



**Father Michael McGivney
Catholic Academy**



*Gr. 9 Welcome to High School
Evening*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2025



PRAYER

God our Father,
in your loving providence
You have brought us into being
to find joy in communion with one another
and to know you in our joy.

We give you praise and thanks for each member
of your body present,
particularly those who have become
the newest members of
the Father Michael McGivney family.



We welcome those present in your name,
and ask that you give your blessings
upon these students and their families
as you have blessed us continually in the
McGivney community.

In our lives we need your presence,
your hope, your spirit of unity, your conviction for our
future.

Give us a sense of belonging to the community
and a spirit of renewed commitment
to love and educate those in our midst.

Keep us growing day by day.

AMEN



FMM Land acknowledgement

We come together to acknowledge the First Nations land that we stand on, and recognize the contributions of Original People yesterday and today in the community we now call Markham.

We acknowledge the communities of the East, South, West, and Northern directions, particularly the Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, and Anishinaabe.

We respectfully acknowledge those who have walked on the land, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it. We will make every effort to commit to living in harmony, building relationships, and increasing awareness.



FMM Admin Team



Ms. Camille Robinson
Principal
N-Z (Gr. 9-12)

Mr. Kevin DeFreitas
Vice-Principal
A-M (Gr. 9-12)

Ms. Alisia D'Silva
Vice-Principal
Pre-IB/IB (Gr. 9-12)

**“At the end of the day,
the most
overwhelming key to
a child’s success is the
positive involvement
of parents”
~ Jane D. Hull**

Parent Engagement

Catholic School Council

Parent Information Evenings

Communication with the
school & teachers



FMM

MS. ROSE SANNA
HEAD SECRETARY

MS. JESSICA BOILEAU
ATTENDANCE SECRETARY

Office

MS. NADIA MUKTAR
GUIDANCE SECRETARY

Team

MS. SIEU TRUONG
BURSAR

MS. KRISTINA MICELI
SIS SECRETARY

MS NADIA POTESIO
GENERAL SECRETARY



WHAT IS MAGIC NATION?





CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

LIFE [AT] MCGIVNEY

GET INVOLVED!

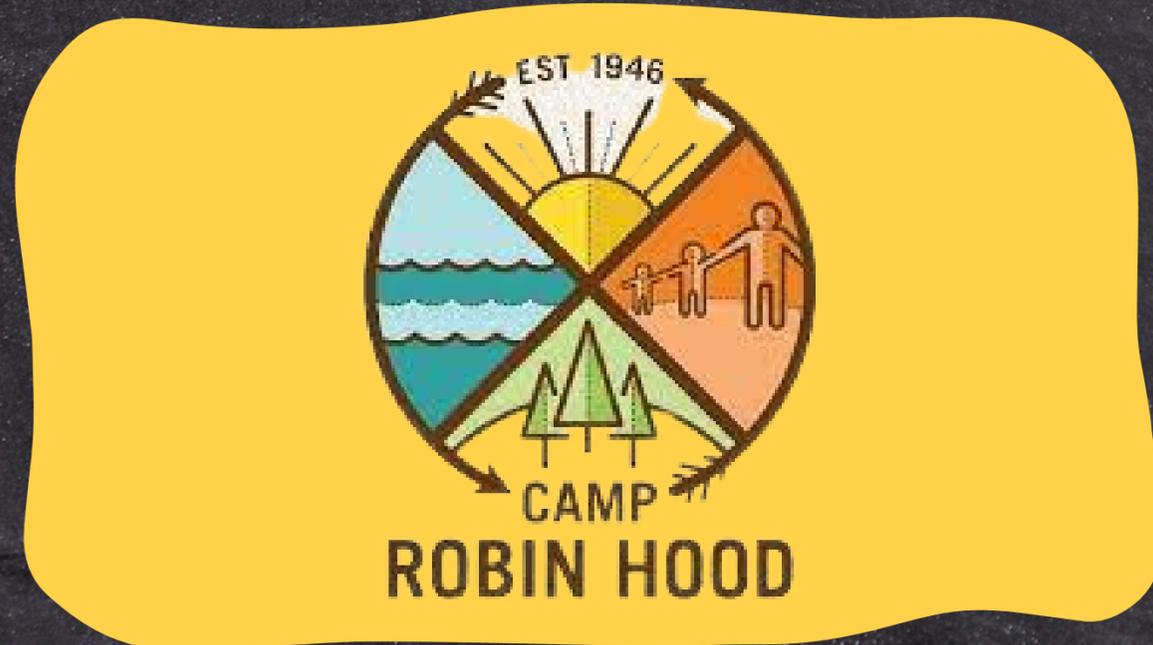


Gr. 9 Orientation Camp Day

MONDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 2025

[AT] CAMP ROBIN HOOD

\$35 INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION,
ALL ACTIVITIES & LUNCH



Expectations for Grade 9 Students

- UNIFORM
- ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY
- WORKLOAD
- COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS & COUNSELLORS
(FOR STUDENTS)
- COMMUNITY SERVICES HOURS (40 HOURS FOR
CLASS OF 2029)



Uniform



DGN KILTERS UNIFORM APPAREL • SCHOOLS • CLUBS • TEAMS



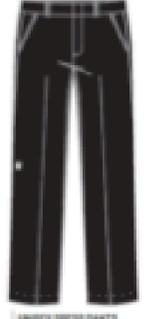
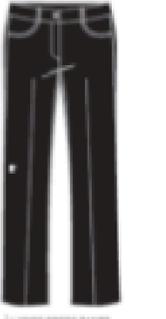
FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC ACADEMY
BACK TO SCHOOL
SHOPPING
APPOINTMENT BOOKING REQUIRED









How to Book Your Appointment:

- Visit www.dgn-kilters.com
- Select Schools/Book Appointment
- Select Your School Board / School Name
- Select Book Appointment
- Any Changes to booked appointments must be made through your Appointment Confirmation Email (Cancellation / Time Changes)

TYPE	COLOR	PRICE
POLO		
Unisex SS Polo (M-XXL)	Charcoal / White	\$22.00 HoK
Ladies SS Polo (M-XXL)	Charcoal / White	\$22.00 HoK
Unisex LS Polo (M-XXL)	Charcoal	\$25.00 HoK
Ladies LS Polo (M-XXL)	Charcoal	\$25.00 HoK
1/4 Zip Sweater (M-XXL)	Navy	\$34.00 HoK
Unisex Cardigan (M-XXL)	Navy with White Stripes	\$39.00 HoK
Unisex Rugby Sweater (M-XXL)	Navy / White / Ash	\$44.00 HoK
Ladies Rugby Sweater (M-XXL)	Navy / White / Ash	\$44.00 HoK
SHORTS		
Men's Pant (M-XXL)	Black	\$39.00 HoK
Ladies Pant (M-XXL)	Black	\$39.00 HoK
GYM UNIFORMS		
Unisex Posi-Fit Gym T-Shirt (M-XXL)	Red	\$15.00 HoK
Ladies V-Neck Posi-Fit Gym T-Shirt (M-XXL)	Red	\$15.00 HoK
Unisex Gym Short (M-XXL)	Black	\$18.00 HoK
Ladies Gym Short (M-XXL)	Black	\$20.00 HoK
Unisex Gym Sweatpant (M-XXL)	Black	\$24.00 HoK

OnLine Ordering
www.dgn-kilters.com
Method of Payment: VISA, MasterCard

Toll Free Ordering
1.800.437.5872
Method of Payment: VISA, MasterCard

Retail Location
4855 14th Avenue, Markham
Method of Payment: Cash, Debit, VISA, MasterCard

ATTENDANCE

- REGULAR ATTENDANCE DIRECTLY CORRELATES TO STUDENT SUCCESS
- STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE 110 HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY EARN A CREDIT.
- STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN CLASS BY 8:25 AM
- ABSENCE REPORTING BY 9:00 AM
- EXTENDED ABSENCES PROCEDURES & MEDICAL NOTES

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Partial or full day absences may be reported in advance, **before** bell time for the current day.

Phone: 1-855-856-7862

Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca

Mobile App: SchoolMessenger App

Student Drop Offs

- DROP OFF BEFORE 8AM
- DROP OFF IN NORTH PARKING LOT
- DO NOT USE BUS LANES

The Role of Guidance

MS. GEETHA ARANHA

DEPARTMENT HEAD OF
GUIDANCE





MRS. ANNAMARIA DELLA ROSSA
ALPHA: A-F



MS. CATHERINE ELLIS
ALPHA: G-P



MS. GEETHA ARANHA
DEPARTMENT HEAD
ALPHA: Q-Z

FMM
GUIDANCE
TEAM



- PATHWAYS PLANNING
- POST SECONDARY PLANNING
- CREDIT COUNSELLING SUPPORT
- COURSE SELECTION SUPPORT
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT (STUDY SKILLS)
- COMMUNITY RESOURCE SUPPORT
- MENTAL WELLNESS
- ADVOCATES

1. BE PRESENT



The most precious gift we can offer anyone is our attention.
When mindfulness embraces those we love,
they will bloom like flowers.

Thich Nhat Hanh

soul-to-souls.com

2. TRUST - THE FINE
BALANCE OF LETTING GO
(BUT NOT TOO FAR)!

AND...

3. EMPOWER - ENCOURAGE
INITIATIVE



Supports & Services

- Guidance Counsellors
- Chaplaincy Services
- Special Education Department
- ELL Department
- Policy 208
- Student Support Services ~ Behaviour Resource, Mental Health Worker, Mental Health Nurse, Attendance Counselling
- Administrative Support ~ Mr. DeFreitas (A-M), Ms. Robinson (N-Z), Ms. D'Silva (Pre-IB/IB)
- Board Resources ~ Mental Health & Wellbeing



How to Support your Child



1. Get Involved in your Child's Academics

- Check in regularly about homework, projects and upcoming tests
- Encourage organization: use planners, calendars or apps to track assignments
- Stay connected: attend parent-teacher interviews and school events

Ask questions: show interest in what they're learning

How to Support your Child

2. Support their Wellbeing

- Listen actively: create space for your child to share their highs and lows
- Balance is key: encourage healthy routines of sleep, nutrition and exercise
- Limit stress: help your child manage social media and technology use responsibly

Know the supports: admin, guidance, student success, mental health resources

Impact of Personal Devices & Social Media

“We have overprotected children in the real world and under-protected them in the virtual world.”

— JONATHAN HAIDT
THE ANXIOUS GENERATION



“The rates of depression among teens more than doubled from 2010 to 2021.”

This mental health crisis grew in tandem with the rise of “phone-based childhoods” beginning in the late 2000s, when the iPhone debuted.”

— JONATHAN HAIDT, THE ANXIOUS GENERATION

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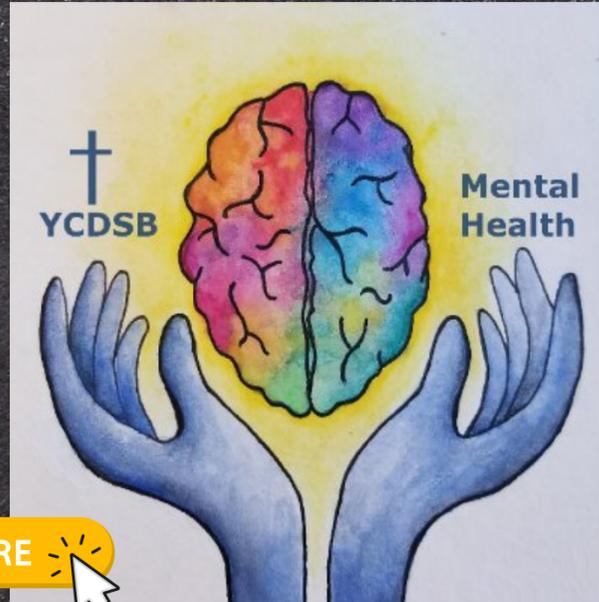
Impact of Personal Devices & Social Media



“It's a relationship, not a class. **But what you do often matters far more than what you say, so watch your own phone habits.** Be a good role model who is not giving continuous partial attention to both the phone and the child.”

- JONATHAN HAIDT, THE ANXIOUS GENERATION

YCDSB Mental Health Resources



Community Mental health resources

[CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

You can get help in school for anxiety and depression?

YCDSB has Mental Health Workers who can help you?

There are also Mental Health and Addiction Nurses who can help you

All you have to is reach out to a teacher, guidance counselor or VP to get connected

Check these out for more info:

The complex block features a central image of a young woman with her hands covering her face, appearing distressed, with a laptop in front of her. The background is a white grid. Four speech bubbles in blue and yellow contain text. At the bottom right, there are two QR codes.

3. Free Tools & Resources to Boost Success

- School Library & Learning Commons: access study groups, homework help and digital resources
- AI homework help
- Free Ontario based academic resources - curriculum specific

YCDSB Remedial Tutoring

ONLINE **NEW!**
**NUMERACY &
LITERACY
CLASSES**

For Grade 9 & 10
Students ONLY



Session 1

Numeracy Mondays

October 6 to December 15

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

10 classes

Literacy Wednesdays

October 15 to December 17

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

10 classes

This program helps students improve their literacy and numeracy skills, offering ideal preparation for the Grade 9 EQAO or Grade 10 OSSLT. It is most effective when students are taking Math or English in the first semester.

Register: ce.ycdsb.ca

All classes are run based on sufficient enrollment.

Registration closes on September 26.

BRAINFUSE FREE ONLINE TUTORING - MARKHAM LIBRARY

5 Reasons Why You Should Try BrainFuse

by [MPLKaren](#) August 26, 2020



It feels like ages ago that we were attempting to make fresh bread, and now we are preparing to go back to school!

But do not fret, with your MPL card, you can access BrainFuse - an online database that offers learning and tutoring services. Use BrainFuse to catch up just before school starts or even after you do go back to school.

Here's how BrainFuse can help you:

1. **Homework Help** - Students can submit questions in an online classroom and a Brainfuse tutor can offer one-on-one assistance from 2pm to 11pm. Or writing tutors can offer constructive feedback on submissions.
2. **Language Lab**- Fluent tutors in French and Spanish can help with all your linguistic questions through live online help.
3. **Discover your Talents**- Using self-assessment tools, you can discover your strengths and talents to map out potential future careers. Access the adult learning center for resume and cover letter assistance or other career resources.
4. **Meet with Others**- Form virtual study group sessions with friends, peers or instructors. Using Brainwave, you can record white-board sessions or work on projects that involve motion or sequencing.
5. **Newcomer Support**- Receive help to prepare for the Canadian Citizenship Test or brush up on your skills using Microsoft Office help.



Homework help

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Learning Resources
You Can Count On

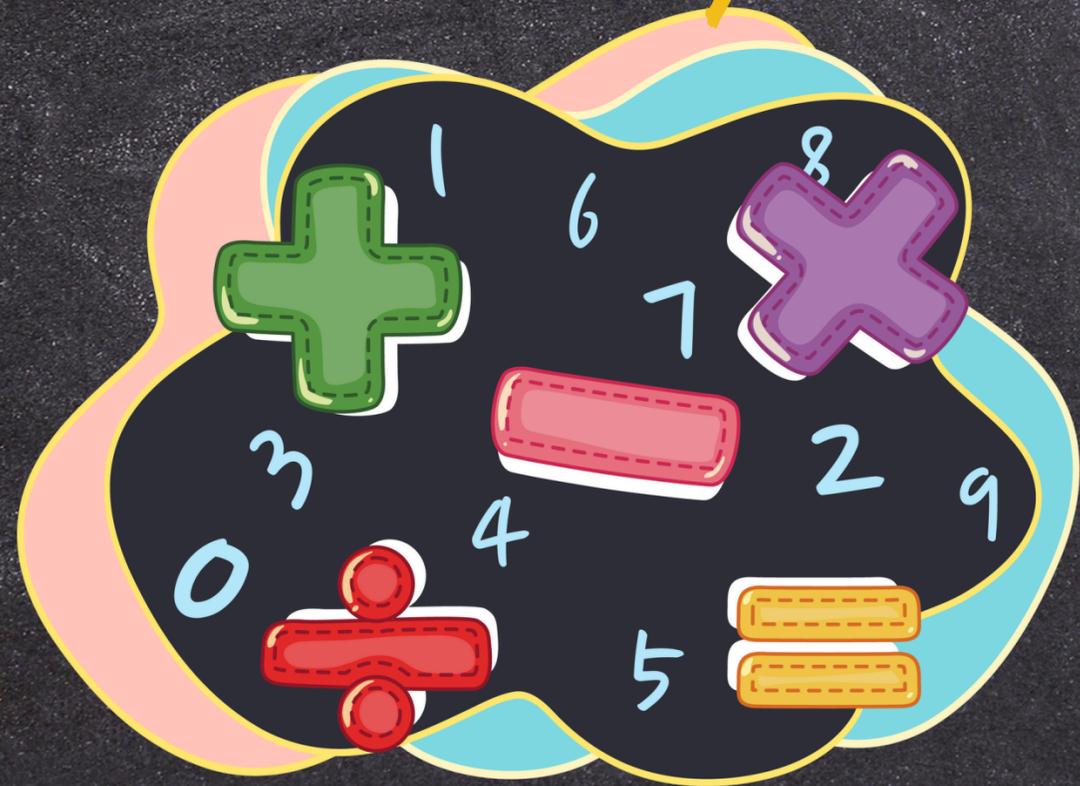
K-12 Ontario curriculum
learning resources
[TVOlearn.com](https://www.tvolearn.com)



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Homework help



- Math Help: TVO Mathify
 - Free 1:1 tutoring - Grades 4-12

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Get Math . Anytime . Anywhere .

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[TVOMathify.com](https://www.TVOMathify.com)



More Math Resources



Knowledgehook

Interactive math practice

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Ontario math games & tools

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The CENTRE for EDUCATION
in MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING

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courseware

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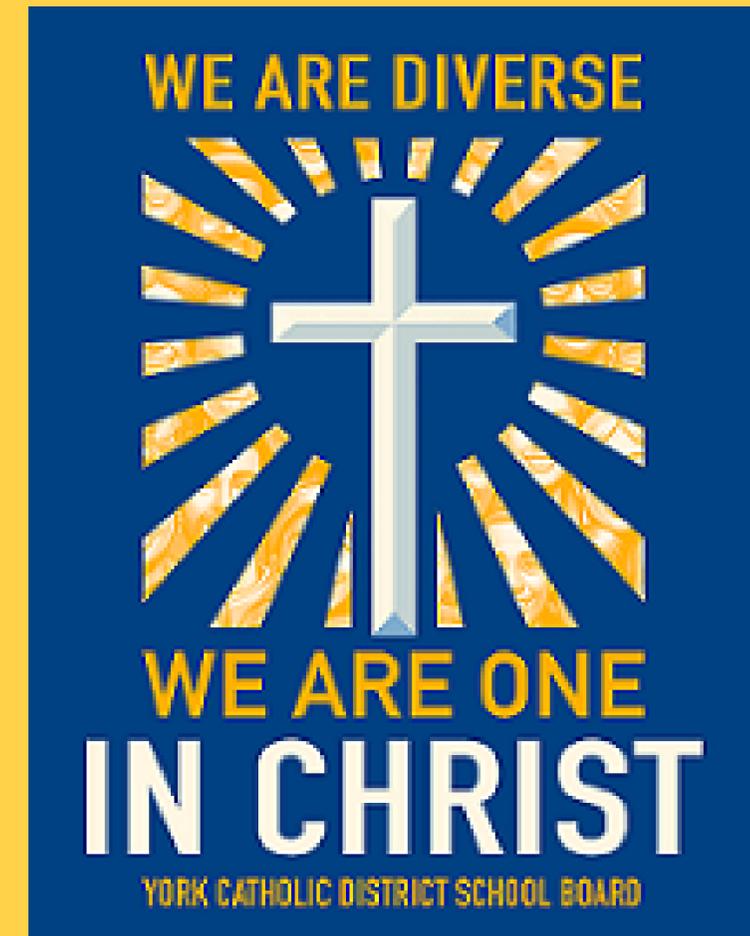


WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

At FMM our goal is to foster the faith life of ALL students.

We provide opportunities for our students to:

- worship
- celebrate their faith
- learn from one another's faith traditions to foster unity and respect



WHAT IF I'M NOT CATHOLIC?

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD



- Students of all faith backgrounds are accepted and welcomed.
- Students are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith in order to deepen their own understanding and nurture their own personal values that reflect Catholic values of Love, Hope, Justice, Charity, Patience, Kindness and Respect for ALL.
- Gr. 9 Religious Education focuses on the Old Testament and explicitly draws connections between the Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
- All students are invited to witness how we as Catholics practice our faith



Instagram: [FMMCA.news](#)



[School Website](#)



WELCOME TO MAGIC NATION!

