

# ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL VISION

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## COVID-19 SCHOOL INFORMATION

Our dedicated [COVID-19 School Information web page](#) continues to offer all related communications, helpful links, and more.



## PANDEMIC RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTED

Our school's smooth transition to online learning was featured on Logitech's website. [Read more](#) about how we adapted to our hybrid classrooms and ensured our teachers could teach comfortably and effectively from home.



## LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

If you have attended a ParentTalks event, we'd love to hear your feedback!

Please fill out this [short survey](#).

Your feedback will help us continue to provide timely, relevant, and engaging topics and guests.

Thank you for your participation!



## VIRTUAL HACKATHON AND CERTIFICATION

This month, eight SMCS students participated in a virtual hackathon with Microsoft and Logics Technology to learn more about artificial intelligence and machine learning. Following the session, three students wrote and passed the Microsoft Azure Artificial Intelligence certification exam. Congratulations to Grade 10 student David Colaco, and Grade 11 students, Lucas Teti and Anthony Tsiantis on their hard work!



## GAUSS MATH CONTEST SUCCESS

Thirty-seven Grade 7 and 8 Math Club members participated in the 2021 University of Waterloo Gauss Mathematics Competition this month. The annual competition provides students with the opportunity to apply what they've learned in the classroom and have fun in an internationally renowned competition that tests their problem-solving skills.



## ACCOUNTING STUDENTS USE DESIGN-THINKING TO IMPROVE SCHOOL

Grade 11 and 12 accounting students took part in the 4th annual 'Hacking SMCS' competition this month. Students showcased their creativity and critical thinking skills as they [presented the apps and projects](#) they've been working on all year to a panel of judges.



## PROPOSING A TOAST TO NEW STUDENT-ORGANIZED CLUB

When Anish Krishanthan, Grade 10, noticed drastic improvements in his public speaking ability after joining an external club, he wanted to share that opportunity with fellow SMCS students. [Find out more](#) about the Toastmasters Club he started with classmate Gilberto Tumangday, Grade 10.



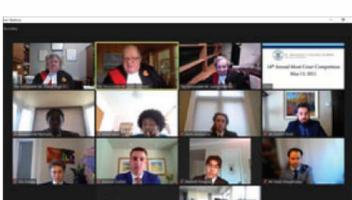
## ESSENSA TO PLAY FOR COLGATE IN 2022

Congratulations to Cameron Essensa, Grade 12 student, on his commitment to Colgate University for lacrosse in 2022. [Learn more](#) about this student-athlete, who plans to major in economics, and what factored into his decision.



## RENOWNED LOCAL ARTIST CONNECTS WITH ART STUDENTS

Toronto artist, Anthony Ricciardi spoke with Grade 11 Visual Art students recently to talk about his work and his experience switching careers to follow a childhood dream. [Read more](#) about his virtual visit and the impact it had on our students.



## VIRTUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The annual SMCS Moot Court Competition provides an unmatched experiential learning opportunity for Grade 12 law students to experience what a real Court of Appeal hearing would be like, even during a pandemic. [Find out more](#) about this year's virtual competition.



## ALUMNI CONNECT VIRTUALLY TO DISCUSS HEALTHY LIVING

In the final Alumni Information Series of the academic year, the SMCS Alumni Association welcomed Daryl Devonish '87 and Dr. Cassidy Preston '05 for an engaging discussion on topics such as setting intentions, reflection, mindfulness, and more. [Find out more](#) about the event and what some of the attendees had to say.



## JOHN WALSH '73 RECEIVES LORAN TEACHERS BUILDING LEADERS AWARD

In a first for SMCS, John Walsh, Manager of Community & Learning Partnerships, has been recognized by the Loran Scholars Foundation for making an impact on one of their scholars, Chedi Mbagi '17. [Find out more](#) about the accomplishment and why he was nominated.



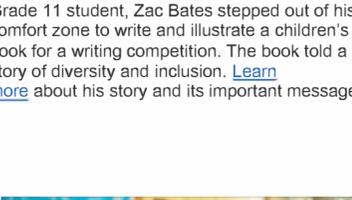
## A STORYBOOK FINISHED: STUDENT SUBMISSION SPOTLIGHTS INCLUSIVITY

Grade 11 student, Zac Bates stepped out of his comfort zone to write and illustrate a children's book for a writing competition. The book told a story of diversity and inclusion. [Learn more](#) about his story and its important message.



## ASK THE DOCTOR: PARENTALKS LEAD TACKLES VARIED TOPICS

Dr. Mark Brousseno '07, chief ParentTalks medical expert, returned to SMCS virtually, answering important parent questions on overall wellness concerns, coping strategies, lack of motivation, and so much more in the final talk of 2020-21. [Read some of the highlights](#) and watch the recording.



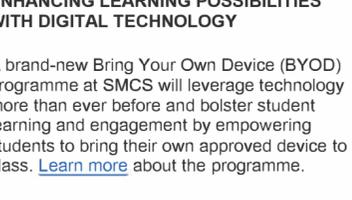
## ENHANCING LEARNING POSSIBILITIES WITH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

A brand-new Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme at SMCS will leverage technology more than ever before and bolster student learning and engagement by empowering students to bring their own approved device to class. [Learn more](#) about the programme.



## INCENTIVE PROGRAMME: THOMPSON TEAM

The Thompson Team is excited to assist the St. Michael's College School community with the purchase or sale of a home. Through the SMCS Incentive Programme, the Thompson Team will generously donate to the school from any referrals that lead to a purchase or sale of a home from the community. [Learn more](#).



## HNMCS: BIG SCHOOL ADVANTAGES IN SMALL SETTING

By definition Holy Name of Mary College School (HNMCS) is a smaller school, but that's a big advantage. They are very community focused and get to know the names of all of their students. Being a smaller school does not affect how they offer programmes and they provide many activities and opportunities that some defined large schools do not. You ask, what does this look like and how is this possible? [Read more](#).

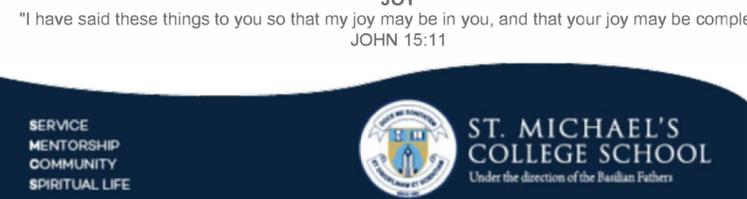
## UPCOMING EVENTS

Grade 7 & 8 Welcome Day - June 15  
Grades 9-12 Welcome Day - June 16  
CLUB BLUENOTE - June 15 & 16 at 8:15 p.m.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

JOY

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."  
JOHN 15:11



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