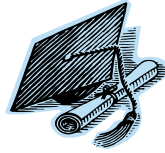




St. Mark School



June 2011

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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.

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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 Gorman for all that you do to make St. Mark an outstanding school. There will be a farewell BBQ for Fr. Joe Gorman that will take place at the church immediately following the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, June 18. We hope that you will be able to attend. Unfortunately, we have to

Principal's Message, cont'd

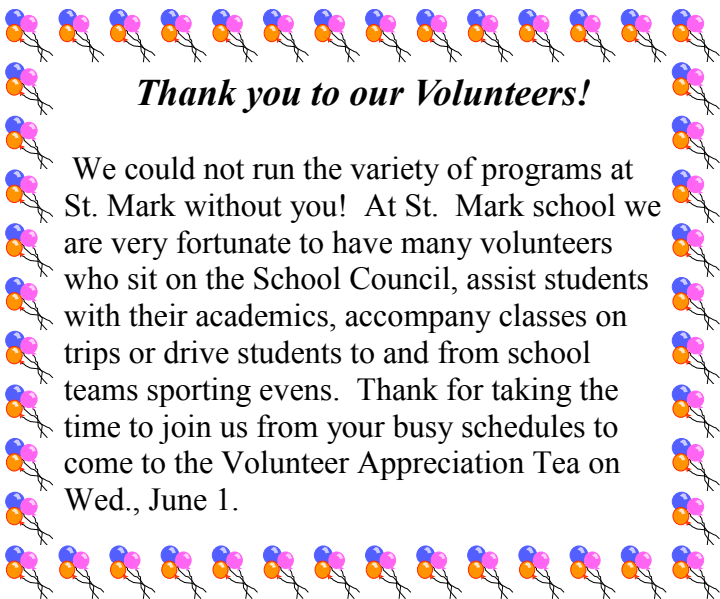


say goodbye to a staff member this year, Ms. Colaco as she moves on to a new school. She will be sadly missed. Please join us for our end of year School Mass on **Tue., June 21 at 10:30 am** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. Congratulations to our Grade 8 graduates. Remember not to cry because it's over, 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 **Mon., August 29** one week prior to the **Tue., September 6** first day of school. We will send an information package for the 2011-2012 school year home with each child the first week of school. Don't forget to "Make Your Own Sunshine".

God Bless,

Connie Gale



Thank you to our Volunteers!

We could not run the variety of programs at St. Mark without you! 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. Thank for taking the time to join us from your busy schedules to come to the Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Wed., June 1.

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

E-Information Sign-Up

At St. Mark School, we are attempting to facilitate the delivery of newsletter, notices, and other important information via e-mail directly to you!. Please sign-up for E-Information, thank you for helping us become a little greener!

Family Name: _____

Child(ren): _____

E-Mail: _____



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 life-long fitness and health.



Graduation Information

The Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy will be held on **Thursday, 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 10:30 pm.

Intermediate Softball

This year's Mississauga South Intermediate Softball Tournaments will be held on Thursday, June 9 (girls) and Friday, June 10 (boys) at Birchwood Park.

Team members:

Girls:

Mia C., Teresa T., Denise F., Meaghan S., Tehjae T., Katelyn G., Ashley N. and Sydney W.

Boys:

Laim R., Brett Mc., Ben S., Michael S., Matthew Mc., Jacob F., Chris L., Tomi K., Brendan K., Michael L., Pablo L., and Adnan M.

The teams have been practicing for a few weeks prior to the tournament. Thank you to Mr. Scicluna for coaching 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 **Friday, June 17 at 9:15 am at St. Marcellinus S.S.**

The students have been training and practicing early in the mornings and after school. Thank you to Mr. Young for coaching as well as parent volunteer drivers.



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 27-**

30, 2011

Term Two Report Cards

All students will be receiving their second and final report card on Tuesday, June 28. We cannot confirm your child's teacher for the 2011-2012 school year until Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The response Form (page 3) of the Provincial Report Cards is due back to school on Thursday, June 30, the last day of classes.



Before and After School Care

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.** For further information, call 905-890-1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com.



Transportation changes for September 2011

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, STOPR will assign courtesy students to bus stops.

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.

Access to Bus Information:

Access the <http://businfo.stopr.ca>

Click "student login"

Enter your child's OEN number, street address, school, and grade (Note: OEN number appears on student report card)

Click "login"

The bus run and route number, bus stop location and morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times specific to only your child can be obtained through this process.



INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP

The school board’s bus transportation services are operated by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR). This is a consortium, or partnership, between the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board. The Ministry of Education requires school board bus transportation consortiums to improve efficiency. One initiative promoted by the Ministry of Education, that is designed to improve efficiency is known as integrated ridership. In integrated ridership, students from both Dufferin-Peel and Peel schools will ride on the same buses, where feasible. The majority of school boards across the province have successfully implemented integrated ridership. Integrated ridership is designed to create a more effective and efficient operation of service, is more environmentally friendly and reduces traffic in our communities. All eligible students continue to be transported on runs where integrated ridership is implemented. The STOPR Governance Committee has approved implementation of integrated ridership for the following pairs of Dufferin-Peel Catholic and Peel District School Board locations.

DPCDSB SCHOOLS	PDSB SCHOOLS
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	Burnhamthorpe
St. Hilary	Cooksville Creek
St. Matthew	Huntington Ridge
St. Louis	Elmcrest
St. Margaret of Scotland	King’s Masting
St. Edmund	Westacres
St. Mary	McHugh
St. Brigid	Morton Way
Our Lady of Providence	Fernforest
Sacred Heart	Terry Fox
Pauline Vanier	Hickory Wood
St. Gertrude	Champlain Trail
St. Cornelius	Caledon East
Pope John Paul II	James Bolton

STOPR will keep you informed through regular updates in school newsletters over the upcoming months.

PA Day—Monday, June 13, 2011
No School for Students



Dates to Remember

- May 30-Jun 1—EQAO Gr 3 & 6**
- Jun 1** Volunteer Tea 2-3 pm
- Jun 2** Paquin Gr 6 Learning Partnership
- Jun 3** Gr 7 Trip to Stoney Creek—Battlefield Museum
- Jun 6-9** Gr 8 Ottawa Trip
- Jun 6** Gr 2 Trip—Toronto Zoo
- Jun 7** Erin Mills Lodge—Mrs. Paquin’s Class
- Jun 9** Int. Girls Softball @ Birchwood Park
- Jun 14-16 Dance/Band Rehearsal @ 3-4 pm**
- Jun 10** Int. Boys Softball @ Birchwood Park
- Jun 13** PA Day—No School For Students
- Jun 16** Primary Play Date am
- Jun 17** Mississauga South Track & Field @ St. Marcellinus SS
Mrs. Paquin’s Class—Evergreen Sawmill Valley Site
- Jun 20-23 Dance/Band Rehearsal @ 3-4 pm**
- Jun 21** Year End Mass @ 10:30 am—St. Ignatius Loyola
- Jun 22** St. Mark Chorus—Canada’s Wonderland
Gifted Potluck Silent Auction Paquin/Keddy @ 5 pm
- Jun 23** Gr 8 Grad @ Le Dome
- Jun 24** Assembly—Mrs. Legere @ 1:00 pm
- Jun 27** Soccer Tournament Jr. @ Cawthra Park Field
- Jun 28** Soccer Tournament Int. @ Cawthra Park Field
Term 2 Reports Sent Home
Talent Showcase Dance Club/Band @ 1:00 pm
- Jun 30** Last Day of Classes

August 29—Sept 2 School Office Opens

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 First Day of School