

# Student Services

## •Campus Ministry

St. Michael students are fortunate to have the services of a school chaplain. As chaplain, Natanael Mateus-Ruiz characterizes a pastoral role in the school by animating and arranging for the celebration of the Eucharist, the Sacraments and other religious events of the liturgical year. The Campus Ministry team is there to listen, to counsel, and to offer the assurance of God's loving care and concern for the St. Michael community.

## •Student Services

The Guidance Department is always willing to assist students and parents in the proper selection of courses and realistic planning for post secondary schools and/or employment. The Guidance Department also offers confidential counseling on family, personal or other concerns. Appointments can be made through the Student Services Office. Parents are invited to contact Student Services, should the need arise.

<b>Student last name ending with:</b>	
<b>A-F</b>	<b>Mrs. Ennett</b>
<b>G-M</b>	<b>Mr. DiDionete</b>
<b>N-Z</b>	<b>Mr. Hurley</b>

We are fortunate to have the service of a **Social Worker** at the school on a regular basis. Referrals can be made through Administration or Student Services

## •Huron-Perth Centre for Children and Youth

St. Michael students wishing to discuss changes occurring in their lives such as drug abuse, concerns about girlfriends/boyfriends, and family communication can arrange for individual counseling by Centre Staff by requesting this service through the Guidance Department or by calling the Centre directly (519)273-3373.

## •Health Services

The Perth District Health Unit provides pro-active Health Services to students in two forms:

- the **Health Shop** provides student counseling services in areas such as parent-child conflicts, “butting” out, getting into shape, dealing with pressures relating to sex, and nutritional counselling.
- the **Health Line** provides an opportunity to ask questions about health, managing health issues, educational resources, referrals, accessing Health Unit and community resources. Call Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 4:30pm, 271-7600 Ext. 267, or toll free: 1-877-271-7348.

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- the **Choices for Change – Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Counselling Centre** provides a counselor one morning a week for any drug, alcohol or gambling issues (519)271-6730.

## •Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is a highly organized career oriented educational programme for selected senior students fully integrated into the school curriculum. The Cooperative Education programme consists of an in-school component, and a placement with an employee, worth up to two credits.

## •Library

The SERC library is our school resource centre. All students are responsible for following the procedure outlined by the librarian when in the library and when borrowing materials from the library.

## •Use of Computers

Carefully read our Internet policy. **A parent signature is required.**

## •Borrowing

- A valid Library Card is required to sign out material
- You are responsible for material signed out on your card
- A maximum of four books, three on the same topic, may be borrowed at any one time
- Students may reserve material and will be notified when the item is available. The items reserved will be held for a maximum of 3 days.
- Library privileges, including the use of the library, will be suspended until all overdue materials are returned and fines paid
- Report lost/stolen Library Cards to the Librarians, Ms. Berney or Mr. Walsh, immediately – there is a replacement fee.

## •Entering/Exiting Library

- Food, drink, gum and all electronic devices are prohibited
- Staff reserves the right to search bags and books
- No backpacks or knapsacks are allowed in the library

## •Fines

\$0.10 per book per day  
\$0.50 per item for: \*overnight; \*reference material; \*video  
\$1.00 per lost date due slip

## •Conduct Expectations

- Quiet is required for research and study. Socializing should take place in other areas of the school. Quiet entry and exit for the Library is necessary to provide a good working environment for study and reading.
- Seating arrangements are limited to the usual number of chairs at a specific location – usually four persons to a table in the main library, six persons in a seminar room.
- Reserving Seminar Rooms  
Seminar rooms are available for students to sign out with the permission of the librarians. Seminar rooms will be used for class work.

## •Spectrum Program

The Spectrum Program at St. Michael's is a support curriculum for adolescents who are suffering from the loss of a loved one. The dramatic impact of divorce or death greatly affects each family member.

Parents are often unable to reach out and help their adolescents who are hurting. It has been found that children have a much harder time expressing their hurt feelings. A school setting can help provide the emotional stability that adolescents need to verbalize their feelings.

The Spectrum Program provides the guidance and nurturing of caring adults, the support of peers and a secure place to grieve so healing and acceptance can take place. The program consists of twelve sessions with a wrap-up day. Each peer support group is comprised of three to five members. Participation in this program is completely voluntary and confidential.