

Clubs and Sports at St. Mark

Co-ed Junior Soccer Tournament

For almost six weeks, three times per week, the St. Mark co-ed junior soccer team practiced in preparation for the Mississauga South Family Tournament. Twelve teams were entered in what has become a highly competitive tourney, held on our soccer pitches. Having been eliminated in the playoffs the last 2 years, our team was determined to work together to win a championship this year. We won the Family Tournament. Congratulations to every member of the team who were devoted to conditioning, and working hard at every practice. Special thanks goes to our student assistant coaches, Daniel J. and David S., who contributed invaluable ideas and strategies, and helped build team spirit as we prepared for the tournament. Thanks to our coaches Ms D'Ettore and Mr. Freeman.

2008 Track and Field Team

On June 9th St. Mark will be well-represented at the Mississauga South Family Meet, held at St. Marcellinus S.S. Over approximately 6 weeks, the team has trained three times each week. Congratulations and best wishes go to the following student athletes:

100m: Vana L., Derrick L., Daniel J., Kaitlyn, G., Lee-Victor M., Adrianna E.

200m: Ireneus C., Denise B., Colin K., Nicole C., Brett M., Laryssa W.

400m: David S., Rapha D., Ryan M., Helena D., Liam R.

800m: Brandon M., Lucy P., Gary B., John S., Martina K., Victoria S.

1500m: Scott L., Kristal S.

4x100m

Relay Teams: Jacob M., Alex T., Jesse J., Brandon M., Sarah H., Katherine T., Tatiana S., Kathie, N. Colin K., David. S., Daniel J., Ryan M., Helena D., Martina K., Nicole C., Kaitlyn G., Lee-Victor M., Brett M., Liam R., Nicholas K., Alexandra Z., Natalie C., Adrianna E., Laryssa W.

Long Jump: Shemar H., Adrianna E., Daniel J., Caitlyn G., Derrick L., Rachel S.

Triple Jump: Aidan D., Natalie C., Alex T., Helena D., Ireneus C., Kimberley A.

High Jump: Stanley S., Colin K., Martina K., Austin O., Lucy P.

Shot Put: Brandon L., Alexandra Z., Jesse J., Denise B., Kieran D.

Thank you to our coaches N. D'Ettore, P. Freeman, J. Malison ,and M. Moore

Council Corner

"Slumber Party" a huge success!

This year the School Council was awarded a grant from the Ministry of Education, a PRO Grant (Parents Reaching Out). As a result of this award, Council organized an evening May 28th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for parents and their children.

Parents, with their children in JK-3, attended a "slumber party" with author, Loretta Penny. Ms Penny read to the younger children and present a short story video. Milk and cookies were served while children snuggled up with blankets on the floor. In addition, a nutritional seminar was presented by Dr. Maria Arts. Participants learned how to select foods for the maximum benefits of healthy nutrition. Refreshments were served. Excellent feedback was received from those who attended.

Please watch for a separate newsletter from Parent Council. It will contain:

- Purchase of student agendas and t-shirt order
- Outline of allocation of funds raised this year.
- Report from Council

Dates to Remember

June 2-5	EQAO grade 6
June 6	Pizza day/Fr. Garcia visit/Teacher Appreciation Lunch
June 9	Family of Schools Track & Field @ St. Marcellinus S.S. Grade 3 trip to Kortright Centre
June 10	Volunteer Tea 2:00—3:00 pm Please join us! Science workshops grades 1—4/ 5—8
June 11 – 13	Grade 8 Muskoka trip
June 16	Kortright Centre trip grade 4, 5, 6
June 17	10:15 am End of Year Mass at Loyola Parish
June 18	Talent Show 1:00 pm
June 20	Choir @ Wonderland
June 22	Monthly Assembly Board Track & Field @ St. Marcellinus S.S.
June 23	Pizza Day SK Graduation Mrs. Legere—10:00 am Mrs. Periera-9:30 am & 1:30 pm
June 24	Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony and Dance Report Cards sent home
June 25	Evergreen Gr 5/6 Paquin
June 26	Last day of school
Sept. 2	First Day back



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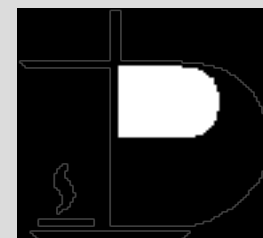
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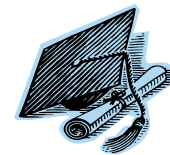
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St. Mark School



June 2008

End of Year

O God of all beginnings and endings,
we praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
the exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
all have come forth from your hand.
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
just what you have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
and bless us, according to your will,
With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
and guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
all the days of our lives.
Amen.

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Principal's Message



June has arrived!

When I reflect on this year I am pleased and proud of all that we have accomplished academically, spiritually and in the area of extra curricular activities.

Thank you to staff, School Council and parents for all that you do to make St. Mark an outstanding school. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to some staff this year, Mrs. Yoo, Mrs. Godfrey, Ms Nevins and Ms McNeilly will be sadly missed. Each contributed to the school this year. Welcome back to Mrs. Kastelan, who is returning from maternity leave.

Congratulations to our Grade 8 graduates. Remember not to cry because it's

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over, smile because it happened!

I hope that you all have a safe and happy summer vacation. I will think of you while I am enjoying my family in Boston.

The school office will be open one week prior to the Sept. 2nd first day of school. The Reorganization Day will be Sept. 12 2008. We will send an information package for the 2008-2009 school year home with each child the first week of school. Mark your calendars for our fall BBQ-Sept. 16th, 2008. Don't forget to "Make Your Own Sunshine".

God Bless,
Connie Gale

Song and Dance from "Grease"

The Grades 4 to 6 presented an evening of song and dances from the Musical "Grease". Our thanks to Ms. D'Etto and Mr. Freeman who coordinated the event and to the Junior Division classroom teachers for all their support. The students in grades 4-6 did wonderful song and dance routines.

Talent Show

Miss Nevins is the teacher facilitator for a talent show for grades 6, 7 and 8. It will be held on Wednesday, June 18th at 1 pm in the school gym. Please join us if you can.

Thank you to our volunteers!

We could not run the variety of programs at St. Mark without you! Please join us for the **Volunteer Appreciation Tea** in the Library, **June 10, 2008, 2:00-3:00 pm**

At St. Mark school we are very fortunate to have many volunteers who sit on the School Council, assist students with their academics, accompany classes on trips or drive students to and from school teams sporting events.

Celebrate St. Mark School's Artists of Tomorrow!

June 14 and 15,
1475 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W.
In Riverwood Park
(at the foot of Credit Woodlands and
Burnhamthorpe Rd.)

Mississauga South Family of Schools Arts Festival
We are pleased to announce The 7th Annual Arts Festival involving all fifteen Elementary and four Secondary Schools in the Mississauga South Family of Schools of Dufferin Peel CDSB. The event takes place on June 14th and 15th, at Mississauga Visual Arts Centre located in Riverwood Park at the foot of the Creditwoodlands on Burnhamthorpe Rd. Viewing is from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm both days and features a variety of art using different media, created by children of all school ages. Join us to appreciate the work of our budding young artists and the beautiful nature the park affords us.



Tennis for Grades 4-8

St. Mark Junior and Intermediate students are taking part in the Joshua Creek Outreach Tennis Program located at the Erin Mills Tennis Club. Students have the opportunity for 5 one-hour lessons with two tennis professionals. We welcome this opportunity to provide a supplement to our Phys. Ed program that will benefit students with this opportunity to learn life skills for lifelong fitness and health.

Virtues Program Continues at St. Mark School

The "Virtues" program will continue in all Dufferin -Peel Schools next year. St. Mark school will be focusing on a different "Virtue" each month. The "Virtues" program will be incorporated into the Religion and Family Life program. You will hear your child discuss the monthly themes, such as: hope, acceptance, etc.. New themes will continue to be presented each month. The Virtue for June is 'fairness', the desire to live by God's kingdom everyday of our lives.



Graduation Information

The Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy will be held on **Tuesday, June 24th at 5:00 pm** at **Le Dome Banquet Hall, Oakville, Ont.** The Awards Ceremony will follow the Liturgy. The students remain for the Dinner and Graduation Dance. Parents are requested to pick up their child at the conclusion of the dance at 11:00 pm.

Grade 7 & 8 Students Perform an Opera!

Opera Extravangaza "wows" Crowd
by Kieran D.

On Tuesday, May 27th, audiences at St. Mark School were amazed and astounded by the incredible performances put on by the Intermediate Division.

The Grade 7 and 8 students of St. Mark School had prepared a set of four operas over a period of weeks, to be presented to the student body, as well as the parents of the students. Each Intermediate Division class prepared its own opera, with assistance from the Canadian Opera Company. The scripts, music lyrics, characters, backgrounds, and props were all created solely by the students of each class.

Mr. Kennedy's class did an operetta set in the Peace Café that celebrated the virtue of peace. Ms. Sapping's class opera was set in Europe during the 1920's and caused a stir because of a kidnapping. Mr. Scicluna's class focused on diversity in a 1950's setting and gave a message of being responsible with their powers and accepting others. Ms. Moore's class opera was set in the present day and cast several celebrities in a plane crash, surviving to discover the treasure on the Island.

The four operas varied greatly in style, setting, and talent, but all of them managed to win the crowd. The singing was brilliant, the acting was superb, and the music, provided by school's star pianist, Ryan S., excellently captured the mood of each opera.

The students would like to thank all the people from the Canadian Opera Company for their help and professional guidance. This allowed the students to meet curriculum expectations in the Arts in a wonderfully engaging way. A big thanks to Parent Council who supported the Artist in the School program.

All-Star Reading



St. Mark School under the direction of Mrs. Tinkham, our Librarian, wishes to thank the parents who continued to volunteer for a second round of All Star Reading in the final term. The parents; Mrs. Coholic, Mrs. Durso, Mrs. Ferrari, Mrs. Iarusci, Mrs. Mammoliti, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Santino and Mrs. Wong volunteered to assist individual students to help them improve their decoding and reading comprehension skills. These readers became "All Stars" and learned strategies to help them become more independent, self-directed, successful readers.



Transportation changes for September 2008

We were advised in February that St. Mark school was being reassessed for eligibility. A revised Transportation Eligibility Map is included with the newsletter.

The revisions will take effect September 2008. The biggest change will be to the S. Millway #3280 -3420 and The Collegeway 2000 & 2079. Only kindergarten students will be eligible for bussing from those points. Please consult the enclosed map or call the Transportation Department if you have questions.



Medications and Epi-Pens

A reminder to all parents that medication and epi-pens that are kept in the office, should be picked up the week of June 23-26, 2008.



Class Placement

As you can appreciate, many hours of meetings and consultations go into the process of building a class to ensure the appropriate placement of all students. When building a class, teachers look at the following criteria to develop heterogeneous groupings:

- Balance of ability (academic skills)
- Balance according to gender
- learning style (how the learner learns)
- Teaching style (how the teacher teaches)
- Social blending (who gets along with whom)
- We also consider parental input with respect to the learning style of the children, not specific teacher requests.

Your trust in our professional judgment is appreciated.