

## Feb 2, Mississauga South Diversity Conference

Mississauga South will hosts its annual diversity/safe schools conference for all Grade 7 students in the Mississauga Family of schools. Over 800 Grade 7 students will attend the conference and celebrate Black History Month with an opportunity to watch Anthony Sherwood Production performance based on the life of Mary Ann Shadd. Students will also have the opportunity to listen to key note speaker Alvin Law. Alvin was born without arms and will speak to students on how he has overcome the many struggles of his life and the path that has led him to success. Students will conclude the day through liturgy and reflection. Location: Iona Catholic Secondary School, at 10:00 am.

## Feb 15, Facebook 101

Loyola Catholic S.S. Council would like to invite you to a presentation by Chris Vollum on "Facebook 101". This presentation deals with the danger of Social Network sites. This will take place at Loyola Catholic Secondary School, on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm. It is free to parents, teachers, trustees and administrators in Dufferin-Peel. No pre-registration needed.

## Feb 26, 4th Annual Mississauga Chess Championship

Open to all students who attend classes in the Dufferin-Peel District School Board. Where: St. Faustina School, 3420 McDowell Dr. Miss. Sections: K to Gr.12. Awards: Medals for the first 4 finishers per section; Format: Swiss Round Robin. Games begin at 10:00 am and end at 3:30 pm. Pizza lunch provided. Previous and new volunteers welcome. For more info, go to: [www.dpcdsb.org/Faust](http://www.dpcdsb.org/Faust). See Chess under Sports and Clubs .

## Chess Tourney at St. Mark School

The Mississauga South Chess Tourney will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at St. Mark School. For further information, please contact Mr. John Young.

## Council Meeting

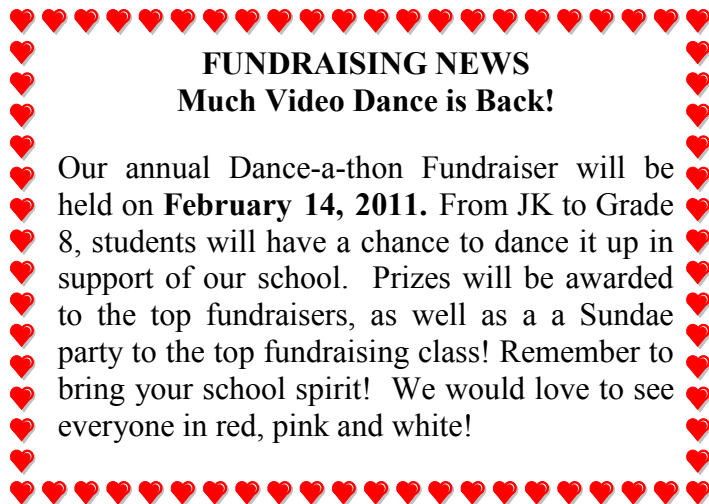
Please come out and support our School Council at our next meeting on **Monday, February 28, at 6:30 pm in the school library.**

## St. Mark Junior Hockey

The 2nd Annual Junior Hockey Tournament 2011 will be at Erin Mills Twin Rinks on **Tuesday, February 15**, and the Championship game will be on **Wednesday, February 16**. The team members are:

Jacob S.	Mikaila K.	Christopher Le.
Riley R.	Aiden P.	Rob F.
Eric H.	Ryan W.	Oliver F.
Laura S.	Matthew S.	Nicholas A.
Reed R.	Owen McM.	Nicholas I. Matthew W.

Correction in January Newsletter: Name omitted from Intermediate Girls Basketball: Emily N.



### FUNDRAISING NEWS Much Video Dance is Back!

Our annual Dance-a-thon Fundraiser will be held on **February 14, 2011**. From JK to Grade 8, students will have a chance to dance it up in support of our school. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers, as well as a Sundae party to the top fundraising class! Remember to bring your school spirit! We would love to see everyone in red, pink and white!

### Dates To Remember

Feb 1	Reports sent home, Basketball St. Clare @ St. Mark, 4:00 pm
Feb 3	JR/INT Div Public Speaking @ 9:00 am/10:30 am Primary Div Public Speaking @1:00 pm- Library Basketball St. Mark @ St. Gerard, 3:45 pm Term 1 Interview Evening 7:00-9:00 pm
Feb 4	<b>PA Day Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>
Feb 7	Lunch Lady, JK/SK Registration 7:00-9:00 pm
Feb 8	JK/SK Registration (snow date), Silvercreek trip Gr 4 Johnson/Colaco
Feb 9-11	JK/SK Reg. 9:00-11:00 am & 1-3:00 pm French Immersion Gr. 1 application deadline St. Mike's Majors Assembly @10:15 am
Feb 10	Mississauga South Public Speaking JR/INT @ St. Francis of Assisi School
Feb 11	Pizza Day, Gr 8 Ski Trip to Horseshoe Valley
Feb 14	<b>MUCH MUSIC VIDEO DANCE-A-THON</b> Lunch Lady
Feb 15-16	Jr. Hockey @ Erin Mills Twin Arena
Feb 16	Gr 8 Grad Photo
Feb 18	Pizza Day
Feb 21	<b>FAMILY DAY—No School For Students</b>
Feb 23	Country Heritage Park. Ceccomancini/Paquin <b>1st Reconciliation @ 7:00 pm @ Loyola Parish</b>
Feb 25	Pizza Day, Assembly Seyarto, Paquin/Moore
Mar 8	Primary Div. Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Breakfast
Mar 14-18	<b>March Break—No School For Students</b>
Mar 22	Lenten Mass & 1st Eucharist Enrolment @ 10:30 am School Gym



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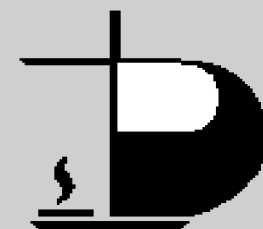
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# St. Mark School

## February 2011

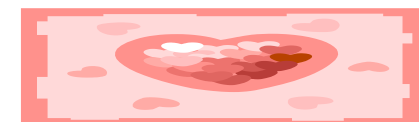
A valentine Prayer  
I said a valentine prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincerer love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end.

Author Unknown

## Principal's Message



*February has arrived! It is a very eventful, month. We honour February as Black History month. We have many activities planned for this month starting with the Public Speaking Contest, our annual Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser and our monthly assemblies on Friday, February 25. Parents are most welcome to attend. During this wet and cold season we remind our students that they should have a change of shoes for indoor use. Students should not be in stocking feet for Health & Safety reasons. February continues to be cold, please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. We continue to work in partnership with home, school, and parish to provide an outstanding Catholic Education for your child. Make your own sunshine!*

God Bless ,

Connie Gale

## Kindergarten Registration

JK/SK registration for 2011 school year takes place on

**February 7, 2011 from 7:00—9:00 pm**

(February 8 if cancelled due to inclement weather)

And **February 9, 10, and 11, 2011**

**from 9:00 —11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

### Required Documents:

- Proof of Age
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in Communion With the Holy See of Rome)
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Citizenship
- Proof of Address

## Virtues Program

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **respect**. God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

### A respectful person...

- Uses a positive tone and body language
- Avoids swearing, name-calling, and put-downs
- Says “Excuse me”, “Please”, “Pardon me”
- Avoids gossip

We all deserve to be treated respectfully by others. However, in order to be respected we also have to respect ourselves. Everyone has a right to go to a school free of gossip, name-calling, and put-downs. We should expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet.

## First Reconciliation

Grade 2 students will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish on **Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm. (Please note change of date)**

## St. Mark Assembly—Friday, February 25



We hope you had an opportunity to attend our monthly school assemblies. This month, Ms. Seyarto's class will be hosting the Primary Assembly at 9:00 am for Gr JK-3 and Mrs. Paquin/Ms. Moore classes take responsibility for organizing the Junior/Intermediate assembly for Gr 4-8 at 10:15 am. We hope that you will have an opportunity to join us.

## Speeches

“Speech, speech!” It is that time of year again. Students from Grade 4-8 will be selected to enter a competition held at St. Mark School on **February 3 at 9:00 am for Grades 4-6 and 10: 30 am for Grades 7-8** (Note change in date from January Newsletter). The winning candidates are invited to move on to the **Mississauga South Public Speaking contest held at St. Francis of Assisi School on February 10.** The students from the Primary Grades 1-3 will be selected to read their speeches or poems on **February 3 at 1:00 pm** in the Library.



## Late for School

**School begins at 8:30 a.m.** Please ensure your child is on time for school. When a child is late, she/he misses valuable teaching time and causes a disruption to the lessons being started in the class. Developing excellent work habits and time management skills can maximize a child's learning potential! For students that are constantly late, the Principal will be contacting parents at home. If it becomes a major concern the school will forward the information to the Attendance Officer at the Board.

## Student Absences

Thank you for being so diligent in calling when your child is going to be absent or late. Please remember to leave a reason why your child is absent or late for the day.

## Peanut Allergies

We have a number of students enrolled here at St. Mark School who have allergies to peanuts and peanut by-products. Please note that while one of these children may not necessarily be in your child's class, we all use communal areas where traces of peanuts may be left. For this reason we ask for your cooperation to ensure that peanut products are not sent to the school. Please be aware that “Tim-Bits” are **NOT** peanut/nut free and thus should not be sent into the school to share. We encourage you to send treats such as stickers, pencils, erasers etc. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep our children safe. **Please do not send food treats for Valentine's Day.**



## Medication

If it is necessary for your child to take medicine at school on a short-term basis, eg. antibiotics, please remember that **all medication must be stored for the day at the office.** **Also, we need a written note from you for your child to be able to self-administer the medication.** **School personnel are not permitted by Board policy to administer any medication, but we can oversee your child self-administering the medication.**



## Indoor Shoes/Extra Clothing

With the arrival of colder weather, and increased precipitation, we would like to ensure all students are day and comfortable when indoors. We ask that you ensure your child has a pair of shoes or slippers that he/she wears only when indoors at school. You may wish to have your child keep a change of clothing at school, including extra socks and mittens. Be sure such clothing is labeled and easily identified by your child.

## Snowballs

Just a reminder...Please emphasize to your children that School/Board policy **DOES NOT ALLOW THROWING SNOWBALLS, KICKING SNOW, OR “SNOWING” OTHERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.** Please remind your children of the seriousness of these activities and the possible danger for those who are hit.

## School Policy on the Use of Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs)

To promote respect for the dignity of all members of our school community and to enhance student achievement and safety, the use of a PED is strictly prohibited in the school (including portables) or during school related activities (such as retreats, field trips, sports events, etc.).

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the confiscation of the PED and/or disciplinary action as outlined in the Catholic Code of Conduct 2001. The school and the Dufferin-Peel CDSB assume no responsibility for the loss, recovery, repair or replacement for any PED brought onto school property.

It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel CDSB that PEDs are to be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned events. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, the school encourages students to leave their PEDs at home or in their lockers.

## Extended French Applications

All students in Grade 4, eligible to attend Dufferin-Peel Schools, are invited to consider registering for Extended French beginning in Grade 5 at St. Christopher School. Students receive instruction for 50 per cent of their day in English for Language Arts, Math, Religion and Family Life. The other 50 per cent of the day is taught in French and the subjects include Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and one of Physical and Health Education, Art, Music or Drama. Application packages are available at St. Christopher School. **Applications must be completed and returned to St. Christopher School by February 9 at 3:00 pm.** Check out the school on their website: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CHRIS>

## French Immersion Applications

Parents of a child who are in Senior Kindergarten may be interested in sending their child to a French Immersion program for Grade 1 in September 2011. Completed applications will be accepted at the French Immersion School office (*St. Margaret of Scotland School*) **up to a deadline of 2:00 pm, on Wednesday, February 9**

