

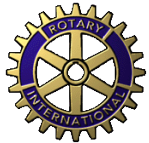
## A Dynamic School Community

Our Catholic School Council meets regularly and there is a high level of support from our parents and volunteers.

We actively encourage parents to support our teaching and learning through a variety of programs such as our Volunteer Reading Program.

We are always in search of developing new partnerships with members of our community and we are currently connected to:

- Holy Cross Secondary School
- Wells of Hope
- Rotary Club of NOTL
- Catholic Women's League (CWL)
- Holy Name Society
- Horticultural Society
- Ina Grafton Gage Retirement Village
- NIKE



**WELLS OF HOPE**  
... For Those Who Thirst ...



## What are students saying...



*"I'm always excited to come to school because I know that I'm going to pray and learn with my friends."*

- Lucas Visca, ELKP student



*"I've been at St. Michael since I started school in ELKP and have learned so much from our great staff and from all of my friends..."*

- Tess Roberts-Ramos  
Grade 7 Student Senator

## Grade 6 Artwork: Watercolors



*Cherry Blossom*  
Designed Alexandra N.



*One and Only*  
Designed by Nieva M.



# St. Michael Catholic Elementary School



**"Nurturing Souls and Building Minds"**

**Grades:** ELKP – Grade 8

**Principal:** Blaine MacDougall

**Superintendent:** Ted Farrell

**Catholic School Council Chair:** Rita Colling

**Parish:** St. Vincent de Paul Church

**Pastor:** Fr. Randy Gallant

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Activities at SMC include:

- ✓ Student Council
- ✓ Mathletes
- ✓ Dance Team
- ✓ Chess Team
- ✓ Sign Language Club
- ✓ ME to WE club
- ✓ Rosary Club
- ✓ Intramural sports and activities



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Niagara Catholic  
District School Board

### ***Our Mission***

The Niagara Catholic District School Board through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.

Based on our Board's Mission statement, staff members provide our students with opportunities to take on social justice projects where our Gospel gifts and values are put into practice. The development of leaders and collaborators within our student body are visible signs of the many things that we do within our community.

We nurture our relationships with our parent community and the community at large. We know how important it is to work together in partnership so that all of our students can attain the level of success they are capable of attaining.



### ***Catholicity in Action***

Students engage in daily Morning Prayer, weekly masses at St. Vincent de Paul Church, school-wide monthly masses and spirit assemblies. As well, our students are also connected with our Church through our *Power of Prayer* program.



Social Justice initiatives are very prevalent as we teach our students the importance of helping people in need both locally and globally. All of these opportunities allow our students to understand and fulfill the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. We are confident when we send our Grade 8 graduates off to Holy Cross Secondary School because we know that they have been well prepared, well cared for and

### ***Student Safety at SMC***

The safety and well being of the students at SMC is always of tantamount concern for our staff. Every school year we prepare our entire school by practicing 6 fire drills & 3 lock down simulations. The drills are opportunities for all staff to discuss why we practice being safe.

Our Child and Youth Care Worker visits classrooms throughout the school talking with students about such topics as: peer awareness, conflict resolution, bullying & self-regulation. These topics & strategies are important for all children to understand & ask questions about as they continue to mature.

### ***Professional and Caring Teachers deliver Excellence in Education***

At St. Michael Catholic we take pride in delivering an outstanding education in a warm nurturing environment.

Our Teachers are highly trained; motivated and caring individuals who are committed to helping students reach their full potential as well as providing a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for students.



### ***Strong Foundations in Literacy and Numeracy***

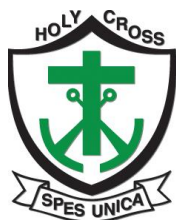
St. Michael Catholic has always had a commitment to Literacy. Our experienced staff is always up-to-date on current teaching practices and has achieved award-winning recognition from EQAO for exemplary scores.

Our students and staff have recently been recognized with a variety of Awards and distinctions as we showcase our Scientific, Historical, Mathematical, Musical and Athletic ability and talent in Regional Fairs and Tournaments.

In both Literacy and Numeracy, quality support programs and specialist teaching staff are also available to assist children experiencing difficulties.

### ***Technology that prepares every student for the future***

Classroom Teachers deliver their instruction with a variety of interactive and engaging technological tools allowing students the opportunity to explore the world of information technology.



SMC is proud to be a part of the Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Family of Schools

