

The Face of Hunger
Sharon Hobin-Trustee

I can tell you that the face of hunger looks like you and me. We have many children in our neighbourhoods coming to school and going to bed hungry. Being hungry brings with it many issues which affects learning. Over the summer from time to time, if you can, please donate food or money (or time if you have it) to our local food bank. There are many food banks but this one is in our neighbourhood and is providing services to our neighbours. Eden Community Food Bank is a non-denominational, charitable organization, working to eliminate hunger through food distribution to qualified individuals and families living in selected areas of Mississauga, as well as providing education and advocacy services to our clients and the general public. They make all efforts to provide healthy, balanced food choices and to provide choices that meet various dietary requirements. They also strive to provide basic need items, like personal care and hygiene products. The satellite food bank is located at 3185 Unity Drive, Unit 2 with the entrance at the rear. Mississauga transit Routes are 36 and 47. Times to use the Unity Food Bank for pick up of food are Tuesdays, from 12:00 to 2:00pm and 5:00 to 7:00pm. You can drop food off at 3051 Battleford (Winston Churchill) in the basement of Eden United Church. Email address is info@edenfoodbank.org. Their phone number is (905)785-3651 and their web site is www.edenfoodbank.org.

I encourage you to remember this wonderful help to our community over the summer and continue to support the food bank all year.

Thank you.

Council Corner

A heartfelt thank you goes out to those parents who served as our School Council throughout this school year. Their dedication and generous volunteering of time helped make our school year exciting for our students. Our thanks also to those parents who volunteered during the school year, for pizza Fridays, busses to events, the Dance-a-thon, fundraisers, safe arrival, school trip volunteers and so much more, on behalf of the Community of St. Mark Elementary School, we thank you.



Dates to Remember

May 31-June 2—EQAO Gr 3 & 6

- June 1** Intermediate Girls Softball Tournament
June 3 Intermediate Boys Softball Tournament
June 4 Pizza Day
Primary Choir Spring Concerts
Peel Police Presentation
HPV 3rd vaccine for Grade 8 girls
Grade 7 trip to Stoney Creek
Gr. 6 Trip to History of Flight Museum
- June 7** Lunch Lady
Grade 3 Movie Trip
- June 9—11** Grade 8 Ottawa trip
June 14 Lunch Lady
June 15 **Volunteer Tea 2:00-3:00pm. Please join us.**
- June 18** Pizza Day
St. Mark Chorus –trip to Wonderland
- June 21** Lunch Lady
End of Year School Mass @ Loyola Parish
At 10:30 am
- June 23** Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony and Dance
June 25 SK Graduation at 9:30 am & 1:30 pm
June 28 Lunch Lady
JK to Grade 8 Report Cards go home
- June 29** **Assembly—Mrs. Legere and Ms. McNeilly @ 10:15 am (note change in date and time)**
- June 30** **Last Day of School**
- Aug. 30** **School Office Opens**
Sept. 7 **First Day back for students in Grades SK-8**
JK students will have staggered entry



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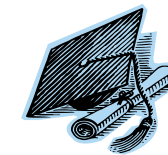
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St. Mark School



June 2010

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.

Source Unknown

Principal's Message

June has arrived!

Thank you for another rewarding year at St. Mark School. 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, parents and Msgr. Shiels and Fr. Joe for all that you do to make St. Mark an outstanding school. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to some staff this year, Ms. McNeilly and Ms. Sapping, as they move on to new schools. They will be sadly missed.

Principal's Message, cont'd



Please join us for our end of year School Mass on **Monday, June 21 at 10:30 am** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. Congratulations to our Grade 8 graduates. Remember not to cry because it's 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 on **Monday, August 30** one week prior to the **Tuesday, September 7** first day of school. We will send an information package for the 2010-2011 school year home with each child the first week of school. Don't forget to "Make Your Own Sunshine".

God Bless,
Connie Gale

SPRING CONCERT

St. Mark's Primary Choir had their spring concert on **Friday, June 4**. The Spring Concert is the product of months of hard work. During rehearsals, the children have learned basic music terminology, harmony, musical blend and proper breathing and singing techniques.

Thank you to Ms. Lai for organizing the concert.

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 15, 2010, 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.



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.**



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 of Fairness

Do I treat everyone fairly, share, and play by the rules? God wants us to treat each other as we would like to be treated.

A *fair* person...

- *listens to both sides of a story*
- *Is a good team player*
- *Gives consideration to those who need extra support*
- *Works to bring about peaceful solutions to problems*



Graduation Information

The Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy will be held on **Wednesday, June 23 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.

Intermediate Softball

This year's Mississauga South Intermediate Softball Tournaments were held on June 1 (girls) and June 3 (boys) at Birchwood Park. In the girls tournament there were 10 teams, and the girls finished in third, going 2 and 1 in the round robin and losing in the semi-finals. The boys tournament had 16 teams, the team participated in 3 games and scored a total of 12 runs.

Team members:

Girls:

Cristina Mac., Adriana E., Alexandra Mac., Karlee W., Alexandra Z., Simone S., Natasha L., Natalie C., Lauren W., Megan P., Stefani A., Tanya M., Amanda S., Cynthia L., and Laryssa W.

Boys:

Nick K., Joseph Mc., Dominic G., Sean O., Logan O., Gary B., Liam R., Ben S., Alex M., Kieran S. and Brandon L.

The teams had practiced for a few weeks prior to the tournament. Students demonstrated great sportsmanship and effort and most of all had plenty of fun. Thank you to the coaches Mr. Scicluna and Mr. Kennedy as well as parent volunteer drivers.

Track and Field

This students will be representing St. Mark at the Mississauga South Family Track and Field event on **Wednesday, June 9 at 9:15 am** at **St. Marcellinus S.S.**

Team Members:

Liam R., Danylo W. Sarah S., Matthew B., Olivia D., Michael S., Rachel S., Chris La., Matthew McV., Amy C., Brett Mac., Denise F., Shannon E., Tomi K., Ashley N., Meaghan S., Brendan K., Teresa T., Angelo D., Nicholas D., Bryan G., Lydia F., Jayme C., Matthew M., and Morgan S.

The students have been training and practicing early in the mornings and after school. Thank you to the coaches Ms. McNeilly and Ms. Borscok.



Before and After School Care

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PLASP Child Care Services operates Before and After School Programs at this school. The Before School Program operates from 7:30 am and continues until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily. The After School Program begins once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 pm. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework. **Fee assistance is available.** **Registration for September 2010 starts on May 10th, 2010.** For further information, call 905-890-1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com.



Transportation changes for September 2010

Parents are responsible for making arrangements for their children's transportation unless they are eligible for transportation. Bus lists will be posted on the front doors the last week in August. Those students who rode the bus this year using the Courtesy Seat policy will need to reapply in writing in September. We were advised that empty seat riders cannot be accommodated on Special Ed./Gifted vans in the coming year. The policy also excludes siblings. The rationale is that it is having a serious impact on the availability of seats and Transportation is no longer able to accommodate those requests.



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 28 -30, 2010**.

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 staff 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.