



**Father Michael McGivney
Catholic Academy**

*Gr. 9 Welcome to High School
Evening*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

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. Teresa Romeo
Principal



Mr. James Merlin
Vice-Principal
A-L (Gr. 9-12)



Mr. Christopher Pereira
Vice-Principal
M-Z (Gr. 9-12)



Ms. Alisia D'Silva
Vice-Principal
IB Prep/IB students (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**





Principal's remarks

Ms. Teresa Romeo

Parent Engagement

Catholic School Council

Parent Information Evenings

Communication with the
school & teachers



FMM

MS. ROSE SANNA
HEAD SECRETARY

MS. WANDA WONG
ATTENDANCE SECRETARY

Office

MS. NADIA MUKTAR
GUIDANCE SECRETARY

Team

MS. SIEU TRUONG
BURSAR

MS. KRISTINA MICELI
SIS SECRETARY

MS CHRISTINA THORNE
GENERAL SECRETARY



WHAT IS MAGIC NATION?



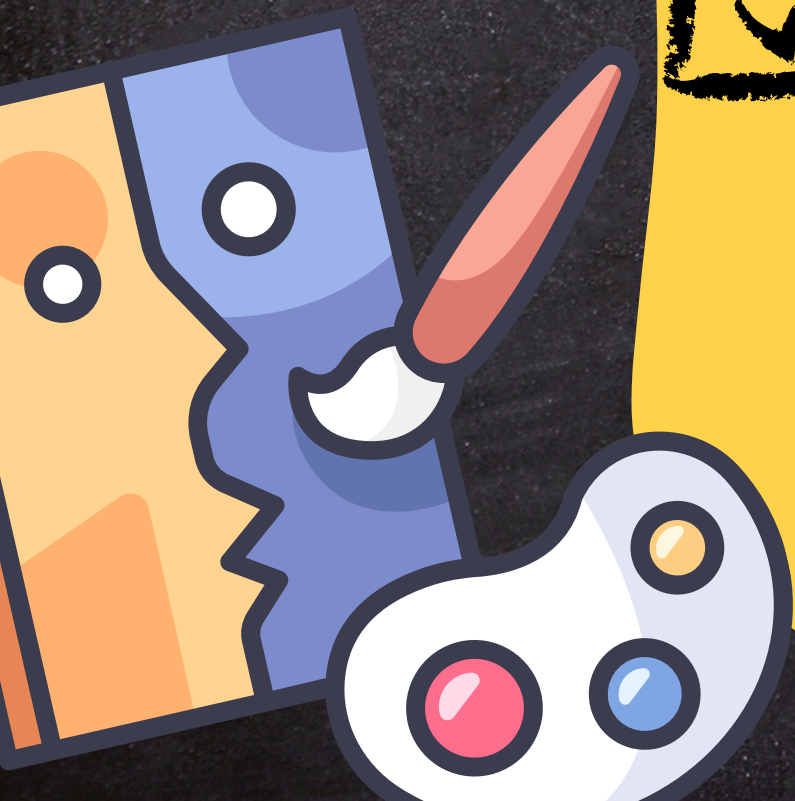


☒ CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

☒ ATHLETICS

☒ LIFE [AT] MCGIVNEY

GET
INVOLVED!

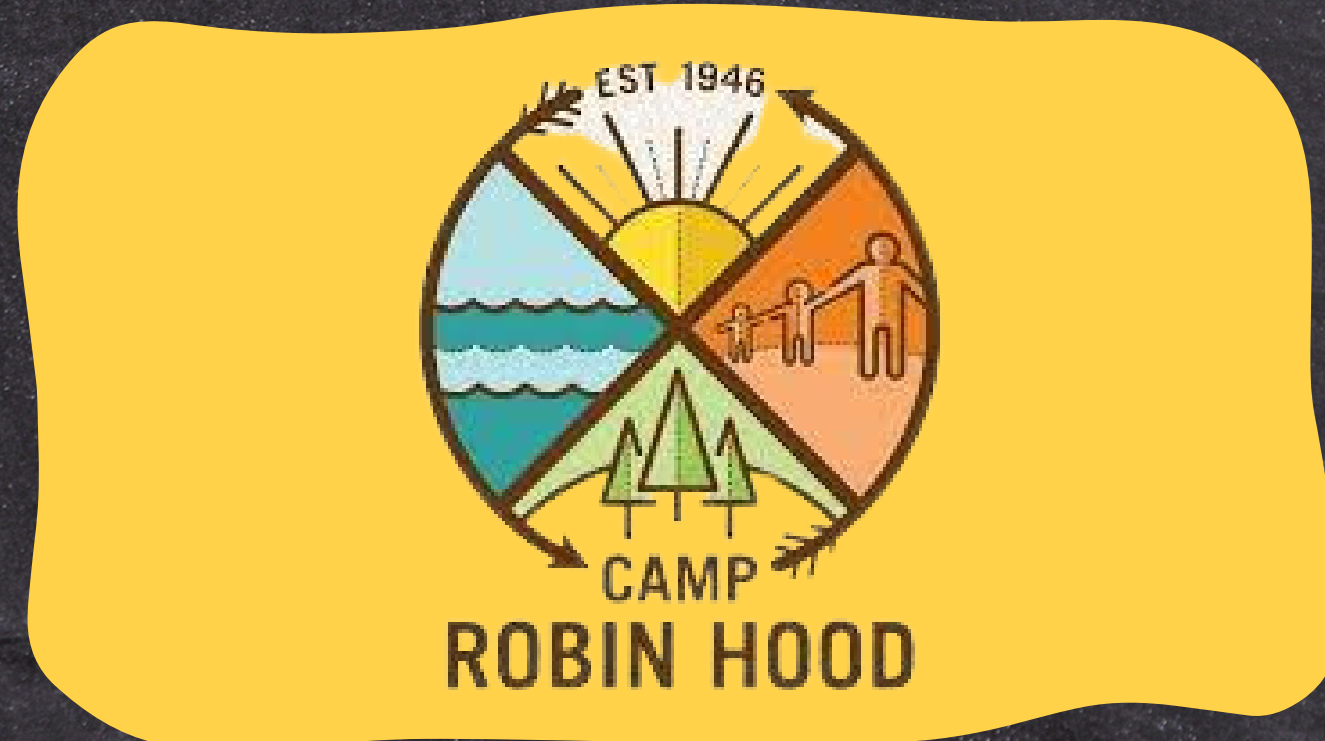


Gr. 9 Orientation Camp Day

MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 2026

[AT] CAMP ROBIN HOOD

**\$55 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 2030)



EVERY
DAY
Matters

STARTING 2026-2027

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOLS: NEW ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION RULES

SUMMARY FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

 A Consistent Approach: Supporting All Students  Reach Full Potential  Post-High School Prep  Support Student Well-being

NEW: MOST COURSES REQUIRE WRITTEN EXAMS

GRADES 9 & 10 FINAL MARK BREAKDOWN

65% CLASSROOM WORK
20% FINAL EVALUATIONS
15% ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

Total 100%

*EQAO Math counts as 20% Gr 9 exam

GRADES 11 & 12 FINAL MARK BREAKDOWN

65% CLASSROOM WORK
25% FINAL EVALUATIONS
10% ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

Total 100%

TYPICAL FINAL EVALUATIONS

1) English, Math, Science	  	Gr 9-10 20% Written Exam	Gr 11-12 25% Written Exam
2) Arts, Computer Studies, Tech, Languages	  	10% Exam 10% Culminating Task	or 15% Exam 10% Task
3) Canadian & World Studies, Business, Social Sciences	  	 	 

IMPORTANT NOTES

-  **WRITTEN EXAMS:** During designated exam periods.  ***IN-PERSON*** for remote learning students.
-  **EXEMPTIONS:** Locally Developed, Workplace, Open courses; specific subjects like Co-op (No written exam, but final eval still required via projects, etc.).
- CAREER STUDIES (Gr 10):** 5% Financial Literacy, 15% Task.

 **ONTARIO EDUCATION** Check your school board website for more information!
#OntarioSchools #StudentSuccess #SecondaryEducation



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 8:24 AM
- ABSENCE REPORTING EVERY PERIOD
- 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

Uniform



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)

Retail Location:
 4855 14th AVENUE, MARKHAM

Retail Store Hours:
 Visit www.dgn-kilters.com for Summer Retail Hours

STYLE	COLORS	PRICE
TOPS		
Unisex SS Polo (y-yw)	Charcoal / White	\$22.00 Hrs
Ladies SS Polo (y-yw)	Charcoal / White	\$22.00 Hrs
Unisex LS Polo (y-yw)	Charcoal	\$25.00 Hrs
Ladies LS Polo (y-yw)	Charcoal	\$25.00 Hrs
1/4 Zip Sweater (y-yw)	Navy	\$34.00 Hrs
Unisex Cordigan (y-yw)	Navy with White Stripes	\$39.00 Hrs
Unisex Rugby Sweater (y-yw)	Navy / White / Ash	\$44.00 Hrs
Ladies Rugby Sweater (y-yw)	Navy / White / Ash	\$44.00 Hrs
BOTTOMS		
Men's Pant (y-yw)	Black	\$29.00 Hrs
Ladies Pant (y-yw)	Black	\$29.00 Hrs
GYM UNIFORMS		
Unisex Pro-Fit Gym T-Shirt (y-yw)	Red	\$15.00 Hrs
Ladies V-Neck Pro-Fit Gym T-Shirt (y-yw)	Red	\$15.00 Hrs
Unisex Gym Short (y-yw)	Black	\$18.00 Hrs
Ladies Gym Short (y-yw)	Black	\$20.00 Hrs
Unisex Gym Sweatpant (y-yw)	Black	\$24.00 Hrs

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

The Role of Guidance

MR. MERLIN





MRS. ANNAMARIA DELLA ROSSA
ALPHA: A-H



MS. CATHERINE ELLIS
ALPHA: I-P



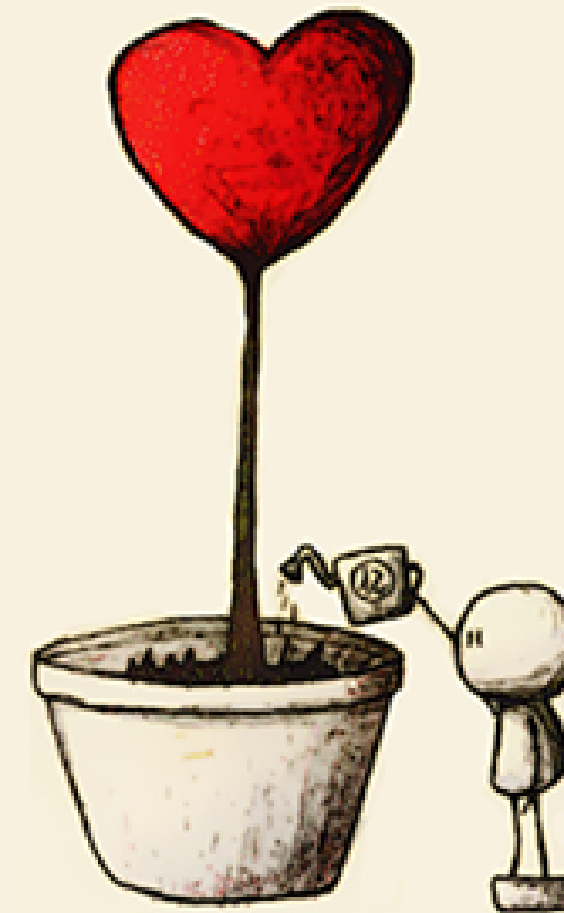
MS. GEETHA ARANHA
DEPARTMENT HEAD
ALPHA: Q-Z

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. Merlin (A-L), Mr. Pereira (M-Z), Ms. D'Silva (IB Prep/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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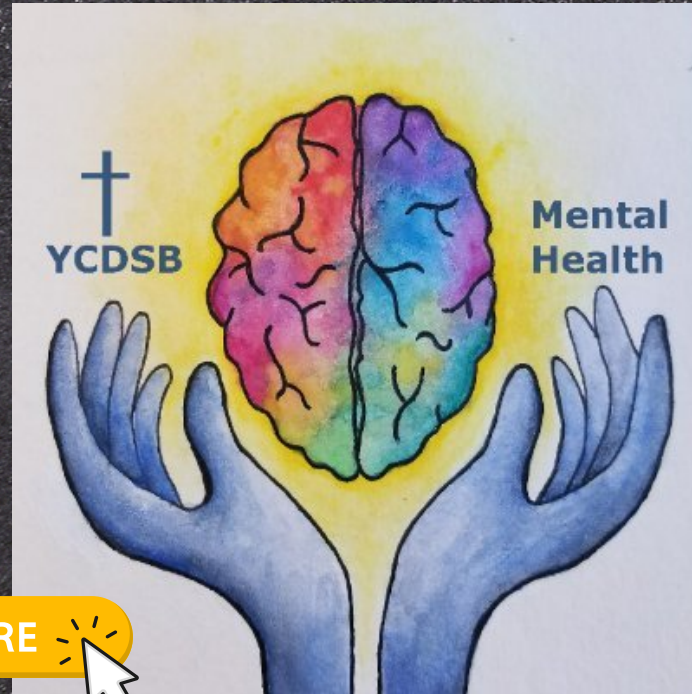
Impact of Personal Devices & Social Media



“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



CLICK HERE

Community Mental health resources

CLICK HERE

DID YOU KNOW?

YCDSB has Mental Health Workers who can help you?

You can get help in school for anxiety and depression?

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:



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**



For Grade 9 & 10

Students ONLY

Session 1

Numeracy Mondays

October 5, 2026 –

December 14, 2026

**Grade 9 – 4:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m.**

**Grade 10 – 5:00 p.m.
to 6:00 p.m.**

10 classes

Literacy Wednesdays

October 7, 2026 –

December 9, 2026

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

10 classes

This program is intended to help students improve their literacy and numeracy skills. The class is 1 hour with the 1st half hour going over key components in preparation for the Grade 9 EQAO or Grade 10 OSSLT. The remaining half hour is dedicated to questions the students may have. This program is most effective when students take the afterschool class at the same time they are enrolled in the corresponding subject in day school.

Register: ce.ycdsb.ca

**All classes are run based on sufficient enrollment.
Registration closes on Wednesday September 30, 2026**

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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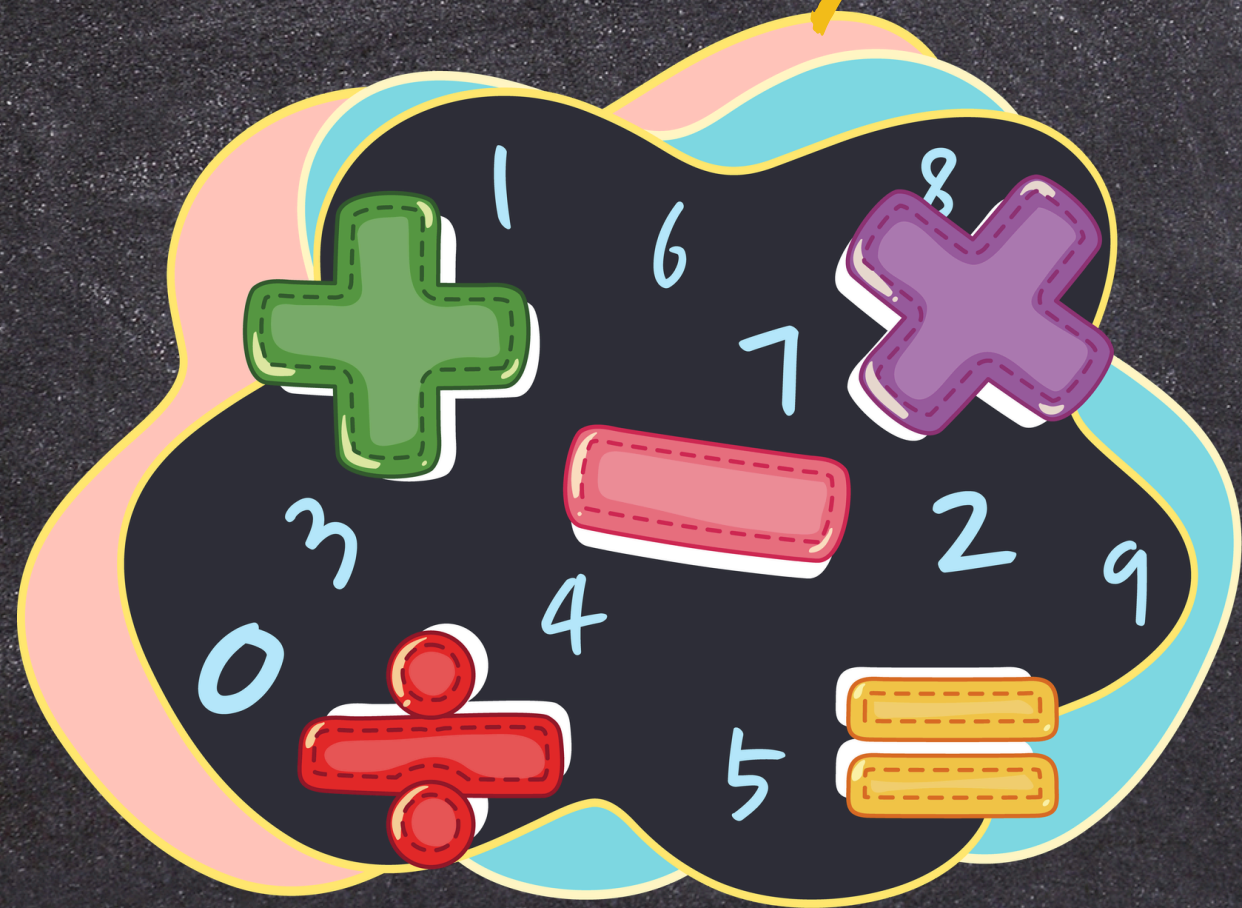
Learning Resources
You Can Count On

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

CLICK HERE



Homework help



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

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Get Math . Anytime . Anywhere .

Free 1:1 tutoring • Grades 4-12
[TVOMathify.com](https://www.tvolearn.com/mathify)



More Math Resources



Knowledgehook

Interactive math practice

CLICK HERE



Ontario math games & tools

CLICK HERE



The CENTRE for EDUCATION
in MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING

The Centre for Education in Mathematics & Computing
courseware

CLICK HERE



Free French Language Tutoring and Homework help



CLICK HERE!

Mon Eureka offers free online tutoring and homework support in French for students in Grades 1 through 12 across all subject areas. The service helps students strengthen their understanding and succeed in their learning. Qualified tutors are available with a variety of subjects and learning needs. Learn more at [Mon Eureka](#).

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!

