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From the Administrative Team:

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 Friday, 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.

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 our children 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 also say goodbye to M. Sedore who has accepted a Lead Caretaker position at Stephen Lewis SS. We wish him all the best!

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

Sincerely,

N. Russiello

J. Rudman

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Principal

Vice Principal



Nov 6, 2016 - Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, November 6, 2016, **2:00:00 AM** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to

Sunday, November 6, 2016, **1:00:00 AM** local standard time instead

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 6, 2016 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

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.

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.

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

PA Day	Friday, November 25, 2016
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.

MJPS Walks for Terry Fox and Cancer Research

Terry Fox had a way of giving Canadians a new fresh way to look at their country, the geography, the distances and the differences of people. He effectively transformed the distances between people by inviting them to focus on what could bring us together rather than divide us. Terry was able to close a gap and unite a nation around a common cause. His journey across Canada called the *Marathon of Hope*, was successful in raising money in support of cancer research. This year, in honour of Terry Fox, significant amounts of money were donated to the cause and the MJPS community itself raised **\$ 850.00 this year!**

This was a great way to demonstrate MJPS's great Character!!

Character Award Recipients for October 2016

Teacher	Recipient	Teacher	Recipient
Bernard	Anne W, Candice G	Gray	Aiden, Maxwell
Collin	Eva, Ivy	Ryan	Emiliee, Eden
Karchevskaya	Addison C, Jayden L	Barr	Isaac, William
Lee	Skyller, Sophia W	Besette	Matthew, Pallas
Manarin	Karina, Isaac R	Darvish	Arad, Jyonna
Prabakaran	Michael L, Irene	Griffiths	Nicole, Lilia
Bawab	Nancy, Kevin	Messeroux	Emily, Grace
Bourrie	Angel, Astin	Mohamed	Isaac, Nolan
Kamyab	Christina, Sydney	Safar	Meysa, Easton
Marjanovic	Ariana, Fiona	Yum	Omar H, Tiffany L
Tajahmady	Brayden, Reita	Mnknjian	Artem, Brandon L
Yau	Abigail, Zamin	Kim	Zafira, Jerma

November is dedicated to learning the traits of Courage.



MJPS has Halloween Spirit!

November 2016

Faith Days

School Events and Activities

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 All Saints Day Skanda Shasti Vrat-ham begins The Birth of Bab Drawing (library) HipHop (gym)	2 The Birth of the Bab'u'llah Schools for Children of the World Assembly	3 Karate Kids (gym)	4 Pizza Lunch Basketball (gym) Cartooning (library)	5 Jnana Panchami
6	7 Chess (library) Sports Sampler (gym)	8 Drawing (library) HipHop (gym)	9 Bricks4Kids (Library)	10 Karate Kids (gym) School Council Mtg (7 pm in library)	11 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45 Basketball (gym) Cartooning (library)	12
13	14 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji SIS for 2/3 (Ryan) Chess (library) Sports Sampler (gym) Bully Prevention Week	15 SIS for 2/3 (Gray) Drawing (library) HipHop (gym)	16 Photo retakes Bricks4Kids (Library)	17 Karate Kids (gym)	18 Pizza Lunch Basketball (gym) Cartooning (library)	19
20	21 Chess (library) Sports Sampler (gym)	22 Les Trois Cochons Performance Drawing (library) HipHop (gym)	23 Bricks for Kids for 2's (library) Progress Reports go home	24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji Character Assembly Karate Kids (gym) Wear Pink Day Parent/Teacher Interviews	25 PA Day Parent/Teacher Interviews (am)	26 The Day of the Covenant
27 First Sunday of Advent	28 Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha Chess (library) Sports Sampler (gym)	29 Drawing (library) HipHop (gym)	30 Bricks4Kids (Library)			

Holidays and Observances

November 2016

BAHA'I FAITH

November 1: The Birth of the Bab. The Bab was born Siyyid' Ali Muhammad in Shiraz in southwestern Iran in 1819 C.E. His title, in Arabic, means "The Gate". Work and academic studies are suspended on this day.

November 2: The Birth of Baha'u'llah. Baha'u'llah was born Mizra Husayn Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817 C.E. 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.

November 26: The Day of the Covenant. 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.

November 28: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha. After years of serving both his father and the growing Baha'i community, Abdu'l-Baha passed away in Haifa, Israel in 1921 C.E.

CHRISTIANITY

November 1: All Saints' Day is observed as a special day in many Christian churches.

November 27: First Sunday of Advent begins the period of preparation for Christmas. In homes and churches, Christians set out special candle holders or Advent wreaths (Western).

HINDUISM

November 1 – 6: Skanda Shashti Vratam 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.

JAINISM

November 5: Jnana Panchami, the day of knowledge, observed with Pooja (ritualistic offering) to pay homage to Saraswati Devi, the deity of knowledge and learning.

SIKHISM

November 14: Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The founder of the Sikh faith was born in 1469 C.E.

November 24: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji. The Guru was executed in 1675 C.E. by a Mughal emperor. Sikhs believe that he gave his life to save the Hindu faith and religious liberty.

Parent Engagement & Network (P.E.N.) Workshop Series (Mandarin only)

Workshop 3: Internet Safety 網絡安全講座

What are the potential risk of the cyber world? 網絡世界面面觀

Internet safety tips for parents & children 網絡安全溫馨提示一二三

Communicate with your child about internet use 与孩子沟通(网络使用)

Cyber law 網絡與法律

Sharing of Resources & Tools 資源分享

Date 日期: Thursday, November 3, 2016 11月03日 (星期四)

Time 時間: 6:00—8:00pm 下午6時至8時

***light dinner will provided at 5:45pm 下午5時45分开始提供简单晚餐**

Language 語言: Mandarin 普通话

Location 地點: Markham South Welcome Centre 南萬錦迎新中心 (7220 Kennedy Road, Unit 8, Markham, L3R 7P2)

Speaker 講員: Constable Zhou (York Regional Police約克區警方)

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