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From the Administrative Team:

Administrators' Message:

As we begin to look forward to the holidays in December, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people at Michaëlle Jean Public School who have helped make this school a great place to learn.

On November 23rd, you received your child's Progress Report. You then had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s). Your children are still working toward achieving curriculum expectations that will be measured by the end of Term One. You will receive a Term One Report Card on February 16th. As always, if you have any concerns around your child's level of academic achievement, please do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher.

In November we welcomed M. Lush as our new Lead Caretaker. As well, we welcomed Mme Brown back to our school as she took over Mme Bourrie's Grade 2 class while Mme Bourrie is on maternity leave.

At this time of year, we have the privilege of celebrating diversity and recognizing different cultures. This month families will celebrate Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. As we draw nearer to the Winter Break, on behalf of the Michaëlle Jean staff, we would like to wish our families the very best of the festive season and express our gratitude for sending your children our way to enjoy each and every day.

All the best in 2017!

Sincerely,

N. Russiello

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Principal

J. Rudman

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Vice Principal



Thank you in advance to those who donated to Michaëlle Jean's Giving Tree

This year we are continuing our tradition of helping those in need through a school Giving Tree. Please send in **new** mittens, gloves, hats or scarves to add to our tree in the school office. We will be collecting these items until Wednesday, December 21st and they will then be donated to a local charity.

Our Vision

At Michaëlle Jean P.S., we begin to lay the foundation to prepare our students to become lifelong learners as they learn to effectively communicate in French. We promote an environment of cooperation, and encourage problem solving, independence and risk-taking. We demonstrate respect for each other through our thoughts, actions and words. We are responsible for our learning and our behaviour and strive to be positive in our outlook and our interaction with others. It is through our individual and collective efforts that we achieve a vibrant learning community.

Safe Arrival

Please remember to call the school when your child is going to be absent or late. Our answering machine will take your calls when the office is closed. Calling will help us ensure the safety of your child and prevent a call to you at work or at the emergency number that you have provided for us. Please remember, the fewer calls we have to make, the sooner we are able to contact parents with a concern. When illness is at a peak we may have to make 50 or more calls in one morning.

The YRDSB protocol states that if we are not able to reach an adult to confirm a child's absence we are to call the police.

School Year Calendar for 2016-2017

Winter Break	Monday, December 26, 2016 to Friday, January 6, 2017 inclusive
PA Day	Friday, January 20, 2017
PA Day	Friday, February 3, 2017
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2017
March Break	Monday March 13, 2017 to Friday March 17, 2017 inclusive
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017
PA Day	Friday, June 2, 2017
Early Dismissal	Thursday, June 29, 2017
PA Day	Friday, June 30, 2017

Student Punctuality & Entry Times

It is important to teach our children early about punctuality. It is the responsibility of every parent to ensure that their children are in school on time. The entry bell rings at 7:58 am and classes begin promptly at 8:00 am. When students arrive late they must come to the office for an admit slip, as attendance has already been taken in the classroom. Consequently, they lose precious time in the hallways as they are getting ready to enter the classroom. The class is already in progress when the child enters and he/she has missed valuable learning time. As well, the instruction has to stop because the teacher will have to repeat directions and instructions which have already been relayed to the other students. Please be respectful of your child's classmates, teacher and the instructional time.

Please also remember that students who come to school on the bus will never be marked late even if the buses are running late.

BAPS Suzuki Winter Concert

All are welcome to attend our annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 7th at Beverley Acres P. S. Come and enjoy the wonderful music by our very talented students. The concert will take place in the BAPS music room. We look forward to seeing you there.

First concert: 6:00

Second concert: 7:15

Refreshments will be served between concerts.

For those who are looking for more information about piano and violin lessons, please email bapssuzuki@gmail.com.

Character Award Recipients for November 2016: Courage

Teacher	Recipient	Teacher	Recipient
Bernard	Andrew, Deniz	Gray	Carrie, Emaan
Collin	Miles, Brooklin	Ryan	Corbin, Banson
Karchevskaya	Kamila, Nichelle	Barr	Elisa, Faroud
Lee	Devin, Aniyah	Besette	Sayan, Sviatoslav
Manarin	Ella, Suthaharan	Darvish	Angela, Sufyan, Kailyn
Prabakaran	Jackson, Dana	Griffiths	Joseph, Jay
Bawab	Michael, Zoe	Messeroux	Jocelyn, Justin
Bourrie	Rasten, Haniyah	Mohamed	Leila, Tim
Kamyab	Jonathan Q, Will	Safar	Ava, Alexix
Marjanovic	Mason, Audrey	Yum	Brandon, Ethan
Tajahmady	Madison, Mehran	Mnknjian	Justin, Julia
Yau	Justin, Sylvia	Kim	Kian, Krish,

December is dedicated to learning the traits of Empathy.

Weather Watch

All students are expected to go out for every recess unless the administration decides after consulting the Richmond Hill Weather Network that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating Canadian winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please **be sure to label all articles of clothing**. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the children will help make recess an enjoyable time.

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of illness to others.



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at School Bus City and by calling 1-877-330-3001. or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

When to Wash Your Hands



1-800-361-5653
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services

Public Health

www.york.ca

When Your Child Is Not Well At School

From time to time your child may not feel well once he/she arrives at school, or, he/she may have an accident at recess and they will come to the office.

If the office staff calls you to pick up your child it is because we feel it is wise to seek medical attention. Please make every effort to pick your child up as soon as possible.

Message From Our Trustee, Carol Chan



As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Lost and Found

Please be sure to pick up any of your child's items that are in the Lost and Found.

Any items that are not claimed by the Winter Break will be donated to a local charity on the last week before the break.



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Connected PARENTING

Presents:

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An Evening on Understanding Strategies to Connect with our Children
living with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Workshop: Connected Parenting Strategies as it pertains to LD/ADHD

Presented By: Jennifer Kolari from Connected Parenting

A workshop on how to use the tools that therapists implement to help children develop the emotional and neurological hardware they need to deal with whatever life throws at them! As the author of Connected Parenting, Jennifer will discuss her CALM technique which helps to de-escalate behaviour while building trust and increasing emotional resilience in children.

About the Author



Jennifer Kolari, M.S.W., R.S.W., author and founder of Connected Parenting is a therapist who has been helping children, teens and families get connected for 20 years.

Teaching techniques used by therapists, Connected Parenting empowers parents to use mirroring and empathy to attune to their child's feelings. This helps to set limits, shift negative behaviours and avoid ugly power struggles. Parents learn to help their children and teenagers organize and control their emotions – so they become more confident and emotionally resilient.

Time:

Wednesday April 26th 2017
6:30pm — 8:00pm

Location:

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

Cost:

\$10.⁰⁰ LDAYR members
\$15.⁰⁰ Non-LDAYR members

*Workshop fees are transferable
and non-refundable.*

How to Register:

Register by: April 21st
905-884-7933 x 23
info@ldayr.org
www.ldayr.org

Sponsored By:



December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Karate Kids (gr. 2&3) Grade 3 Gifted Testing School Council Meeting (7 pm)	2 Grade 3 Gifted Testing Basketball (gym) Cartooning (library) Pizza Lunch	3
4	5 Grade 3 Gifted Testing	6 Grade 3 Gifted Testing	7 Grade 3 Gifted Testing	8 Grade 3 Gifted Testing Karate Kids (gr. 2&3) Winter Concert (6:30 pm)	9 Grade 3 Gifted Testing Basketball (gym) Cartooning (library) Pizza Lunch	10 Maun-agiyaras (Jainism)
11	12 Mega Hoops (gym)	13 Mawlid-un-Nabi (Islam) Mega Hoops (gym)	14 Mega Hoops (gym)	15 Karate Kids (gr. 2&3) VORC (Bawab/Tajahmady)	16 Basketball (gym) Cartooning (library) VORC (Brown/Yau)	17
18	19 VORC (Kamyab/Ryan)	20 VORC (Kim/Gray)	21 VORC (Marjanovic)	22 Pajama Day Karate Kids (gr. 2&3) BAPS Holiday Concert	23 Character Matters Assembly (8:30) Holiday Sing-a-long (1 pm) Last day of school	24
25 ♦Christmas (Christianity) Kwanzaa Chanukah -to Jan. 1 (Judism)	26 Death of the Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroastriansim)	27	28	29	30	31

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

CHRISTIANITY

◆ December 25: **Christmas** (Western calendar) celebrates the birth of Jesus about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the son of God, and accept him as their Saviour and Lord. In many families, Christmas Eve is celebrated with big dinners, visiting and carol-singing, often followed by midnight church services.

ISLAM

December 13: **Mawlid-un-Nabi** celebrates the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
Aga Khan (Ismaili) December 13 marks the birthday of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th hereditary Imam-of-the-Time descended from the progeny of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It is referred to as Salgirah Khushiali and is a celebratory occasion for Ismaili Muslims to express love, loyalty and devotion to their Imam.

JAINISM

December 10: **Maun-agiyaras** is a day of fasting, silence and meditation.

JUDISM

Dec. 25 - Jan. 1: **Chanukah** (Festival of Lights) celebrates religious freedom by commemorating the victory of the Jews over Antiochus who tried to outlaw the practice of Judaism. Starting on the evening of December 24, candles are lit in increasing numbers for eight nights in a "Chanukiah" which is a special candelabrum containing nine candles.

KWANZAA

December 26: **Kwanzaa**, named after the Swahili word for "first fruits" is a seven day cultural celebration initiated by African Americans starting on December 26th. Each day a candle is lit and placed in a seven-cup candelabrum called a kinara that sits on a straw mat adorned with fruit and vegetables. The participants discuss the principles or Nguzo Saba of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. On the final night of the celebration, friends and relatives gather for a feast known as Karamu.

ZOROASTRIANISM

December 26: **Death of Prophet Zarathustra**, who was the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. His dates are uncertain but Westerners believe he lived in the first or the second millennium B.C.E.