

# St. Clare Catholic School

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Excerpt  
From the St.  
Clare School  
Mission  
Statement:

*Our mission  
is to  
encourage  
lifelong  
learners and  
to nurture  
well  
informed  
and  
productive  
citizens*

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## **BLESSING OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**

God of time and of eternity with Christmas joy  
we praise you

For the year gone by and for the year we have  
begun.

Your Son comes among us to bring glad tidings  
to the poor,

To proclaim a year of grace for all the world.

We bring you these promises as signs of our  
love.

Strengthen us to follow you more closely

During the coming year.

Amen

## **IONA SCHOOL ARTS & CULTURE PATHWAYS**

Mississauga's Iona Catholic Secondary School is embarking on a new and exciting education option for incoming grade 9 students interested in the Arts. The "Iona Catholic Secondary School Arts & Culture Pathways" will be open for applications to all Mississauga Grade 8 students entering grade 9 in September 2007. This intensive Arts & Culture Pathways will be a viable Catholic alternative for those students who would normally pursue their Arts education at a specific school of the Arts.

Iona's Arts & Culture Pathway will require students to take part in an intake process which will include an application, recommendations, interview, audition, portfolio, and preparation session. The Arts and Culture Pathway is designed to meet the diverse learning needs of all students in areas

Students living in Mississauga, but outside of the Iona Catholic Secondary catchment area, are also welcome to apply, with the condition and understanding that transportation will not be supplied by the school/board.

Students or parents seeking more information on Iona's Arts and Culture Pathway should contact the school at 905-823-0136.

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## **SNOWBALLS**

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## **YOUTH AND THE LAW**

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Community unit. This presentation is part of our Bullying plan for this school year.

### EQAO RESULTS

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#### GRADE 3

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Board	<b>64%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>67%</b>
Province	<b>62%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>68%</b>

#### Grade 6

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We are very proud of our students and their achievements. We will be using the scores as part of our data analysis in setting our goals and targets in Literacy and Numeracy. It is important to emphasize that these results should not be used to compare or rank schools. They are intended for the purpose of improving teaching and learning for all students. For further details please visit the board web site <http://www.dpcdsb.org/EQAO/>. Copies of St. Clare's School Profile are available at the main office.

### EARLY RELEASE DAY

The second of our Early Release Days is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th. On that day students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Afternoon JK/SK class is cancelled for this day. Teachers will be engaged in professional development activities.

### COLD WEATHER DRESS

Colder weather is here finally! **Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess.** All children should have hats, scarves, gloves, warm coats and boots, labelled with their names. Boots or shoes which are worn outdoors are not appropriate for the classroom for health reasons and for the cleanliness of the floors. **Please ensure all clothing items are labeled to avoid loss.**

### EXTENDED FRENCH

Grade 4 parents who wish to enroll their children in the grade 5 Extended French Program at St. Christopher School are asked to attend an information meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the school at 1195 Clarkson Rd. North. At the present time, the aforementioned school is the designated center for our area. If you have any questions, you may call St. Christopher School directly at 905-822-0721.

### GRADUATION PICTURES

Picture day for our Graduation class 2007 will be on Tuesday February 6th. Parents are being reminded to have their child dressed appropriately. A graduation gown will be provided by the photographer for the pictures.

### JK/SK REGISTRATION

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten pupils will be held at St. Clare on the following dates:

**Thursday, March 1, 2007**

**7:00- 9:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 2, 2007**

**9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Junior Kindergarten** - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2007

**Senior Kindergarten** - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2007

Both Junior and Senior Kindergarten are voluntary programs. Please bring the following documents when registering your child:

- a) Proof of age;
- b) Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek, or Ukrainian Rite for both the parent and the child;
- c) updated immunization records;
- d) Proof of Canadian citizenship or Landed Immigration status.
- e) Name of an Emergency contact

**Please note that failure to provide these documents will hold up the registration process.**

**In order to save time on Registration Days, registration packages will be available from the office starting Monday February 26.**

### DIVERSITY—THE CHANGING FACES OF PEEL

Parents are invited to an information evening on "The Changing Faces of Peel" on Wednesday January 24th, at 7:00p.m. at Loyola Catholic Secondary School. Chris D'Sousa, our boards Equity Officer will be the guest speaker.

### BOOK FAIR

Our library will be hosting a Book Fair from Monday, February 12th to Thursday, February 15th. Parents are welcome to visit during the day or with their child's class. All funds raised will be used to purchase materials for our school library resource centre. Daily draws for book prizes will also be held for all students.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

### OUR WEB SITE

Parents are encouraged to visit our website for up to date information on activities that are happening at our school.

**[www.dpcdsb.org/CLARE](http://www.dpcdsb.org/CLARE)**

such as dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, photography and visual arts. The intake process will commence very soon.

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