



MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

320 SHIRLEY DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL, L4S 2P1



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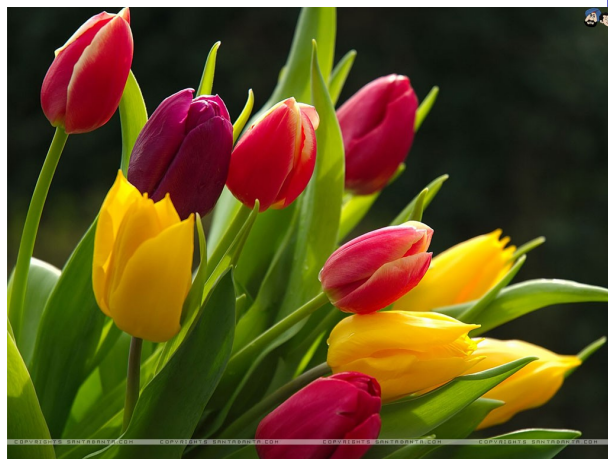
Principal
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Michael Cohen
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Superintendent
Trustee

A Message from the Administrative Team

With the snow slowly melting and the longer days, we begin to see the signs of spring. Now that the nicer weather is on its way, we need to be aware of the puddles and the mud in our schoolyard as the ground defrosts. Our students love playing outside and enjoy the yard. When students enter their classroom, it is important to change into indoor shoes to avoid tracking mud and dead grass inside. Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for this purpose. Also, students should have a change of clothes at school, especially an extra pair of socks, for the days when the field is wet and puddles beckon and accidents occur.



Please continue to work with your child(ren) to reflect upon their academic and learning skills achievement so far and develop goals for what they would like to accomplish for the remainder of this term. An essential element to student success and learning is the home-school connection. Ongoing communication is one way in which parents can help support their child's learning at home. This may take the form of regular agenda checks, reading at home, assistance with homework and staying in touch with your child's teachers.

We continue to deal with challenges in our front bus loop and on the road at morning entry. Arriving a little earlier to beat the rush of 8:00 or having your child ride the school bus to school are some suggestions to avoid traffic altogether. Also, we would like to remind you that cars should not be parked in the bus loop or bus loading zone at the end of the day. We ask that you follow the rules of the road and of our school parking lot to make this situation safer and more comfortable for everyone.

Thank you for your support!

N. Russiello
Principal

J. Rudman
Vice Principal

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April	Events
1	Pizza Lunch Prologue "Chantons et dansons avec Jack"
4	Directors' Cut (grade 3)
5	Directors' Cut (grade 3) Dairy Farmers' Presentation (grade 1)
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7-15	Navarati
7	Directors' Cut (grade 3) Karate Kids (grade 1) School Council Meeting (7 pm in Library)
8	Jersey Spirit Day Pizza Lunch
11	Sub Lunch Directors' Cut (grade 3)
12	Schools for Children of the World Presentation
13/14	Saka
14	Chiatra New Year ◇Vaisakhi
14	Karate Kids (grade 1)
15	Ramanavami Pizza Lunch
19	Mahavir Jayanti Directors' Cut
19	Lice Check
20	Lice Check
21	◇Ridvan
21	Karate Kids (grade 1)
22	Pizza Lunch Lice Check Earth Day
23-30	Pesach
24	Palm Sunday (Eastern Calendar)
25	Sub Lunch
28	Haiti Fundraiser Dance-A-Thon Karate Kids (grade 1)
29	◇Holy Friday

Board Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies currently available for comment include:

Student Accommodation Review

(comments due by April 25)

Anaphylactic Reactions

(comments due by August 25)

Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment
(comments due by August 25)

Environmental Responsibility

(comments due by January 2, 2017)

Appointment of Community Members to Board

Committees (comments due by January 2, 2017)

To learn more, visit www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/.

Additional Elementary and Secondary P.A. Days

As a result of provincial labour negotiations, a **P.A. Day** has been added for all York Region

District School Board elementary schools on **Friday, May 6, 2016**.



Haiti Fundraiser

Michaëlle Jean P.S. is proud of their continued involvement and support of the Schools for Children of the World Canada (SCW). MJPS started this tradition to support the impoverished infrastructure in Haiti (the country of origin of our former Governor General, Michaëlle Jean) which made it very difficult for the victims of the earthquake in January 2010 to recover.

Over the years, MJPS has raised money that was donated to support projects in Haiti, Honduras and Ecuador. We will be continuing this tradition and the money we raise from our Dance-a-thon on April 28th will be donated to the Schools for Children of the World Canada, and will go a long way toward helping those in need in Haiti, Ecuador and Honduras. More information will be forthcoming.

ARE YOU MOVING?



If you are planning to move and your child will not be returning to M.J.P.S. in September 2016, please let the school know as soon as possible as this will assist us greatly with staffing, determining numbers and class placement.

EQAO TESTING

Our EQAO grade 3 testing is tentatively scheduled to be held from May 25th to June 8th. Please do not schedule any medical appointments during this time. Information is available at www.eqao.com and additional information will be sent directly to our grade 3 parents. We encourage these parents to explore the website. EQAO resources will also be shared with the students in preparation for the assessments.

COOKIE SALES

Cookies, which are nut safe and individually wrapped, will be sold during the month of April for a toonie. Parents can purchase up to three cookies for their child on School Cash Online. Proceeds will go to subsidize various student activities. Please pay on School Cash Online starting April 11.

Positive Attitudes Toward Learning

Your child may be upset if s/he feels that math class is not going so well. Here are some tips to support your child through these negative feelings.

8 Practical Ways to Conquer Your Child's Math Anxiety

1 Be involved
Student success in school has been shown to increase if their parents are positively involved in their education.

2 Encourage a growth mindset
Studies have shown that effort trumps ability when it comes to learning math, so set high expectations when encouraging your child.

3 Be positive about math
A parent's perception of mathematics influences not only their child's feelings about math but also their child's achievement in mathematics.

4 Overcome gender stereotypes
Foster math confidence regardless of the gender of your child by highlighting achievements made by both male and female scientists.

5 Learn the basics
Rote learning is essential to mathematics performance as many higher level concepts build on the memorization and repetition of the basic math facts.

6 Allow mistakes
Focus on the concepts rather than the right answer, since making (and correcting) mistakes is an essential part of math learning.

7 Take baby steps
Support new topics by slowly building from the topics your child already understands. Use gradual, repeated success to build math confidence in your child.

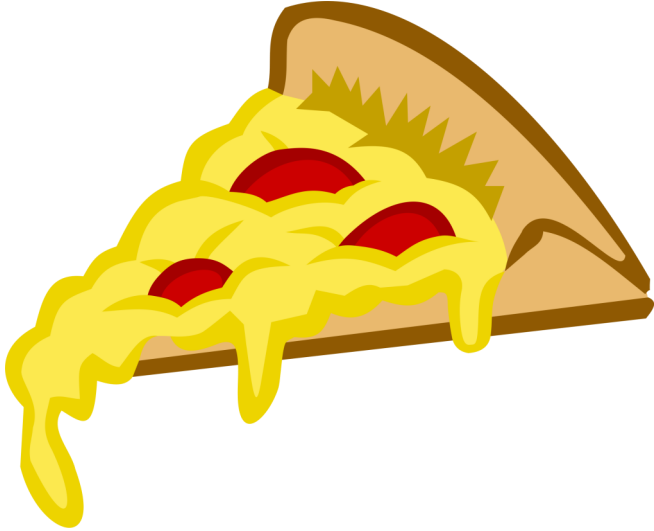
8 Make math relevant to real life
Highlight ways in which you and your family use math in everyday life and discuss how good math skills will open the doors to a larger choice of career options.

www.mathinsider.com
Maths Insider
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_anxiety

Have you registered on Schoolcash Online but are not receiving notice of your child's events and field trips?

If so, please ensure in your Schoolcash Online Profile you have marked that you wish to receive emails so you will always be up to date on school events. Thank you.

A Call for volunteers!



The Pizza Lunch program needs your help this year.

Please contact

TCUNNINGHAM27@ROGERS.COM for more information.



Please wear PINK on April 13th
to support Bully Prevention



April Holidays and Observances

BAHA'I FAITH April 21: Ridvan. Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha' I Faith, declared his mission as the most recent messenger of God. Baha'I observe the first, ninth, and twelfth days of this period. The actual event occurred in a garden, called Rivdan (Paradise) in Baghdad, Iraq in 1863 C.E. Work and academic studies are suspended for this day.	BUDDHISM April 13/14: Saka (New Year's Day) according to the Saka calendar. This day is both a religious and a cultural event.
CHRISTIANITY April 24: Palm Sunday , the Sunday before Easter (Eastern Calendar) ◆April 29: Holy Friday (Eastern Calendar) commemorates the passion of Jesus Christ.	HINDUISM April 7-15: Navarati is a nine day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness, and knowledge. April 14: Chiatra New Year is the first day of the Solar year. The agricultural festival celebrates the harvest. This is also celebrated by the Tamil. April 15: Ramanavami: On this day Lord Rama the 7 th incarnation of Lord Vishnu is said to have been born.
JUDAISM April 23-30: Pesach (Passover) is a "Festival of Freedom" that commemorates the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. Symbolic foods such as matzo are eaten and leavened products are prohibited. First Sedar is on the evening of April 22. The second and last two days of Pesach are also observed as full holy days. ◆April 23: Holy day.	SIKHISM ◆April 14: Vaisakhi celebrates the founding of the Khalsa order (Sikh religion) in 1699 C.E. by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Many Sikhs choose to be baptized into the Khalsa Panth (Brotherhood of the Pure) on this day. Also on this day, Khalsa Sikhs are named Singh (lion), female Khalsa Sikhs are named Kaur (princess). It is the most hoply day of the year for Sikhs.
Jainism April 19: Mahavir Jayanti is the celebration of the birthday of Lord Mahavira (meaning the Great Hero)of Jina (the Conqueror).	



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm [Summer Institute Locations Map](#).

[YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#); programs available at all locations

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armada S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I.	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate PS)	35 Highgate Dr., Markham
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

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For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.



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Presents:



MINDFULNESS EVERYDAY®

An Evening on Mindfulness and Learning Disabilities

Workshop: Mindful Parents – Resilient Children

Presented By: **Heidi Bornstein and Sue Hutton** from **Mindfulness Everyday**

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents with relevant information and skills on mindfulness and how it can benefit students with LDs. In addition, we will examine how social and emotional competencies can be supported through mindfulness.

This experiential workshop will provide parents with practical skills and knowledge about mindfulness: what it is, what are the benefits to both parents and children and how it can be practiced. It will deliver practical tips on practicing mindful awareness within family dynamics. The session will examine aspects of mindfulness specifically related to parenting and education:

- how parents can support their children through mindful parenting
- how practicing mindfulness can support students with LD and MID needs
- how mindfulness can support well-being for families

Heidi Bornstein is the founder of Mindfulness Everyday, a registered charity that has been delivering and designing custom programming for mindfulness in education since 2009 to students, educators, and parents since 2009 and is a member of The Resiliency Planning Committee for the YRDSB.

Sue Hutton has over 20 years' experience as a social worker, and leads mindfulness groups with Wellspring, social workers, and the disability community.

Time:

Monday April 18, 2016
6:30pm — 8:30pm

Location:

York Catholic District
School Board Office
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

Cost:

\$10 LDAYR members
\$15 Non-LDAYR members

*Workshop fees are transferable
and non-refundable.*

How to Register:

Register by April 11

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