



# St. Mark School

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**November 2011**

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### **ALWAYS AND FOREVER**

*In the rising of the sun and its going down,  
We will remember them.  
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
We will remember them.  
In the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,  
We will remember them.  
In the rushing of the leaves,  
And in the beauty of autumn,  
We will remember them.  
So long as we live,  
They will live, too.*



### *Principal's Message*

November has arrived, and how quickly! October was filled with many activities. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our fall fundraiser. I enjoy seeing the liturgy and entertainment put on by the host classes each month. Thank you to Mrs. Pereira for hosting the Primary Assembly last month and to Ms. Moore and Mrs. Paquin for hosting the Junior/Intermediate Assembly. Thank you to all parents who attend our assemblies. Our next monthly assembly will be on Remembrance Day, **Friday, November 11 at 1:00 pm**, hosted by Mrs. Keddy's class. We welcome all parents and caregivers to this special event.

November is a month that is particularly important to us as we celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Remembrance Day. We come together as a Catholic Community to celebrate and show respect for those men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Please support the Royal Canadian Legion by buying a poppy at the front office. We continue to pray for world peace. The feast of All Saints is a reminder to praise the men and women of faith who courageously lived the teachings of Jesus, and guide and inspire us in our faith daily.

November is shaping up to be a busy month. Please check out the "Dates to Remember."

God Bless,

Connie Gale

## Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills

As a precautionary measure, we will practice fire drills and lockdown procedures throughout the year.

**During fire drills**, students are asked to move safely and swiftly to the nearest exit and to report to their designated area outside of the building. If an exit is blocked, students are reminded to use their alternate exit. **In a lockdown**, students are alerted over the P.A. that we are “initiating lockdown”. Students are directed to move away from all windows and doors and to lie on the floor, if possible, under desks. Classroom doors and windows are secured. Students remain this way until the alert is cancelled.

Discussing these procedures with your child will help reassure the importance of these safety drills.

In the unforeseen event that we should have an emergency in our school, we will evacuate to Sawmill Valley Public School, next door. Safety regulations require us to have this contingency plan in place. In such an event, your child will remain with school staff until we contact you.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding regarding these safety drills. Should you have any questions, please feel free to come into the office to discuss them.


## Visitors To Our School

Please remember that, to children other than your own, you may be a stranger. When entering the school, please report to the office. We would ask you to sign in and take a visitor's tag and wear it where children can see it. Any individuals wandering the school will be asked to go to the office. Please help us to monitor a safe and welcoming environment for your children.

When leaving, please sign out and dispose of your visitor's tag. Kindly remember that only students and staff are to be in the schoolyard.

PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE...

- FEEL RIGHT AND WRONG AND PAY ATTENTION
- LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE
- CHOOSE TO DO WHAT JESUS WOULD DO
- KNOW THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WILL HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES
- KEEP PROMISES EVEN WHEN TEMPTED TO GIVE UP
- CAN SEE HOW HIS/HER ACTIONS MAY HELP OR HURT OTHERS
- ADMIT THEIR SINS AND FEEL BADLY ABOUT POOR CHOICES
- SAY SORRY AND TRY TO MAKE UP FOR HURTFUL ACTIONS



**CONSCIENCE**

## Virtues

This month we will celebrate the virtue of: **Conscience**. It's the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will ensure you always have peace in your life. Our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how

to be a good friend. The right thing is not always the easiest thing to do.

## A Conscientious person....

- Will always try to do the right thing
- Will not take the easy way out of a problem
- Will consider how their actions affect others
- Will help when it is needed.

## Kiss and Ride Safety

St. Mark School is proud of its Kiss and Ride program. In order for it to continue to run smoothly and safely for all our students, everyone needs to follow the same procedure.

1. To drop students off at school, please drive into the west entrance and along the centre lane until you round the corner and drop off at the person on duty.
2. In order to ensure the safety of your children, please do not let your children out of the car until you are at the front of the lane. **Children should exit on the sidewalk side.**
3. Never drive in the bus lane.
4. Never leave your car unattended in the school driveway. It is against the law and you may be ticketed by police who regularly patrol the area.
5. Please turn off your ignition while you are waiting for your child at the end of the day. Idling is illegal.
6. If you need to walk your child to the yard, or you need to stop into the office, please park in the parking lot, not in the designated bus lane. We appreciate your cooperation in following these procedures. Your children's safety is our main concern.
7. **Crossing guards: please adhere to the crossing guards directions. This includes drivers.**



## Going Out for Lunch

Please inform your child's teacher of regular lunch arrangements. Also, for safety reasons, be advised that a note to the classroom teacher must occur each time there is a change to the routine. This is especially important for a child who has permission to leave school property during the noon hour, who normally stays for lunch. **Standing notes** indicating that a child can leave school property anytime he or she chooses, are **NOT** acceptable.

## Leaving for Appointments

Any students leaving or returning to the school, due to appointments, must be signed in or out at the office by parent or guardian. Your cooperation and support of this important safety initiative is appreciated. Thank you in advance for respecting our safety rules.

## Safe Arrival Program

A call notifying us if your child is absent or late is appreciated. The school's answering machine is in operation 24 hours a day (905)-820-9477 press (1). Messages will be retrieved between the hours 8:30 am and 3:30 pm by office staff. Please ensure that your contact information is accurate.

## PLASP Before and After School Care

This program runs for school age children up to 12 years of age, at this school. Before and after program to 6pm. Healthy snack served each day. Want to know more? See PLASP staff at the school; call PLASP at 905-890-1711; visit their website at [www.PLASP.com](http://www.PLASP.com).

## Loyola Catholic S.S. Information Night for Grade 8

On **December 13 and 14** Loyola Catholic Secondary School will have an Information Night for current Grade 8 students and their parents. Please visit their website for further updates, at: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/LOYOL>  
Location: Loyola Catholic S.S., 3566 South Common Court  
Mississauga. For more information, call 905-820-9822

## Holy Name of Mary Catholic S.S. Information Night for Grade 8.

On **November 24, at 7:00 pm**, Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. will be holding a Grade 9 Information and Registration Night for current Grade 8 students and their parents, in the school gymnasium. As a regional all girls school, we would like to invite all eligible Region of Peel girls to apply to Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. The night will involve information, presentations, tours of the school and registration.

Please visit their website for further updates, at: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/HNMRY/guidance>.  
Location: Holy Name of Mary C.S.S., 115 Glenvale Blvd, Brampton, Ontario. For more information, call 905-458-5541.

## IONA Catholic S.S GRADE 8 ARTS OPEN HOUSE—INFORMATION NIGHT

On **November 16, at 7:00 pm**, Iona Catholic S.S. will be holding a Grade Eight Arts Open House - Information & Registration Night for current Grade 8 students and their parents. Parents will be introduced to the school and its Arts /Academic programs, as well as extra-curricular activities. Please visit their website for further information at: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/IONAS/Arts>.

Location: Iona Catholic S.S., 2170 South Sheridan Way  
Mississauga, Ontario.  
For more information, call 905-823-0136

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (I.B.) INFORMATION NIGHT

On **November 3, at 6:00 pm**, St. Francis Xavier Secondary School will be holding an International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Night for Grade 8 students and their parent/guardians, who are interested in enrolling in the Pre-IB program at the school. All Mississauga students residing south of Highway 401 and those in catchment area of St. Marcellinus Secondary School are eligible to apply to the Pre-IB program at St. Francis Xavier S.S.

The IB Diploma Program is a comprehensive and rigorous two-year curriculum. Grades 9 and 10 (Pre-IB) prepare students for the challenges of the IB Diploma Program in Grades 11 and 12. More information regarding the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program can be found online at:

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/STFXS/I.B.+Program/>.

Location: St. Francis Xavier S.S., 50 Bristol Road West, Mississauga. For more information, call 905-507-6666.

## Eden Community Food Bank-Toonie Tuesday

Eden Community Food Bank helps feed up to 1,000 people each month. They provide emergency food assistance to residents of Mississauga who live in the postal codes of **L5N, L5M, L5L or L5K**.



Their clients' challenges span a variety of circumstances including income-challenged single parents, newcomers to Canada, individuals experiencing unemployment gaps and victims of social abuse to name a few. Unfortunately, almost half of the recipients of the Eden Community Food Bank's food are children who would go hungry without their help. **On Tuesday, November 15 we would like to collect "Toonies" to help support Eden Community Food Bank.**

## Junior Achievement—Grade 8 Nov. 30

Economics for Success—is a fun and interactive, hands-on program that uses trained volunteer business professionals to encourage students to consider and reflect on the advantages of staying in school until they have acquired the knowledge, attitudes and skills to undertake a successful career. This one day curriculum enhancing program allows students to:

- Acquire knowledge and understanding of various career options
- Use critical and creative thinking skills to consider what career plans and personal financial management strategies need to be in place for a successful future
- Apply and express acquired financial management and goal setting knowledge in oral and written forms.



## Cross Country

Ms Seyarto and Mr. Young have been working with the students, training for the Cross Country meet. Grades 4 to 8 students were practicing at school to prepare for the terrain of cross country. At the Family Meet **on Friday, October**

**14 at Centennial Park** the Grade 4/5 Girls placed 2nd, Grade 6 Boys placed 3rd and the Grade 8 Boys placed 2nd.

At the Board Meet on **Tuesday, October 25 at Heart Lake Conservation in Brampton** our cross country runners displayed great determination and sportsmanship. Thank you to our coaches Ms. Seyarto and Mr. Young, and to Mr. Scicluna, Mr. Kennedy who were the conveners and to the Grade 8 students who participated as course marshals, as well as our parent drivers who volunteered their time, it was truly appreciated.

### Team Members:

Girls Grade 4/5:	Bernadette A., Kimberly C., Vanessa E., Julia La., Melissa S.
Boys Grade 4/5:	Luke C., Luca D., Jack F., Marko K. Mateo P.
Boys Grade 6:	Obinna C., Jordan C., Oliver F., Owen Mc., Luca P.
Girls Grade 6:	Allison C., Mikaila K., Alyssa L., Lisa S., Laura S.
Girls Grade 7:	Natalie C., Helena K., Jada L. Nicole P., Rachel S.
Boys Grade 7:	Jeremy J., Matthew S., Jakub S., Jacob S.
Girls Grade 8:	Michelle C., Lydia F., Santana H., Rachel S.
Boys Grade 8:	Matthew B., Chris La., Matthew Mc., Michael S.

## Dates to Remember

- Nov. 1** All Saints' Day  
Grade 7 Hep B  
Grade 8 girls, HPV
- Nov. 2** All Souls' Day  
Sub Lunch
- Nov. 3** St. Francis Xavier SS Gr 9 IB Program Info Mtg.  
@ 6:00 pm
- Nov. 4** Gr 2 & 3 Black Creek Pioneer Village Trip  
Pizza Lunch
- Nov. 6** **Daylight Savings Ends**
- Nov. 7** Lunch Lady
- Nov. 9** Sub Lunch
- Nov. 11** Remembrance Day Assembly @ 1:00 PM  
Mrs. Keddy's Class  
**Pizza Day**
- Nov. 14** Lunch Lady
- Nov. 15** Eden Food Bank "Toonie Tuesday"
- Nov. 16** Sub Lunch  
Iona Catholic SS Gr 9 Arts Information Mtg. @  
7:00 pm
- Nov. 18** **PA Day—No School For Students**
- Nov. 21** Lunch Lady
- Nov. 23** Sub Lunch
- Nov. 24** Holy Name of Mary Catholic SS Gr 9 Information  
Mtg. @ 7:00 pm
- Nov. 25** Pizza Lunch
- Nov. 27** **Advent Begins**
- Nov. 28** Lunch Lady
- Nov. 30** Sub Lunch  
Gr 8 Junior Achievement
- Dec. 6** **Advent Mass @ 10: 30 am**
- Dec. 12** Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 13** Jr. Div. Wizard of Oz Pantomime
- Dec 13-14** Loyola Catholic S.S. Gr 9 Info Mtg.

### Primary Christmas Concert—December 21 further info to follow

**Dec. 26 to Jan. 6 No School, Christmas Vacation**  
**January 9, 2012, First day back to school**

