



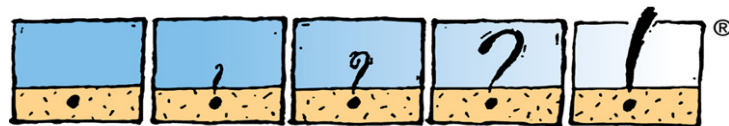
Junior Boys' & Girls' Basketball

By Liam R. and Denise F.

Under the direction of our coaches Mrs. Sapping, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Scicluna both the Boys' and Girls' Junior Basketball team had a season filled with heart! For some students it was their first opportunity to participate on teams. Both teams learned a lot of new skills. We had fun traveling to and playing against other schools. We learned a lot about competition.

Boys Team: Liam R., Tommy K., Angelo D., Nicholas D., Eric H., Chris G., Chris L., Matthew S., Matthew M., Jeremy J., Jayme C., Riley R.,

Girls Team: Denise F., Cassandra O., Mikayla R., Nicole P., Samantha B., Tehjae T., Shannon E., Kaitlyn R., Rachel S., Alexandra P., Meghan T.



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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN™

Why a Welcome to Kindergarten program?

JK Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a parent/child orientation workshop at St. Mark School May 26 from 6:30 pm—7:30 p.m.

At the workshop, Kindergarten, early literacy teachers and community agency early years educators provide the parents and their newly registered pre-kindergarten children with the early literacy and numeracy resources in the **Welcome to Kindergarten Bag** and demonstrate strategies and activities for using the resources at home.

Please join us with your new JK student on May 26th at 6:30 pm.

Mission statement: "To provide pre-school children and their families with the resources and experiences to begin formal education with a foundation in early learning that is nurtured within the home."

Animals on School Property—Please be considerate!

As you know, we share the yard with Sawmill Valley school. Please clean up after your pet. Children coming in contact with the bacteria can become ill. Young children often roll on the ground or dig in the yard. Parents and staffs have expressed concern that dogs are off leash in the yard before or after the bell in the morning and after school. Please be considerate, many people are allergic or are afraid of dogs.

Police Clearance for Volunteers/Parents

There is no cost involved for processing a CRC (Police Clearance for Volunteers/Parents) for Volunteers/Parents. The information provided is only for Peel Police only.

If you have a valid CRC for a volunteer/parent it is not required to get a new one done as long as you have been volunteering at least once or twice during the current year.

Criminal Reference Checks (CRC) for Volunteers MUST be kept at the school followed by an Annual Declaration every year. If you require a form, please ask for one at the office.

Dates to Remember

Catholic Ed. Week May 3-8 "Good News for All"

- May 3-** 1st Eucharist @ 2:00 pm—St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- May 5—** 7:00 pm Int. Div. "Create and Opera" Performance
- May 6 -** 9:30 am JK/SK Ed. Week performance
1:30 pm JK/SK Ed week performance
Jr. Div.—TSO Trip,
Primary Div.—Ballroom Dancing
Board Chess Tournament @ St. Rita Elem. School
- May 7 -** Celebration of the Virtues @ 12:30 pm D'Ettore/Freeman
- May 8 -** Pizza Day
- May 11 -** **PA Day—No School for Students**
- May 12 -** Jr. Div. Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00 pm
- May 13 -** Primary Div—Ballroom Dancing
- May 14 -** Art Reach workshops—Mrs. Malison, Mrs. Legere, Ms. Ramelli, Ms. Kuta
7:00 pm Jr. Div. Talent Show \$2.00 for Sharelife
- May 15 -** Joe Sax Festival @ Iona S.S.
- May 18 -** **Victoria Day—No School for Students**
- May 19 -** Art Reach workshops—Ms Seyarto, Mrs. Paquin, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Keddy
- May 20 -** Primary —Ballroom Dance Competition 12:30-1:55 pm
Parents welcome
Miss. South Jr. Soccer Tournament @ St.Mark
- May 22-** Art Reach workshops—Mr. Freeman, Ms. Colaco, Ms D'Ettore
Pizza Day
Gr 7 & 8 Crack Pot Studio
- May 26, 27 and 28 EQAO dates for grade 3 students**
- May 26** Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:00 pm new registrations
- May 29** Primary Assembly Mrs. Pereira, Jr/Int. Ms. D'Ettore Mr. Freeman
- June 1, 2 and 3 EQAO dates for Grade 6 students**
- June 3, 4 and 5 Gr 8 Trip to Ottawa**
- June 16** Closing Year-end Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola @ 10:30 am
- June 23—** Grade 8 Graduation—Le Dome 5:00 p.m.



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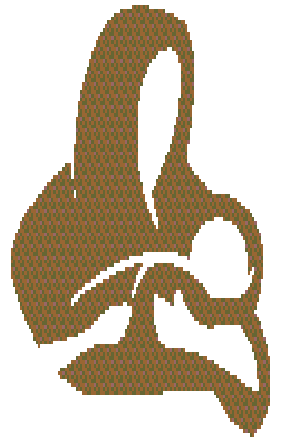
A Marian Prayer

Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
He has looked with favour on the lowliest of
His servants.

Surely from now on all
generations will call me blessed for the Mighty One has
done great things for me and holy is His name."



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

The beautiful month of May is upon us. April showers have brought us May flowers. May is a very special month, the month to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary symbolizes the love we have for all of our mothers. When we celebrate Mother's Day on May 10th we connect our mother's love to the love Mary has for Jesus. The rosary is a wonderful way to reaffirm our devotion to Mary. This month we also celebrate Catholic Education Week, beginning on May 3 through May 8. We have a variety of activities to show how special St. Mark School is as a Catholic School. We will culminate our activities with assemblies on May 29. I hope you will all join us at the assemblies.

We also celebrated the sacraments of First Holy Communion for Grade 2 students and Confirmation with Grade 8 students. We worked with St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to prepare our students for this sacrament. It was very special to have Bishop Boissenneau confirming our students. Thank you to Monsignor Joe and Fr. Joe for all your guidance. Congratulations to St. Mark Chorus who performed in Disney's Epcot Centre on April 16th under the direction of Mrs. Legere and Ms. Ramelli. The year is passing quickly and I really appreciate the partnership we have seen with home, school and parish. Continue to make your own sunshine and see the positive in each day.

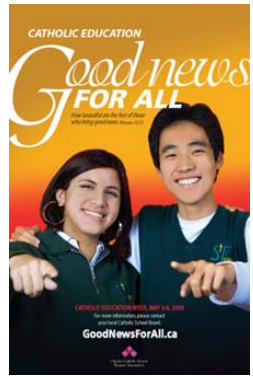
*God Bless,
Connie Gale*



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Catholic Education Week May 3– May 8, 2009.

During this week the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our Province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the mission of our

Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. This year's theme is **"Catholic Education: Good News for All"**.

Five sub-themes, one for each of the five days of Catholic Education Week 2009, help students to understand the rich meaning of this year's theme:

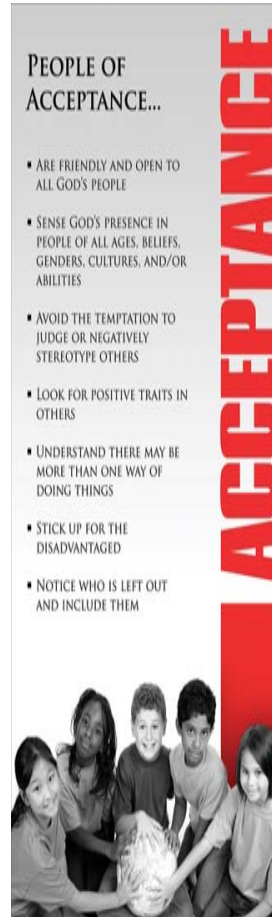
- Day 1... Embracing Hope
- Day 2... Celebrating with Joy
- Day 3... Building Community
- Day 4... Growing in Integrity
- Day 5... Living with Gratitude

We particularly want to underline the relationship of Catholic schools with the broader Church community, especially with the parishes that remain the centre of the worshipping faith community.

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society. We invite all members of our community, especially our parents/guardians, to participate in the celebrations and activities that will mark the celebration of Catholic Education Week 2009 at our school.

Please join us for:

- May 5 12.45 pm Intermediate "Create an Opera" rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Intermediate Performance "Create an Opera"
- May 6 9:30 am JK/SK AM class Performance
- 8:45—1:45 Various primary classes rehearse
- Ballroom dancing in the gym
- 1:30 pm JK/SK AM class Performance
- May 7 12:30 pm Celebration of the Virtues



Virtues

This month we will celebrate the virtue of Acceptance.

One of the great wonders of the world we live in is that no two people are exactly alike. We may share biological families or national identity or cultural and ethnic identity but we are all very unique and distinct creations. God breaks the mold every time! And that is a fantastic fact of life!

An accepting person....

- Is friendly and open to all God's people, regardless of age, beliefs, gender, culture or ability
- Sees the positive traits in all people even if s/he disagrees with them
- Avoids judging or stereotyping others
- Understands that there may be more than one way to do things
- Sticks up for the 'underdog'

Sacramental Celebrations at St. Mark



Congratulations to our Grade 2's who throughout the month are receiving their First Communion. In preparation, they participated in a Retreat Day to enhance their understanding of the sacrament of communion.



Our Grade 8's celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Boisseneau in a very moving liturgy on April 27th . They have completed the sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Faith.



Book Fair

Ms. Tinkham is having a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library during the week of May 4 – May 7th,2009. Children will have an opportunity to browse and buy books during the school day.



All Star Reading

Thank you to Mrs. Tinkham and the parents who have faithfully arrived to read with primary students every week! Students read on a one-to-one basis with Reading Coaches (parents who have been inserviced on the program and are willing to give time on a regular basis). The Coaches have seen a tremendous improvement!



EQAO Assessments Reminder

Again, we wanted to remind the parents of the dates for EQAO. It will be completed by students in Grade 3 on May 26, 27 and 28.

The Grade 6 students will complete the assessment on June 1, 2 and 3 (please note change in date). Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor and other appointments during this time period in order to support maximum participation by all students. We wish all students the best of luck !



Chess Club Dominates Chess Tournament! En Passant 2009!

St. Mark school teams competed in three divisions in the annual Mississauga South Family Chess Tournament . The Junior team captured first place while the Primary and Intermediate teams captured second place. St. Mark will now send these three teams to the Board finals to be held on Wednesday, May 6th at St. Rita Catholic Elementary School. Congratulations to all!

Primary Team

Zachary G., Jeremy P.,
Ryan W., Oliver F. Adam. W.

Junior Team

Michael G., Maurissius W.,
Phillip W., Paul C., Michal K.
Levin N.

Intermediate Team

Leo K., Gary B., Marcos L.,
Michael L., Adrian Y.



Appropriate School Attire

Please refer to the St. Mark Student Code of Conduct for appropriate dress guidelines. Modesty is the most important element of the guide line. Teachers

will be reviewing appropriate dress expectations with their classes. Ripped or torn clothing is not acceptable school attire. All students are reminded that the midriff must be covered at all times. While we want our students to be comfortable in the warmer weather we must also maintain a learning environment that reflects our primary focus.

Flip flops are not appropriate attire for the schoolyard, as they do not support the foot properly. We would ask parents to monitor the footwear selections of their children. Please ensure also that your child has protection from the sun by using sunscreen and wearing a hat on hot sunny days. **Water bottles are not allowed in the yard, but students are encouraged to have regular drinks.**

Are you moving?



To help us with our planning for next September, it would be appreciated if you could let us know now, if you will be moving out of our school area over the summer. In the absence of accurate information, schools often have to reorganize classes in September due to unexpected fluctuations in population. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Safe Arrival Program

A call notifying us if your child is absent or late is appreciated. Our answering machine is in operation 24 hours a day (905)-820-9477, press (1). Messages will be retrieved between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 pm by office staff. Provincial protocols require that schools exhaust all emergency contacts prior to calling the police in the event of a missing child. Please ensure that your information is accurate.

Assemblies at St. Mark

In April, the St. Mark Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Legere's sang a medley of songs. Mr. Scicluna's class did a parody of a "Deal/No Deal" game show. It energized the students and everyone had a great time!