

MCGIVNEY

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Monthly



As another successful school year comes to a close at Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy, we reflect with gratitude on the many accomplishments, milestones, and moments that have brought our community together. It has been a year filled with learning, growth, faith, and service, and we are proud of all that our students and staff have achieved. Congratulations to all of our students for their commitment, perseverance, and resilience throughout the school year, culminating in the successful completion of their final assessments and examinations. Report cards will be available through the Parent Portal beginning Tuesday, July 7, 2026, after 4:00 p.m.

We are especially proud of the Class of 2026 and their outstanding accomplishments. This year, we had 331 graduates receive their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, with 227 students earning Ontario Scholar status, 178 completing the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program, and 50 students receiving their International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our students, the support of their families, and the commitment of our exceptional staff. To our graduates, we wish you every success as you begin your next chapter and look forward to welcoming you back as proud McGivney alumni.

This month also brought moments of gratitude and farewell. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Lyn on her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service in Physical Education, Guidance, and Special Education departments. Her compassion, professionalism, and commitment have left a lasting legacy within our school community. We also thank Vice Principal Mr. DeFreitas for his four years of dedicated leadership and service to McGivney. His care for students, staff, and families has been deeply appreciated, and we wish him continued success and God's blessings as he begins his new role at Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic High School.

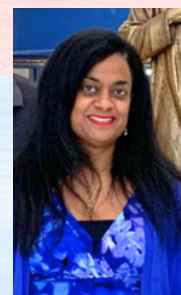
This newsletter also marks my final message as Principal of Father Michael McGivney. Serving this remarkable community has been one of the greatest privileges of my career. McGivney has been much more than a school; it has been a place of faith, friendship, and belonging that I will always carry with me. Although I have been called to begin a new chapter as Principal of Sacred Heart Catholic High School, a part of my heart will always remain here. Thank you for your trust, your kindness, and the opportunity to journey alongside your children. The memories, relationships, and experiences we have shared will remain with me forever. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to our Catholic School Council for their continued partnership, generosity, and support throughout the year. Your commitment has enriched the educational experience of our students and strengthened our school community.

As we look ahead, it is my pleasure to welcome Ms. Teresa Romeo as the new Principal of Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy. I know she will lead this wonderful community with dedication, compassion, and faith, and I wish her every blessing in this new role.

On behalf of the entire McGivney staff, thank you for a wonderful year. May your summer be filled with rest, joy, and treasured moments with family and friends. May God watch over you, keep you safe, and bless you with good health as we look forward to another exciting school year.

God bless.

Principal
Camille Robinson

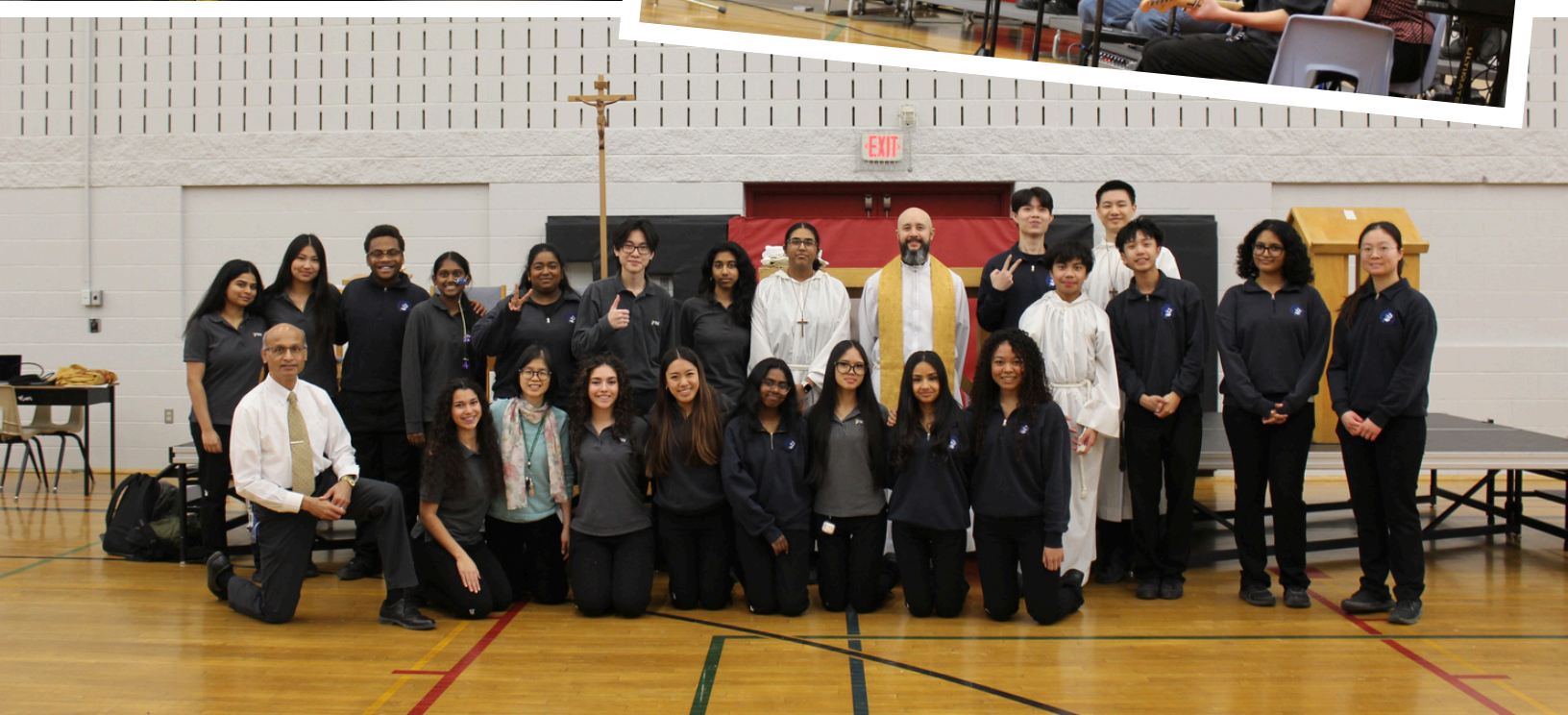


Easter Mass and Closing Mass

On April 9, we were blessed to celebrate our Easter Mass with Fr. Matt McCarthy, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Toronto. This marked his final mass at McGivney, as he has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Oshawa and Chaplain at Ontario Tech University. We are grateful for his inspiring homilies and support of our school community since the Covid times, and we wish him every blessing as he begins this new role.

On June 3, Fr. Dennise Joy, Associate Pastor at Prince of Peace Parish, celebrated our Closing Mass. It was a joyful occasion to come together as a school community to give thanks for God's many blessings and to reflect on the growth, accomplishments, and memories we shared this school year.

~ Submitted by W. Sum



YCDSB Worship Concert

On April 28, our Praise and Worship Team, together with members of the choir and instrumentalists, including Ms. Does on guitar, participated in the inaugural YCDSB Worship Music Festival at the YCDSB Centre for the Arts. As a special highlight of the day, all participating students from the high schools across our school board came together to record Here I Am, Lord, joyfully marking the Easter season through prayer, song, and community.

~ Submitted by W. Sum



Gr 10 and Gr 11 Retreats

This spring, students from our Grade 10 and Grade 11 TOK classes participated in retreats facilitated by Hopestone Catholic Formation. They enjoyed the engaging team-building activities, games, small group discussions, and inspiring talks. There were also opportunities for personal reflection and prayer, allowing students to pause from their busy schedules and deepen their understanding of themselves and their faith. Students from all faith backgrounds were able to benefit from these experiences, which encouraged them to live faith-filled and wholesome lives.

~ Submitted by W. Sum





On May 5, our Grade 9 Geography and Grade 10 History English Language Learners embarked on a journey through “Little Canada” in Toronto. Students reflected on creation and the history of our country. In the heart of Toronto, students were led through stories of Canada, observing the country’s cities and landscapes through the art of miniature. Further, students were also taught about the creation process of the miniature sets, being introduced to STEM innovation and real-world applications. We are excited to continue to offer more cultural engagement opportunities for our ELLs here at McGivney.

~ Submitted by Ms. E. Velovic

ELL TRIP TO LITTLE CANADA



CANADIAN AND WORLD STUDIES / SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

As we look back at another successful school year at Father Michael McGviney, we are proud to celebrate the many achievements, experiences, and personal growth demonstrated by our students. Throughout the year, students participated in a variety of learning opportunities that supported the development of:

- Academic knowledge
- Learning skills and habits
- Citizenship and community engagement

Thank you to all of our teachers in the CWSD / SSH department who dedicated their time and efforts in support of student learning - (Mr. Bozzo, Mrs. Koprianiuk, Ms. Munoz, Mrs. Barilla, Mrs. Falcone, Mrs. Della Rossa, Miss Agostino, and Mr. Martins). Whether in geography, history, civics and law, or the social sciences, our department has always emphasized a values based education. Through Canadian and global perspectives, students developed a sense of awareness and independence, social responsibility and integrity, respect for diversity, and accountability all of which are important to understand and make decisions for themselves and others.

As students look ahead to new learning opportunities and experiences, they bring with them important knowledge, skills, and habits that will continue to support their success. The Canadian and World Studies and Social Science and Humanities Department wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead.

~ Submitted by Mr. Bozzo



A visit from the Public Health Nurse

Getting ready for exams just got a little less stressful! FMM was thrilled to host our public health nurse, who teamed up with the Mental Wellness Council to set up an interactive wellness booth. Students stopped by to unwind, recharge, and pick up some great study tips.

~ Submitted by Mental Wellness Council:
A.Bygrave/G.Aranha



A VISIT FROM *Therapy* THE *Dogs*

To help students unwind during their exams, the Mental Wellness Council recently welcomed the compassionate teams from Sunshine Therapy Dogs back to FMM. Many students took the opportunity to de-stress and connect with the furry friends, getting a much-needed break. A huge thank you goes out to the organization, the dogs, and our incredible volunteers!

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NORTH OF 60 FOOD DRIVE

During the month of May, our school community came together in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Nunavut through the North of 60 Food Drive. Many communities in Nunavut continue to face food insecurity, high food costs, and other challenges that make access to nutritious food difficult.

On behalf of SLAM and Chaplaincy, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all staff and students who donated food items in support of the North of 60 Food Drive, benefiting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Patrick's Parish and the people of Nunavut. Through their generosity, we are able to collect more than 1200 non-perishable food items, filling over 80 orange bags and many boxes with cereal, peanut butter, pasta, salt, canned goods, and other essentials.

A special thank you goes to Ms. Mazzulli's Pre-IB Religion class for creating the fun and inspiring cereal dominoes video. Honourable mentions go to Ms. Gilmore's, Ms. Marro's, and Mr. Mancuso's classes for their outstanding efforts. Congratulations to Mr. Martins' and Mr. Dolmaya's homerooms, who collected the highest number of items and earned the most points.

Thank you, McGivney, for your generosity and compassion. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference, and together we have helped support families facing food insecurity while living out our call to serve others in faith and love.

~ Submitted by W. Sum





Sharelife Fundraiser

Mango Lassi & Mango Ice Cream

On behalf of SLAM, we want to thank everyone who bought a mango lassi or mango ice cream to support Sharelife. ShareLife is the annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto that supports programs serving people in need throughout the GTA. Sharelife raises funds to assist vulnerable individuals and families regardless of their background, faith, or circumstances.

~ Submitted by - W. Sum



Multicultural Attire Day



On June 2, SLAM organized our annual Multicultural Attire Day, inviting students and staff to wear traditional clothing representing their cultural heritage. The day was a joyful celebration of the rich diversity within our school community and an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the unique traditions that make McGivney such a vibrant and welcoming place. Many students stopped by our lunchtime photo booth to capture these special memories. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event!

~ Submitted by W. Sum

VARLEY ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

People do not simply create for the monetary aspects. they write and draw and paint to showcase the human passion, emotion and leave behind a legacy.

This year, to recognize the creativity and efforts of young artists at McGivney, an exhibition was held at the Varley Art Gallery of Markham. In collaboration with Brother André and Markham Youth Arts Council, the Grade 11 and 12 Art Show brought together students, teachers and families to celebrate not only finished pieces, but the stories and dedication behind them, while enjoying live music and coffee, paired with networking and conversation.

So that every brushstroke and sketch showcases the identity and imagination at the heart of FMM, the exhibition featured a wide range of works from culminating performance tasks to personal projects and artwork created beyond the classroom.

Reminding us of those who are graduating and those who will continue on the legacy of young artists at FMM, the event stood as both a farewell and a beginning, showing that art is not just something we create, but once again something that stays with us long after we leave.

*~ Submitted by Zita Loeppky,
written by Anya Lopez*



From Calculus to the Canvas: FMM Explores the

Monet Immersive Experience



"The Monet Immersive Experience is a truly captivating and beautiful exhibit. The exhibit allowed me to see how modern technology is incorporated within Claude Monet's work which truly shows how beautiful his work is. The many rooms such as the 360 degree room elevated the exhibit even more allowing me to learn more about how light, color and mood is reflected within his paintings."

Anjana Kuganathan
(Grade 9)

On April 23, FMM's IB HL Grade 12 Mathematics students and Grade 9 Visual Arts students visited the Monet Immersive Experience. The 360° digital exhibition combined technology, music, and art to create a unique learning experience. For our IB HL Mathematics students, the trip supported their study of vectors in Calculus by providing a dynamic, real-world example of spatial reasoning in both 2D and 3D spaces. Here are a few reflections from a few students who attended the trip.

Submitted by Zita Loeppky



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“Everyone knows that a painting is beautiful to look at, especially when you have beautiful landscapes painted by famous painter, Claude Monet, but the real beauty lies in the history behind the art, since after all, one can only value something when they know the effect it has on them. It would be an understatement to say that the paintings were just projected onto a screen, as the paintings were animated to flow. The snow would fall, flowers would sway, and trains would even whistle in front of the audience. Monet had many paintings of his garden and their flowers and so it felt magical to walk through his “Poppies” painting in the virtual reality headset, which was a vast field of gorgeous red poppies that looked as though they went on forever. Students were able to become one with the art and witness the very beauty Monet was inspired by. The Monet Immersive Art Exhibit will forever be a beautiful memory for the students lucky enough to experience it.”

Zoha Banu (Grade 9)





ARTS FEST 2026

A Celebration of Creativity, Culture, and Community

Arts Fest was a vibrant evening celebrating arts and culture at FMM with our community of family and friends. Organized through a collaboration between the Arts and Music Councils, the event showcased student creativity through the Artist Alley and a concert performance that followed. Guests had the opportunity to engage with students from various clubs and participate in creative activities such as Chinese knot making, henna art, and personalized portrait sketching. The evening concluded with a spectacular concert featuring the incredible talents of FMM's bands, singers, and dancers. It was a memorable night that brought our community together to celebrate and support the creativity, passion, and artistic talent of our students. A special thank you to the Arts Department, our administrators, and the teacher volunteers whose support helped make Arts Fest such a success. We could not have done it without you.

Submitted by Zita Loeppky





FMM Artists Shine at Flato Markham Theatre

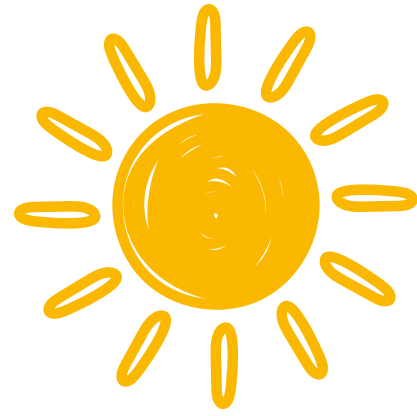


To celebrate a year of outstanding creativity, FMM's Arts Council curated an exhibition featuring exceptional artwork by students from all grade levels. The showcase included paintings, drawings, photography, digital art, and masks created by our talented student artists. Displayed at the Flato Markham Theatre from June 1-18, the exhibition gave patrons and community members the opportunity to experience and celebrate the remarkable artistic talent within the FMM community. It also provided students with the unique opportunity to present their work in a professional gallery setting at a venue that hosts acclaimed performers and artists from across Canada.

Submitted by Zita Loeppky



Activity



SCHOOL DAY - CLOSED FROM JULY 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

IMPORTANT DATES -

Grade 9 Orientation:
Tuesday September 8 (Grade 9 ONLY)

First Day of School:
Wednesday September 9 (Grade 9-12)



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SUMMER

