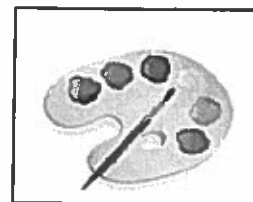


St. Michael Catholic Academy
Elementary Regional Arts Program



41 Simonston Blvd, Thornhill, Ont., L3T 4R6
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September 2019

ERAP – ARTS Fees

Dear Parents/Guardians,

St. Michael Catholic Academy delivers the York Catholic District School Board's Elementary Regional Arts Program (ERAP). Teachers provide direct instruction in Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Dance. The Arts develop many essential skills that benefit students both academically and throughout life.

Instrumental Music & Band Programs

St. Michael Catholic Academy offers an inclusive Music Program whereby every Junior and Intermediate student is a band member. There are four School Bands: Beginner, Junior, Intermediate and the Wind Ensemble.

Learning expectations and the number of performance opportunities increase as students progress through our Music Program from Grade 4 to Grade 8. All students are expected to perform at our concerts and participate in master clinics which will be held during the regular school day. An Instrumental Music Program is very costly. Consequently, there is a pro-rated fee schedule, which changes according to the student's grade and/or band level.

Visual Arts Program

The Visual Arts Fee is for specific specialty materials used to enhance the Visual Arts program and the students' portfolios. Beyond the regular curriculum materials and consumables which are supplied by the school, these specialty items are necessary to enhance our program.

Dance & Drama Programs

A supplementary fee is not required for the Dance or Drama Programs.

Please complete the attached ERAP form and return it to your child's home room teacher by **Thursday September 12th 2019**. Cheques should be made payable to St. Michael C.A. Families will be responsible to reimburse SMCA for any charges incurred as a result of Non-sufficient Funds (NSF) payments. The fee of \$12 will be in addition to the amount owing

Thank you for your on-going support of our Elementary Regional Arts Program.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Fitzpatrick'.

D. Fitzpatrick
Principal

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2019-2020 Music & Visual Arts ERAP Fee

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____
(Student's First & Last Name - Please Print)

Home Room Teacher's Name: _____

Please check the appropriate box indicating the fee for your child's band level.
If your child is in two bands, payment is only required for the most senior band.

<u>Instrumental Music Fee</u>		
Beginner Band	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Band	\$65.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate Band	\$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind Ensemble	\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Instrumental Music \$ _____

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<u>Visual Arts Fee</u>	
Gr. 4 to Gr. 8	\$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Visual Arts \$ 25.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Please complete and return this form by **Thursday September 12th, 2019** with a cheque payable to St. Michael C.A.

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Music & Band Expectations

September 2019

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____
(Student's first & last name- please print)

Bands are an enriched, positive experience for students. A Band is a TEAM! Each member of the band is important and necessary – it is a dynamic team of performers that must work together in harmony. To ensure full participation at the highest possible level, the following expectations are set-out for students:

ATTENDANCE ~ band practice is essential for success (practices are held weekly for each band) ~ parent notification must be provided if a student is to be absent from band practice.

PREPARATION ~ bring materials (instrument, sheet music, music binder) to Music Class and Band practice.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE ~ behave in a respectful manner supporting a safe learning environment.

PRACTISE! PRACTISE! PRACTISE! ~ (instruments should be brought home for **daily practise**)

The goal is for all students to participate in all performances, festivals and activities. However, should the above band expectations not be met, the following consequences must be implemented to support the integrity of the overall band. Ms. Nagy will:

- a. **First Incident** ~ Warning
- b. **Second Incident** ~ Notify the parent via phone/email
- c. **Third Incident** ~ Arrange a meeting with parent(s) & student to establish a plan/goal to support the student's success
- d. **Next Steps** as/if needed ~ Arrange a meeting with the parent(s), the student, and the Principal for additional follow-up.


Band Uniform Expectations:

As we are judged on our appearance, as well as our musical ability, it is imperative that all students wishing to perform in festivals/competitions be in 100% full band uniform in order to perform.

Please discuss the above expectations with your child and return this contract by Thursday, September 12th.

I am very much looking forward to a productive, fun-filled year with your child. Should you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Thank you for your continued support of the Music program at St. Michael Catholic Academy.


Mrs. Nagy
Music Teacher & Band Director

I, _____ understand, and agree to follow, the Music & Band expectations and the Band Uniform
(Student) Expectations.

I/We, _____ have read and discussed the Music & Band expectations and the Band Uniform Expectations
with my/our child.

Student (Signature)

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

Dear parents,

Practise is essential in music for successful development. In order to track student completion of practise I will be assigning weekly music 'homework' tasks using Google Classroom. Occasionally there may also be an individual assessment task expectation.

To use this system students are asked to video record their performance task and upload it into the Google Classroom Assignment Task box. Students can use cell phones, laptops, Ipads etc. to record their work. A prompt is provided with each task. I will evaluate each performance and provide any necessary feedback, on a weekly basis. Once on Google Classroom students will find a short tutorial video on how to submit assignments. I will also be providing instruction on this in class. Please note that all students' work will remain confidential and will not be shared publicly.

This year, in order to prevent play practice conflict, MOST band rehearsals have been scheduled **before school (7:30 am to 8:55 am)**

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in assisting to provide your child with a complete musical training.

Please find below, an invitational code for each class, and ensure that your child/ren has joined the 'classroom' as well as the scheduled rehearsal time for each band, with grades assignment.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding either of these please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,



Adele Nagy
Music Director

Ms. Caspersz' Class: 8dm2vq	Mr. Di Fazio's Class: tpj1n3u	Ms. Skenderis' Class: vke7xs
Ms. Di Giovine's Class: 9cgkmm	Ms. Vandehogen's Class: g9kjrm	Ms. Barbier's Class: nkq9mzx
Mr. Yarow's Class: co4qudw	Ms. Paniculum's Class: tgly82x	Mr. Doria's Class: 7oou63

Band Assignment and Rehearsal times:

All **Grade 4** and beginner musicians (as requested) belong in the Beginner Band.

All **Grades 5 and 6** (unless in other bands) belong in the Junior Band.

All **Grades 7 and 8** (unless in other bands) belong in the Intermediate Band.

All Grade 6 to 8 students are welcome to audition for the Wind Ensemble. Scheduled auditions will run from Monday, Sept. 9 to Friday, Sept. 20. Sign up sheets will be posted outside the music room.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school (7:30 - 8:55)		Junior Band	Wind Ensemble	Intermediate Band	
During lunch (12:20 - 12:55)		Beginner Band		Beginner Band	