



MICHAËLLE JEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

320 SHIRLEY DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL, L4S 2P1



Superintendent: Michael Cohen
Trustee: Carol Chan

Principal: Nadia Russiello
Vice-Principal: Jean Rudman



1	All Saints' Day
5	Karate Kids (grade 2's and 3's)
6	Pizza Lunch
9	School Council Meeting (7 pm in the Library)
10	◇ Diwali
11	Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:45 a.m.)
12	The Birth of Baha'u'llah Skanda Shasti Vratnam (Nov. 12-16)
12	VIP Session for Grades 3's
12	Karate Kids (grade 2's and 3's)
13	Pizza Lunch
16	Sub Lunch
17	Photo Retake Day (morning)
16-20	Bully Awareness and Prevention Week
19	Karate Kids (grade 2's and 3's)
20	Pizza Lunch
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji
25	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji
26	The Day of the Covenant
27	PA Day
28	Ascension of Abdu'l - Baha
29	First Sunday of Advent
30	Sub Lunch

Administrators' Message

November is a month of remembering, as we remember those who have protected our country and who continue to do so at home and away. We have been preparing a Remembrance Day Ceremony in order to recognize and remember those who have fought to maintain our freedom. Members of our community are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:45 a.m. This is a wonderful way to show your children the respect that you have for those who have made sacrifices on our behalf.

Continuing to create a safe, caring, respectful and equitable climate for learning and working together is at the heart of everything we do at MJPS. We completed Safety Week, ensuring that staff and students were well prepared for all safety drills. It was very nice to hear positive feedback from the Town of Richmond Hill Fire Department that our drill was very efficient - firefighters were most impressed.

Halloween was a fun filled day that included a costume parade. It was wonderful to see that so many parents and family members were able to join us! It is days like these that stay with students for a long time and contribute to the development of a positive school climate.

As we move into the third month of the school year, we would like to highlight that a strong partnership between home and school provides a foundation for student success. Families who are involved in their child's education and provide support in the form of regular routines, supervision of academic and social activities, work-completion and meeting timelines are instrumental in creating successful school experiences. We look forward to our continued partnership as we work toward supporting your child's achievements across the curriculum.

This month we will be wishing farewell to Mme Darnley as she prepares for motherhood and we look forward to welcoming back Mme Bourrie. We are pleased that M. Nelong will be staying with us to replace Mme Darnley for the remainder of the school year.

We would like to thank all of the staff who work hard each day to provide excellent opportunities for their students.

Nadia Russiello and Jean Rudman

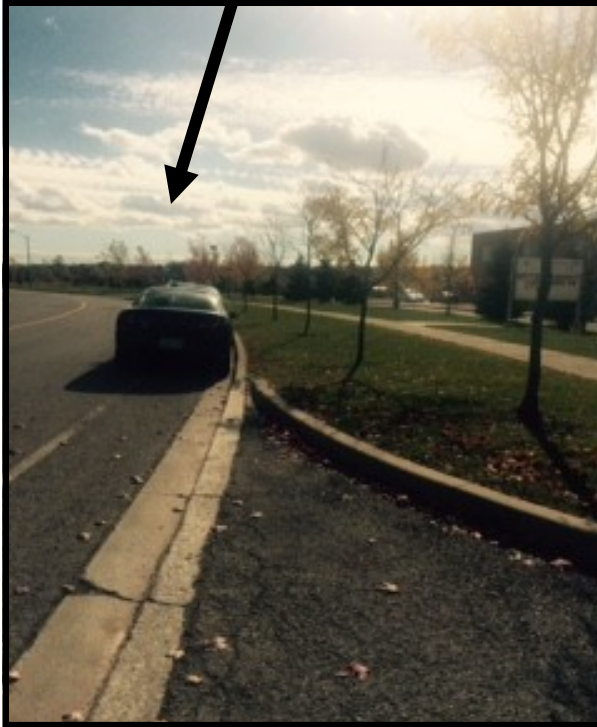


Safety Is Our First Priority

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Expectations

Parking Zone for Parents/Guardians

Parking Lot is reserved for bus traffic and staff parking.



This is Michaëlle Jean's Bus Loop and Emergency Route. This is NOT a student drop off or pick up zone for vehicles.

It is for Emergency Vehicles ONLY.

Brrrrrr....



As the cold weather descends upon us, it is important that your child come to school prepared to go outside for recesses. We will go outside each day through the winter in order to take a break and get some fresh air. During periods of extreme cold, our students will remain inside and engage in quiet classroom activities.

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.

Also, please ensure the office has the correct contact information for you as well as the phone number of others that can be contacted in an emergency.

Flowers of Remembrance



The month of November is a time of reflection during which we honour our loved ones. We give thanks to previous generations, and we dedicate the month as one of Remembrance - a time where we can reflect on the great sacrifices made by the men and women in the Armed Forces of the past, present and future. We commit to peace in our homes, our schools, and our communities. We understand that being peacemakers involves respect, love, and reverence.

We will focus on peace and Remembrance, and we will highlight our role as leaders in a global community during our Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th. Perhaps the simplest sign will be the wearing of the poppy.

It is our intention to support the poppy campaign once again. There is no set amount for a poppy, but we are requesting that each student make a donation to the poppy campaign. The money collected goes directly into funds which support veterans.

At MJPS, we will be having a short assembly at 10:45 am on November 11 to remember. Parents are welcome to attend.

In addition, some students will perform at the assembly, while others will contribute by providing decorations, or writing short pieces for this day. We would also like to invite students who are in **service clubs** (Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Beavers, etc...) to wear their uniforms for our entrance procession.

School Information

Important Bus Cancellation Information

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since bussing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region.

Please access local media outlets after 6:00 a.m. to receive cancellation information.. **A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.**

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will need to be picked up at the end of the day.

Too Sick to Go Out for Recess?

Then you are too sick to attend school.

It is an expectation at Michaëlle Jean Public School that if children attend school then they must go outside at the recess breaks. Supervision is not available in classrooms or the office during these times of day.

If a student is well enough to attend school, then he/she will be expected to go outside for recess.

Parent Resource Library:

New and returning MJPS parents are invited to explore our **Parent Resource Library**. The collection is *located in the front foyer across from our community bulletin board*. Hours are from *7:30am-6pm*. The collection includes parenting support and resources, French language materials, CDs, DVDs, board games, and many more resources to support our families. To borrow a resource, simply fill out the form in the white binder. We ask that you keep resources for a maximum of a 2 week period. If you have any suggestions for resources please let us know.





Halloween Fun



The staff and students at MJPS showed great Halloween Spirit on Friday, October 30th.



Student Artwork in our Front Foyer



Thank you to the students from Mme. Gray's and Mme. Ryan's classes for honouring Remembrance Day and sharing their artwork in the Front Foyer.

Health and Well-being

Student Medications

Any student who requires medication during the school hours must have a York Region District School Board Medication Form completed and signed by a parent/guardian. It is extremely important that parents inform the school of a life-threatening allergy as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the office staff so that protocol and procedures can be followed.

All medication must be stored in the office. Students are to come to the office to receive the required medication.

With regards to EpiPens®, we request one EpiPen® to be placed in the office and one with the student at all times.



Be Food Safe in packing lunches

Keep your children safe by using these four simple food safety steps when preparing and packing your child's lunch and snacks:

CLEAN: Wash your hands before preparing food. Wash all fruits and vegetables (even pre-washed or those with skins or rinds) under cool running water. Wash lunch bags and storage containers every day.

CHILL: Use an insulated lunch bag with ice packs to ensure that food is kept cold at 4°C (40°F) or below. Refrigerate foods prepared ahead of time until packing the lunch.

COOK: Use an insulated thermal container to keep lunches hot at 60°C (140°F) or above. Bring soups to a rolling boil and stir prior to packing in lunch bag (thermal container).

SEPARATE: Store lunches above and away from any raw meat, poultry or seafood in the fridge. Throw out any hazardous food (e.g. cheese, sandwiches, yogurt) that has returned home in the lunch bag.



For more information about creating a healthy school environment, visit www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca



1-800-361-5653
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Celebrating Our Diversity

November's Holidays & Observances

<p>Baha'i Faith</p> <p>November 12: <i>The Birth of Baha'u'llah.</i> Baha'u'llah was born Mizra Husayn Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817 CE. His name is a title in Arabic meaning 'the Glory of God'. He is the founder of the Baha'i faith. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.</p> <p>November 26: <i>The Day of the Covenant.</i> The eldest son and appointed successor of Baha'u'llah Abdu'l-Baha is referred to as the "Centre of the Covenant". The covenant was established by Baha'u'llah to safeguard the unity of the Baha'i community. It was Abdu'l-Baha's wish that the Covenant be celebrated rather than his own birth date.</p> <p>November 28: <i>Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha.</i> After years of serving both his father and the growing Baha'i community, Abdu'l-Baha passed away in Haifa, Israel in 1921 CE.</p>	<p>Christianity</p> <p>November 1: <i>All Saint's Day</i> is observed as a special day in many Christian churches.</p> <p>November 29: <i>First Day of Advent</i> begins the period of preparation for Christmas. In homes and churches, Christians set out special candle holders or Advent wreaths (Western).</p>
<p>Hinduism</p> <p>November 10: <i>Diwali</i> (Deepavali) both names mean a row of garland or lights. Also known as the Festival of Lights. Diwali is probably the most widely celebrated Hindu festival. This festival may be celebrated over a five-day period. The diwas (clay pots filled with oil and a wick) herald the start of the new year and symbolize the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness. For many Hindus, November 11, New Year's Day, is also very important.</p> <p>November 12-16: <i>Skanda Shashti Vratam</i> is a six-day fasting period. It commemorates the destruction of evil by the Lord Murugan (Subramanya), who is the second son of Lord Siva and is celebrated with the dramatic enactment of Soora Samhaaram.</p>	<p>Sikhism</p> <p>November 24: <i>Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji.</i> The Guru was executed in 1675 CE by a Mughal emperor. Sikhs believe that he gave his life to save the Hindu faith and religious liberty.</p> <p>November 25: <i>Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.</i> The founder of the Sikh faith was born in 1469 CE.</p>
<p>Jainism</p> <p>November 11: <i>Mahavira Nirvana.</i> The Jain year begins with Moksha (attainment of final enlightenment and release) by Lord Mahavira. It is popularly known as Deepavali, festival of lamps. Lamps symbolize the light of knowledge.</p> <p>November 16: <i>Jnanan Panchami,</i> the day of knowledge, observed with Pooja (ritualistic offering) to pay homage to Saraswati Devi, the deity of knowledge and learning.</p>	

