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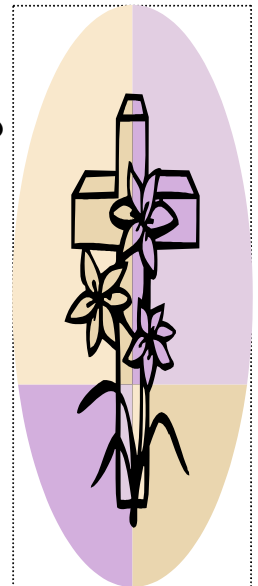
Christ is risen!

Come and speak to us in this Easter season, O God.

Into our dying, speak your word of new life. Into our fears, speak your word of courage and of hope.

Into our doubts, speak your word of trust and of faith restored. Speak to the very heart of our life with your word of grace, and grant us your peace, in the name of the risen one.

**Christ is risen!
Amen.**



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I wish everyone a beautiful, restful and Holy Easter Weekend. As a Catholic Community this is a special time to pray and reflect upon our blessings. We are fortunate to be able to come together to profess our faith. Thank you to Ms. D'Ettore and her students for so beautifully portraying the Stations of the Cross.

We are entering Term Three, our last term of 2009-2010 School Year. Time is flying, although it has been a long winter, spring has sprung. It promises to be an exciting and fulfilling Term Three at St. Mark. Please note important dates on our calendar. I hope you can join us for our April Assemblies on April 30. Remember to "Make Your Own Sunshine".

God Bless,

Mrs. Connie Gale

Virtues

St. Mark school continues to celebrate Virtues with a special spotlight on a different virtue each month.

This month we celebrate the virtue of **love**.

God has given us many guidelines and examples of how to live our lives. He sent his Son Jesus to make sure that we could see what life could be like.

A loving person

- Wants the best for others
- Is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
- Learns from the heroic lives of saints & holy people
- Knows that we are all lovable
- Prays for others

April Assemblies

The next Assemblies will be held on April 30. Mrs. Kuta and Ms. Ramelli's classes will host the 9:00 am Primary Assembly and Mrs. Johnson's class will be hosting the Junior/Intermediate Assembly at 10:15 am.

Our March Assemblies were a lot of fun! Mr. Scicluna's and Mrs. Kennedy's classes hosted the Primary and Junior Assemblies on March 27. At the Primary Assembly, Mr. Scicluna's class did a dramatization of the story "Mortimer". Mr. Kennedy's class presented the Junior/Intermediate Assembly held a "Family Feud Contest" for the students.



REMINDER!

Our Grade 2 students
will celebrate their
1st Eucharist
April 11 and April 18 at 2 pm
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Confirmation rehearsal with sponsors is on **Wed., April 28**
at **7:15 pm** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Confirmation is on **Wed., May 5 at 7:00 pm**
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

March 27 - Earth Hour 2010

See your world in a whole new light. Earth Hour is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to environmental education. Not just by turning off the lights, but by turning on young minds. Earth Hour was on Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 – 9:30 pm. St. Mark School turned off all non-essential lights on Friday and left them off for Saturday, March 27.



Junior and Intermediate Geography Contest

On February 11, Mrs. Keddy hosted the Junior and Intermediate Geography contests. After a series of challenging questions the top three finishers were:

Junior Div.

1st place: Christian T.

2nd place: Michael L.

3rd place: Chris LeB.

Intermediate Div.

1st place: Austin D.

2nd place: Shannon E.

3rd place: Tehjae T.

Congratulations to all our contestants!



Our school is proud to be a part of OUR SECOND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN...

Please donate a Toonie or Two

to support **research** and **awareness**.

'**Together for Autism**' is a campaign in which students from JK-University join hands with committed volunteers to raise autism awareness.

Date: April 30, 2010

Time: 12:45 pm in the

Gymnasium to watch a video, followed by a Walk-A-Thon outside.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR PURPLE AND ORANGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



EQAO Assessments Reminder

Each year, every student in Grades 3 and 6 in Ontario is assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. This common integrated assessment unit, developed by The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), will be completed by students from **May 31 to June 11 for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students.**

Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor and other appointments during this time period in order to support maximum participation by all students. We wish all of the students the best of luck during this assessment period. All parents will receive a report card in the fall from the Ministry .

Student Transportation of Peel Region STOPR

Transportation is provided for students who reside more than the following distances by road, path or walkway from the school they are eligible to attend.

Kindergarten	1.0 km
Grades 1—4	1.6 km
Grades 5—6	2.0 km
Grades 7—8	3.2 km
Secondary	4.8 km

Courtesy Seat Riders submit their requests to the school with the understanding that the bus privileges may be removed at any time as the result of increased seating requirements for eligible transportation students. Transportation for *Courtesy Seat Riders* is on a temporary basis only, subject to seating availability for eligible students and that students taking advantage of this privilege must utilize existing bus stop locations only. The transportation privileges will expire no later than June 30, of the current school year. Once STOPR has received the request for *Courtesy Seat Rider*, they will assign them their run and stop location.

Class Placement for September 2010

The staff of St. Mark will meet in the near future to discuss class placements for your child(dren) for the **2010-2011** school year. Placements of all children are given careful consideration, however if you feel you would like to give any additional information or input, please send a letter to Mrs. Gale by **Monday, May 3.** **Please remember the following:** Do not make requests for specific teachers as staffing is always tentative and changes can take place between the time of tentative placement and September.

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. If you know of any families moving into the area with children who plan to attend St. Mark School, it would be helpful if you could alert us. The more information we have, the better we are able to organize staff and students for September. In the absence of accurate information, schools often have to reorganize classes in September due to unexpected fluctuations in population. All we need is a quick note or a call. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Flex Boundary Students

If you are applying to have your child remain at St. Mark School as a flex boundary student for the 2010-2011 School Year, you must submit a letter indicating the reasons for your request to the attention of Mrs. Gale, by **Monday, May 3.**

Criminal Reference Checks and Annual Declarations

Volunteers are very much appreciated by staff and students at St. Mark School. Board policy states that volunteers that come into regular contact with students must have a Criminal Reference check completed through Peel Police. If you plan to volunteer for trips, driving students or helping students in the school, please drop by the office to pick up a form. An annual Criminal Declaration must be completed on a yearly basis for all volunteers

Allergies at St. Mark

Please remember that because of severe food allergies we are not able to accept food as treats for birthdays or other occasions. If you wish to send in something for the class, please send in items such as stickers or pencils. Many allergies are life threatening. In order to protect our students we are requesting that you respect this caution.

Catholic Ratepayers Check Your Tax Bill To Ensure Proper Tax Support

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to the Dufferin-Peel CDSB. If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext 24500 or your local municipal office. To be eligible to vote for the local Catholic school board trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

Elementary Summer School Grades 7 & 8

Remedial Literacy and Mathematics
Monday, July 5 to Friday, July 23, 2010
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Students recommended by the Principal
Bussing provided at home school pick up points
Deadline for applications
June 4, 2010

Locations: Good Shepherd, Metropolitan Andrei,
St. Faustina, St. Gertrude,
St. John the Baptist, St. Luke, St. Ursula

Summer Literacy Camp

Grades SK to 6
Monday, July 5 to Friday, July 30, 2010
9:00 am to 12:00 pm daily

Fee for Service Program
No transportation provided
Deadline for applications
June 4, 2010

Locations: Fr. Daniel Zanon, St. Alfred, St. Herbert,
St. Simon Stock, St. Timothy,
St. Veronica, St. Margaret of Scotland

For more information and registration forms regarding these Summer Programs, please contact the school.

Council Corner

Our next council meeting is on **Monday, April 12 at 6:30 pm** in the school library.

Dates to Remember

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now being accepted.

- Apr 1** Stations of the Cross 9:00 am & 1:00 pm
- Apr 2** **Good Friday—no school for students**
- Apr 5** **Easter Monday—no school for students**
- Apr 6** Int. Div. Opera Workshop
- Apr 7** Primary Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
- Apr 9** Communion Retreat Day Gr 2, Pizza Day
Junior Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
- Apr 11** 1st Holy Communion @ 2:00 pm—Loyola Parish
- Apr 12** Lunch Lady
School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Apr 13** Int. Div. Opera Workshop
- Apr 14** Primary Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
- Apr 16** Junior Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
- Apr 18** 1st Holy Communion @ 2:00 pm—Loyola Parish
- Apr 19** Lunch Lady, Medieval Workshop Gr 4 & 4/5—Gym
- Apr 20** Int. Div. Opera Workshop
Flying Dutchman Opera—Int. Div. (evening)
- Apr 21** Primary Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
- Apr 23** Pizza Day, Junior Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop,
Gr 8's walk to Loyola Parish—Rehearsal @ 1:30 pm
- Apr 26** Lunch Lady
- Apr 27** Int. Div. Opera Workshop
- Apr 28** Primary Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
Confirmation Rehearsal with sponsors—7:15 pm
@ Loyola Parish
- Apr 29** Junior Div. Ballroom Dancing Workshop
- Apr 30** Assembly—Kuta, Ramelli & Johnson
Together for Autism Campaign
- May 2—7** **Catholic Education Week**
- May 4** Int. Div. Opera Workshop
Respect Presentation Gr K-6 @ 1:00 pm—gym
- May 5** Primary Ballroom Dance Competition 9:30-11:30 am
Junior Ballroom Dance Competition 1:00-3:00 pm
- May 7** Pizza Day
- May 10** Lunch Lady, Opera Dress Rehearsal
- May 11** Junior div. Toronto Symphony Trip
Int. Div. Opera Presentation @ 7:00 pm school gym
- May 14** Gr 7/8 Crack Pot Studios
- May 17** Lunch Lady, Erin Mills Lodge—Paquin am
- May 18** Junior Mathletes Day—gym
- May 21** Pizza Day
- May 24** **Victoria Day—no school for students**
- May 28** Assembly Pereira/D'Ettore