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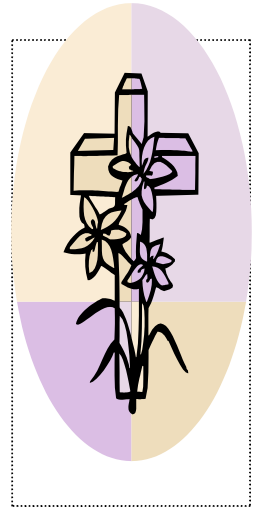
Christ is Risen!

*I have risen: I am with you once more; you
placed your hand on me to keep me safe.*

How great is the depth of your wisdom.

Alleluia.

(Psalm 139.18, 5-6)



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. At Easter, we share in the grace of Christ as "children of the light" and "sharers in the eternal glory." May all these blessings fill your hearts, today and always.

Thank you to all parents who volunteer in the school to make us a better school. A particular thank you to the School Council and St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Msgr Shiels and Fr. J. Gorman who work very hard in partnership with staff to educate our children.

We are in our last term of 2010-2011 School Year, and time is quickly going by, although it has been a long winter, spring has sprung. It promises to be an exciting and fulfilling Term Two at St. Mark. There are many events taking place at St. Mark School; we are hosting the Mississauga South Chess Championship, Junior Boys and Girls Basketball games, Spring Food Drive, and Ballroom Dancing. Please note important dates on our calendar. I hope you can join us for our April Assemblies on Friday, April 29. Remember to "Make Your Own Sunshine".

God Bless,

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.



Assemblies

The next Assemblies will be held on Friday, April 29. Ms. Colaco's class will host the 9:00 am Primary Assembly and Mrs. Johnson's class will be hosting the Junior/Intermediate Assembly at 10:30 am. Thank you to Mrs. Kuta's and Ms. Ramelli's classes for hosting the Primary Assembly on Friday, March 25 and to Mrs. Malison's class for hosting the Junior/Intermediate Assembly.

St. Mark Dance Club choreographed by Ms. Jackson performed during the March Assembly. They entertained the school with their Irish Dancing. Thank you to Ms. Jackson for organizing the dance club and for choreographing the dance steps.

Dance Club Members: Reed R., Jake C., Nicole P., Emily N., Alyssa R., Alysha L., Kendra C., Keegan G., Hannah S., Kate F., and Rachel S.



First Eucharist

Our Grade 2 students will celebrate their 1st Eucharist May 1 and May 8 at 2 pm St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Confirmation retreat for Grade 8 students is on **Thursday, April 7, from 9:00 am—2:30 pm** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Hall

Confirmation Rehearsal with sponsors is on

Wednesday, May 11 @ 7:00 pm

Confirmation is on **Sunday, May 15 @ 2:00 pm** St. Ignatius Loyola Parish



Spring Food Drive

St. Mark School is participating in Eden Food Bank Spring Drive. Please have all donations into the school by Friday, April 15. Each class has been assigned various food items to bring in. Thank you to Ms. Jackson for coordinating the Food Drive.

Class

Pereira JK/SK
Legere Gr 1
Seyarto Gr 1/2
Ramelli Gr 2/3
Kuta Gr 3
Colaco Gr 3/4
Johnson Gr 4
Ceccomancini Gr 5
Paquin Gr 5/6
Malison Gr 6
Moore Gr 6/7
Keddy Gr 7/8
Kennedy Gr 7/8
Sciocluna Gr 8

Items

Baby Food/Formula
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Soup
Canned Meat/Fish
Mac N Cheese Dinner
Canned Meat/Fish
Baked Beans
Chili/Stew
Soup
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit



In support of "Autism Research", St. Mark Spirit Council will be selling "Freezies" for \$1.00 and Autism silicone bracelets for \$2.00 during

the week of May 2-6 on the asphalt at 11:50 am lunch hour recess. On Friday, May 6 to show your support, please wear blue. Thank you to Mrs. Mahoney and Mrs. Lein for coordinating this event.

Did you know...

- Approximately 67 million people worldwide are affected by autism
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the world
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with diabetes, cancer and AIDS combined
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection to cure for autism, but early diagnosis and intervention improve outcomes



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 30 to June 10 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.

Stations of the Cross

Mrs. Ceccomancini's class will be leading the school in prayer for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 21 at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm during Holy Week.

Kiss N Ride

Reminder to parents to please use the Kiss N Ride when dropping your child(ren) to school. Do not park in front of the school which is designated for school bus use only. If you are bringing your child late, dropping lunches or picking up early for an appointment, please park your vehicle in the parking lot and sign your child(dren) from the office. We appreciate your cooperation for the safety of our St. Mark community.

Junior Boys/Girls Basketball

St. Mark is in the midst of Basketball season. Thank you to Mr. Les Storey, who is coaching and holding early morning practices for both teams, with help from Meaghan S. and Rob Scicluna. Games are as following:

Thurs. April 7, St. Mark @ St. Margaret of Scotland 4pm
Thurs. April 14, St. Mark @ All Saints, 3:45 pm

Players:

Junior Girls

Laura S., Jada L., Mikaila K., Rachel S., Samantha B., Nicole P., Isabella M., Maya S., and Amanda W.

Junior Boys:

Masamichi T., Jacob S., Jeremy J., Lachlan O., Riley R., Matthew S., Jake C., and Mark B.

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 2011

The staff of St. Mark will meet in the near future to discuss class placements for your child(dren) for the **2011-2012** 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 **Friday, May 6**. **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.

Catholic Education Week—May 1—6, 2011

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is:

Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit...

Catholic Education, grounded in the Gospel Values of Jesus, has reasons to celebrate the Spirit, which supports and sustains it. Catholic Education Week is marked by special activities at all grade levels, including prayer celebration and service activities. I invite you to visit our school during this special week and to participate in any of our activities as we celebrate Catholic Education Week 2011.

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 2011-2012 School Year, you must submit a letter indicating the reasons for your request to the attention of Mrs. Gale, by **Friday, May 6**.

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 4 to Friday, July 22, 2011
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Students recommended by the Principal
Bussing provided at home school pick up points
Deadline for applications
June 3, 2011

Locations: Good Shepherd, Metropolitan Andrei,
St. Faustina, St. Gertrude, St. Jerome,
St. Raphael and St. Ursula

Summer Literacy Camp

Grades SK to 6
Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 29, 2011
9:00 am to 12:00 pm daily
Fee for Service Program
No transportation provided
Deadline for applications
June 3, 2011

Locations: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Alfred, St. Philip,
St. Albert of Jerusalem, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Gerard and
St. Gregory

For more information and registration forms regarding these
Summer Programs, please contact the school.
Website: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE/>

Council Corner

Next Parent Council Meeting will be in the Library, on Monday,
May 2, at 6:30 pm. All Parents are welcome.

Tuesday, May 3, the Parent Council is proud to present Motiva-
tional Media Assemblies. Hearts and Hands will be presented to
the Primary division and Showtime will be for the Juniors and
Intermediates. Parents are welcome to attend.

Dates to Remember

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is now
being accepted.

Apr 5	Miss. South Chess Tournament
Apr 6	Primary Ballroom Dance
Apr 7	Jr. Ballroom Dance, Gr 8 Confirmation Retreat @ St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Jr. Basketball @ St. Marg. Of Scotland
Apr 8	Pizza Day
Apr 11	Lunch Lady Gr 3 skating @ Erin Mills Twin Arena
Apr 12	Junior Division TSO trip
Apr 13	Primary Ballroom Dance
Apr 14	Junior Ballroom Dance Jr. Basketball @ All Saints
Apr 15	Pizza Day
Apr 18	Lunch Lady, Erin Mills Lodge-Paquin, Gr 3 Skating @ Erin Mills Twin Arena
Apr 20	Primary Ballroom Dance
Apr 21	Jr. Ballroom Dance, Stations of the Cross @ 9 am & 1:00 pm
Apr 22	Good Friday—No School
Apr 25	Easter Monday—No School
Apr 26	St. Mark Chorus @ Peel Music Festival
Apr 27	Primary Ballroom Dance Youth Faith Ambassador Retreat @ St. Joseph Secondary School, Gr 4 Medieval Times Trip
Apr 28	Jr. Ballroom Dance, Gr 2 1st Eucharist Retreat
Apr 29	Pizza Day, Assembly Colaco @ 9:00am, Johnson @ 10:15 am
May 1-6	Catholic Education Week
May 1	1st Eucharist @ 2:00 pm St. Ignatius Loyola
May 2	Lunch Lady, Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:00—7:00 pm, Parent Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm
May 3	Motivational Media Presentations
May 4	Ballroom Dance Competitions @ 10:30 am and 1:00 pm
May 6	Pizza Day, Board Chess Championship
May 8	1st Eucharist @ 2:00 pm, St. Ignatius Loyola
May 9	Lunch Lady
May 10	Gr 7 Diversity Conf. @ St. Joseph S.S. 9-12:30
May 11	Confirmation Rehearsal @ 7pm St. Ignatius
May 13	Pizza Day, Gr 7 & 8 CrackPot Studio (in class)
May 15	Confirmation @ 2 pm St. Ignatius Loyola
May 16	Lunch Lady
May 20	Pizza day
May 23	Victoria Day—No School
May 25	Peel Health Gr 8 girls HPV, Gr 7 Hep B
May 27	Pizza Day, Assembly Pereira & Ceccomancini
May 30-June 10	EQAO Testing Grade 3 and 6
June 3	Pizza Day, Gr 7 History Trip—Stoney Creek
June 6-8	Gr 8 Ottawa Trip
June 13	PA Day—No School
June 21	Year End & Grad. Mass @ St. Ignatius Loyola
June 23	Gr 8 Grad.—Le Dome
June 24	Assembly—Legere
June 30	Last Day of School

