library.

VISUAL DESIGN : "GREEN ARCHITECTURE"

Students from Grade 12 Visual Design Course created several maquettes depicting Native, Bauhaus, Afrikan and Japanese sustainable architectural styles. Each maquette was accompanied by the corresponding Architectural Graphics such as Front Elevation, Site plan and 3 points perspective Artistic View.



FROM THE DRAMA ROOM!

It has been an exciting few months in the Drama Room at FMM! At the end of November, using their knowledge of voice, movement, tableau, and mime, the Grade 9 Pre-IB Students showcased powerful Reader's Theatre performances to songs by Alessia Cara and Twenty One Pilots. Meanwhile, the Grade 10 Drama Students kept Period 2 in stitches, with their entertaining, creative, and ambitious Improvisational Theatre performances, as well as their Reader's Theatre take on Disney, Drake, and Justin Bieber. Likewise, through a unique blend of

costuming, hair and makeup, movement, and facial expressions, the Grade 11 Drama Students presented creative Lip Sync Battles that channeled the likes of One Direction, Ne-Yo, Willow Smith, Vanessa Carlton, etc.

In December, by combining projection, light sources, music, and opaque sheets, the Grade 9 and 10 Drama Students created moving Shadow Theatre Performances that highlighted: mental health, bullying, the stages of life, the stages of a relationship, various forms of abuse, and the impacts of war, for their CPTs. The Grade 11 Students chose to cover Children's Theatre, for their CPT Performances. While many groups converted beloved Robert Munsch stories into One-Act Plays, the students were particularly impressed by Shrek and Fiona: a student-written, produced, directed, staged, lit, and costumed One-Act play, that blended Shrek, with Romeo and Juliet. The balcony scene was a must-see!

Coming up in the Drama Room in January, we are looking forward to the monologues that all Drama Students will be performing for their final exam, as well as Drama Club, every Monday, after school. Of course, we also cannot wait for April, when we'll see High School Musical on stage.



VIVA LA MUSICA

This semester, in the music program at FMM we celebrated a few firsts! We saw the creation of the first ever junior Jazz Band, and the first (in a very long time) vocal class. These groups, along with the Intermediate Band, were fortunate to be invited to perform at the Annual Directors Choice at the CEC in Aurora. There the bands and vocal class brought some Christmas cheer to all the Administrators within

the YCDSB. The groups were received with much enthusiasm and gratitude.

This Christmas season the music room was hopping as students prepared some pretty important performances. First of all the FMM Concert Winds, Vocal Class and Senior Jazz Band went on a 2 day, 5 school tour to our Family of Schools elementary schools! The shows were a blast for the performers and audiences alike and we were all impressed with the amazing vocal talent of our Family of Schools elementary students who sang along with joyful exuberance.

We are also very proud of the over 200 students who participated in this year's annual Christmas concert. The students performed to a packed audience and some of the highlights included the very first performance of our FMM Beginner Band, a scary story narrated by our own Mr. Simmons, and of course an amazing rendition of "All I Want for Christmas is You" performed by all 200 plus concert participants.

Special thanks to the students lead Music Council, for making the whole evening a success!





CONGRATULATIONS

to our

Catholic Graduate Expectations

Winners!

Oct 2016: A Collaborative Contributor

Gr. 9—Demetri D.

Gr. 10—Cyra F.

Gr. 11—Mya M.

Gr. 12—Jordan J.

Nov 2016: An Effective Communicator

Gr. 9—Kenny L.

Gr. 10—Zachary C.

Gr. 11—Ninuksha P.

Gr. 12—Richards A.

Dec /Jan 2016-17: A Caring Family Member

Gr. 9—C.G.

Gr. 10—Priyanka A.

Gr. 11—Joanna A.

Gr. 12—Saffa R.



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC ACADEMY IB WORLD SCHOOL



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For the latest updates:



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Visiting FMM

The safety of every student in this school is important to us. As a part of our Safe School Policy, all visitors **MUST** sign in at the office. Our office staff will be happy to assist you should you have a scheduled appointment with a teacher, we will call into the class and the teacher will meet you at the office. We want all of our students to feel safe, and although your child knows who you are, other children may not. Thank you.

DEPARTMENTS

Arts Department	Colleen Walsh, DH
Business Department	May Ng, DH
Chaplaincy	Christine Gomes, Co-ordinator
CO-OP	Allan Ambida, DH
English	Janelle Chan, DH
English Language Learners	Roger Hospedales, DH
Guidance	Adele Castriota, DH
Library Resource Centre	Barb Egerer, DH
French Department	Natalie Kekki, DH
Physical & Health Education	John Morelli, DH
Science Department	Elaine Dharmai, DH
Special Education	Belinda Lyn, DH
Technology Studies	Greg Bartkiw, DH
Sports Teams	Allan Ambida, Harvey Wu



Attendance Matters

- On the day a student is absent, a parent/guardian must contact the attendance office
- To ensure that your child's absence is recorded promptly call the **ATTENDANCE LINE at 905 472-2314**
- A parent/guardian note is required for a student to sign out
- The note must include the date, time of sign-out, and reason. A parent/guardian signature is required

Allergy Awareness

You may be aware of the recent news involving McDonald's Canada and the changes to its menu. McDonald's Canada is now serving products that may contain or come into contact with peanuts, tree nuts or other allergens.

All York Catholic District School Board schools are nut and peanut products safe because we have students with a potentially life-threatening form of allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that anaphylaxis management is a shared responsibility among allergic students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

We are aware that, on occasion, parents drop off lunches for their child(ren) from various fast food outlets, and that some of these outlets are **not** peanut/nut free. Please be mindful of this potentially life-threatening form of allergic reaction and refrain from sending or dropping off any lunches or snacks that may contain or may have come into contact with these products.

In accordance with Board Policy 209, Protection of Students with Anaphylaxis, it is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board that all students be entitled to safe and healthy environments in our schools. This includes:

- establishing an allergy safe school via the restriction of specific foods and food products that may contain nuts, tree nuts, or other allergens
- implementing "no food sharing" rules
- emphasizing proper hand washing routines

We have put strategies and practices into place to reduce the risk of anaphylaxis among our students, and we continue to review our safety practices related to anaphylaxis awareness.

Thank you for everything you do to help keep our school a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff.