



# St. Mark School

**January 2012**



**Let the peoples praise you, O God**

*Psalm 67*

**Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;  
and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father  
of future ages: and his reign will be without end.**

## *Principal's Message*

*A Very Happy New Year to all! Welcome to 2012! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and New Year and feel rejuvenated and ready for our second term. Thank you for all your kind wishes at Christmas.*

*A special thank you to Mrs. Legere for organizing the beautiful Christmas Concert, organizing the Choir and for the sing-a-long assembly. As well, I would like to thank the Primary Division (Mrs. Kuta, Ms. Ramelli, Ms. Seyarto, Mrs. Finkham, Mrs. Pereira, Ms. Jackson and Mrs. Eschli) for a wonderful Christmas Concert.*

*Thank you to Mrs. Sharon Hobin, our trustee, for attending. Thank you for your ShareLife contributions. Thank you to our custodial staff, Mrs. Goncalves, Mr. Petrovic and Mr. Babaran, for getting our school ready and for setting up the chairs in the gym.*

*I would like to thank the St. Mark community for your generosity on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The families we helped were extremely grateful for your kindness extended to them with gifts. Special thanks are extended to Miss Ramelli and Mrs. Kuta for the co-ordination of the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets. Please join us for this month's assembly hosted by Ms Jackson and Mrs. Romaniw for Mrs. Johnson's class. We focus on our virtue of Self-Control this month. God wants us to do what we know and feel is right.*

*God Bless,*

*Connie Gale  
Principal*

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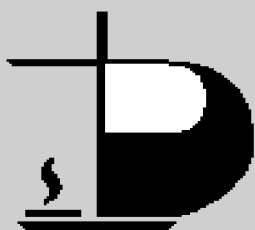
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## Grade 5 Extended French

A Parent Information Meeting for students interested in attending the **Grade 5 Extended French** program for the 2012/2013 school year. A parent/guardian information meeting is on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm at St. Christopher School.**

## Winter Safety

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. We ask that you remind your child about snow/ice safety. Please reinforce the dangers of pushing others on snow and ice, and that by following these safety rules, they can help prevent someone from getting seriously hurt.



## Appropriate Dress

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. All children should have hats, scarves, gloves, warm coat and boots. Students are also

reminded to have indoor shoes. Fire regulations dictate that all students must have footwear on at all times.



## Nominations Open for Outstanding Educators

There are many examples of excellence in Ontario’s schools, and as many reasons to nominate someone for a Premier’s Award for Teaching Excellence. These awards celebrate educators and support staff who make remarkable contributions to Ontario’s schools. Anyone employed in Ontario’s publicly funded schools and boards can be nominated. Nominations are open until **February 6, 2012.**

Award recipients will be announced in the spring and recognized at a special awards ceremony during Education Week. To learn more about the awards and how to nominate, visit [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards).

## Virtues Program

In the month of January, St. Mark School will focus on the Virtue of *self control*. Through prayer and concentration, the students are encouraged to get better at controlling their reactions. We strive to get better at showing self control.

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret.

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.

Self control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person. When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.

**PEOPLE OF SELF-CONTROL...**

- FOLLOW THEIR CONSCIENCE
- ARE PATIENT WITH THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- SHARE AND TAKE TURNS
- ARE ABLE TO USE PRAYER TO CALM THEMSELVES DOWN
- THINK BEFORE THEY REACT (W.W.J.D.®)
- LOOK FOR PEACEFUL WAYS TO SOLVE CONFLICT
- TRY TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYONE
- HAVE THE POWER TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

“WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?”

**SELF-CONTROL**

## St. Mark Public Speaking Contests

Get your cue cards ready! The Primary, Junior and Intermediate students will be working on speeches. One Junior and one Intermediate student from our school will compete in the Mississauga South Public Speaking Competition.

### Date of Events:

Junior/Intermediate Competition: **Thursday, February 16, 2012**  
**Junior: 8:45 am Intermediate: 10:15 am**

**Primary Competition: February 16, 2012—1:00 pm**

Mississauga South Competition: **Thursday, February 23, 2012 (Friday, February 24, 2012 snow-date)** at St. Francis of Assisi School

## St. Mark Hockey Tournament



The All Saints Intermediate Hockey Tournament 2012 will be at Erin Mills Twin Rinks on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**, and on **Thursday, January 26, 2012.**

The following team members are:

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|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Nick A.     | Matthew S.  | Nick I.    |
| Lachlan O.  | Chris La.   | Sarah S.   |
| Michael L.  | Rachelyn C. | Michael S. |
| Rob. F.     | Danylo W.   | Matthew C. |
| Riley R.    | Reed R.     | Matthew M. |
| Matthew Mc. | Jeffery H.  |            |

## Intermediate Boys/Girls Basketball



Both teams have been practicing for their upcoming games with the Mississauga South schools. The teams members are:

### Boys Intermediate

Matthew S., Jacob S.  
Chris La., Matthew McV.  
Michael S., Michael F.  
Sunn-Jay M., Joseph De.  
Bryna G. Jake McL.

### Girls Intermediate

Santina H., Amy C.  
Rachel S., Helena K.  
Kendra C., Nicole P.  
Emily N., Samantha B.  
Mercedes A., Sarah S.  
Amanda W.

### Schedule Boys:

Wed. Jan. 25 CTK @ St. Mark 4:00 pm Double Header  
Mon. Jan. 30 St. Mark @ All Saints 3:45 pm  
Wed. Feb. 1 St. Mark @ SMOS 3:45 pm  
Wed. Feb. 8 St. Mark @ St. Clare 3:45 pm

### Schedule Girls:

Thurs. Jan 12 All Saints @ St. Mark 4:00 pm  
Mon. Jan 23 St. Mark @ CTK 3:45 pm  
Wed. Feb. 8 St. Clare @ St. Mark 4:00 pm  
Thurs. Feb. 16 St. Mark @ SMOS 3:45 pm

Thank you to Mr. Scicluna and Mr. Kennedy for coaching the boys and girls team. Thank you to parent volunteer drivers for getting our team to the games.

## Reconciliation

Students in Grade 2 will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 7:00 pm** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish.

## First Communion



Students in Grade 2 will be receiving the sacrament of 1st Eucharist on **Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 2:00 pm and on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 2:00 pm** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. If you have not registered your child to receive this sacrament, please make the necessary arrangements with the parish.

## Confirmation



Grade 8 students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. If you have not registered your child to receive this sacrament, please make the necessary arrangements with the Parish.

## Professional Activity Day

**Monday, January 16, 2012** is a PA Day for all students as teachers will be assessing and evaluating pupil progress for Term 1.

## Report Cards/Parent Conferences

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on **Thursday, February 2 from 7:00-9:00 pm and on Friday, February 3 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**.

## Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the **2012/2013** school year will take place on the following days:

### **Monday, February 6, 2012\***

**7:00—9:00 pm**

\*Snow Date: *Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 pm*

### **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9, & 10, 2012** **9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm**

*Junior Kindergarten—Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012*

*Senior Kindergarten—Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2012*

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- Proof of age (Birth Certificate)
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or baptismal certificate from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. *If the child has not been baptized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or is baptized from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their own baptismal certificate.*
- Updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian citizenship (Birth Certificate or Passport) or of Landed Immigrant status
- Proof of address (Tax bill or utility bill)

*\*All documentation must be submitted in English*

## Meeting For Parents With Special Needs Students Entering Kindergarten

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will host a Kindergarten Entry Planning Information Night on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012—7:00-8:30 pm at the CEC, 40 Matheson Blvd. West., Room 301 (3rd floor)**. This meeting is for parents or guardians of children with special needs which effect their learning, such as vision, hearing, physical, developmental or autism, who are entering Junior, Senior or Full-Day Kindergarten in September 2012.

## Bus/School Cancellation Website



During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. **A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 am and will be announced on radio and television stations.** Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions. Check your local radio and television stations for information.

*If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents require the same transportation home.* The STOPR website address is [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca). This website provide access to up to date information regarding delayed buses and bus cancellations due to inclement weather.



## Peel Health

Peel Health will be offering Meningococcal (Meningitis) Vaccine for Grade 7 students on **Monday, February 6, 2012**, as well as the second vaccine of HPV for Grade 8 girls. Immunization against Meningitis/HPV continues to be voluntary and a parent/legal guardian must authorize immunization for all students under the age of 14 years.

## Immunization Records

Peel Public Health is required to assess and maintain records of immunization for all school-aged children under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, to ensure that students attending schools are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases. This Act provides the Medical Officer of Health with the authority to order the suspension of a student from school if the parent does not provide an up-to-date immunization record or a valid exemption.

Student immunization records are reviewed annually. Over an eleven-week period, students with incomplete records receive three letters mailed directly to them to request immunization information. If parents/students **do not** provide the required immunization information, the student will be suspended from school.

## Get Ready For Our Dance-a-thon!

Remember to save **February 14, 2012** for our **St. Valentine's Fundraiser**. It will be a dance-a-thon with a Valentine theme! Get your dancing shoes on!

## St. Ignatius Loyola Youth Choir

Students in Grade 6 and up are invited to join the St. Ignatius Loyola Youth Choir. Practices are on Thursdays at 6:15 pm. If you require further information contact the church.

## Dates to Remember



- Jan 13 Silvercreek Gr 4 Romaniw (Johnson)  
Director's Cut Gr 5 Paschalis
- Jan 16 PA Day—no school for students**
- Jan 17 Term 2 Begins, Parent Mtg. Students with  
Special Needs entering Kdn @ CEC 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
- Jan 18 Sub Lunch, All Saints Int. Hockey @ Erin Mills Twin  
Arena, Ext. French Parent Mtg. @ 7:00 pm @  
St. Christopher School
- Jan 20 Pizza Day, Gr 7 & 8 @ Living Arts Centre, Director's  
Cut Gr 4 Seyarto/Paschalis
- Jan 23 Lunch Lady, Int. Girls BB @ CTK 3:45 pm  
School Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm
- Jan 25 Sub Lunch, Comic Workshop Gr 2-6, Int. Boys BB @  
Home 4:00 pm
- Jan 26 All Saints Int. Hockey Tournament @ Erin Mills  
Twin Arena
- Jan 27 Pizza Day  
Assembly, Ms. Jackson @ 9:00 am and  
Mrs. Romaniw (Johnson) Class @ 10:15 am
- Jan 30 Lunch Lady, Intermediate Boys Basketball @ All  
Saints 3:45 pm
- Jan 31 Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
- Feb 1 Int. Boys BB @ SMOS 3:45 pm
- Feb 2 Term 1 Interview 7:00—9:00 pm
- Feb 3 PA Day—Term 1 Interviews 8:30—3:00 pm**
- Feb 6 Lunch Lady, JK/SK Registration 7:00-9:00 pm  
Gr 7 Meningitis & Gr 8 Girls HPV
- Feb 8 Sub Lunch, Int. Boys BB @ St. Clare 3:45 pm,  
Int. Girls BB @ home 4:00 pm
- Feb 8-10 JK/SK Registration 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm**
- Feb 10 Pizza Day
- Feb 13 Sub Lunch
- Feb 14 St. Valentine's Day **Dance-A-Thon—Fundraiser**
- Feb 15 Sub Lunch, Gr 8 Grad Photo, 1st Reconciliation @  
7:00 pm—St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- Feb 16 Int. Girls BB @ SMOS 3:45 pm  
St. Mark Public Speaking Junior @ 8:45 am  
Intermediate @ 10:15 am, Primary @ 1:00 pm
- Feb 17 Pizza Day, Gr 7 & 8 @ Living Arts Centre
- Feb 20 Family Day—no school for students**
- Feb 21 Shrove Tuesday
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday—Liturgy @ 10:15 am
- Feb 23 Mississauga South Public Speaking Competition @  
St. Francis of Assisi
- Feb 24 Pizza Day
- Feb 27 Lunch Lady
- Feb 29 Sub Lunch
- Mar 2 Mississauga South Chess Tournament @ St. Mark
- Mar 11 Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 12-16 March Break—no school for students**
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Lenten Mass & 1st Communion Enrolment  
@ 10:30 am School gym
- Mar 30 Assembly Seyarto/Malison