



# St. Mark School

## February 2012

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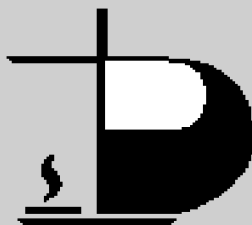
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A valentine Prayer  
I said a valentine prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

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.

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## 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 24. 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 the 2012/2013 school year takes place on:

**February 6, 2012 from 7:00—9:00 pm**  
(February 7 snow date due to inclement weather)

**February 8, 9, and 10, 2012**  
**from 9:00 —11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

### Required Documents:

- Proof of Age (Birth Certificate)
- Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in Communion With the Holy See of Rome)
- Updated Immunization Records
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship (Birth Certificate or Passport) or of Landed Immigrant status
- Proof of Address

*\*All documentation must be submitted in English*

## 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 15 at 7:00 pm.**

## St. Mark Assembly—Friday, February 24



We hope you had an opportunity to attend our monthly school assemblies. Thank you to Ms. Jackson and Mrs. Romaniw for hosting the January assembly. 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

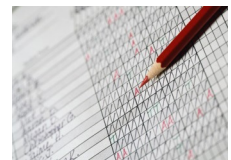
“Speech, speech!” It is that time of year again. Students from Grade 4-8 will be selected to enter a competition held at St. Mark School on **Thursday, February 16 at 8:45 am for Grades 4-6 and 10:15 am for Grades 7-8.** The winning candidates are invited to move on to the **Mississauga South Public Speaking contest held at St. Francis of Assisi School on Thursday, February 23.**

The students from the Primary Grades 1-3 will be selected to read their speeches or poems on **February 16 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.

PEOPLE OF RESPECT...

- SEE GOD'S PRESENCE IN THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
- WELCOME OTHERS WITH SMILES AND FRIENDLY GREETINGS
- ALWAYS DISPLAY GOOD MANNERS
- SAY 'EXCUSE ME', 'PLEASE' AND 'THANK YOU'
- AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO SWEAR OR GESTURE INAPPROPRIATELY
- LOOK FOR WAYS TO ENCOURAGE AND PRAISE OTHERS
- TALK KINDLY ABOUT OTHERS AND AVOID GOSSIP

**RESPECT**

## 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 dry 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.

*Bonjour*

## 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 Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 2:00 pm.** Check out the school on their website: <http://www.dpdsb.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 2012. 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 8, 2012.**

## Dufferin-Peel's 5th Annual Mississauga Chess Championships

The 5th Annual; Mississauga Chess Championships will take place on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** at St. Faustina School. This is an individual grade level tournament open to any student who attends a Dufferin-Peel school in Grades K-12. The top two finishers in each grade will qualify for the Ontario championships in May. Pre-registration for the tournament is mandatory and can be done by visiting [www.dpdsb.org/FAUST](http://www.dpdsb.org/FAUST). Go to Sports Clubs and then click on Chess Club.

Location: St. Faustina School, 3420 McDowell Drive  
Mississauga, ON

Contact: Doug Pendergast

## Fully Alive Family Life Program

The Grade 4 classes will be learning about Child Abuse Prevention. The unit called "*I Matter!*" is a module of four lessons which will be presented by your child's teacher and will assist your child in understanding child abuse and its various forms. There will be an information meeting session on the subject of child abuse. We kindly request that you not bring your children to this gathering, as child care is not provided.

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012  
 Time: 7:00—8:30 pm  
 Location: Catholic Education Centre  
 40 Matheson Blvd., West  
 Mississauga  
 Room 301



## Mississauga South Chess Tournament

The Mississauga South Chess Tournament will be held on **Friday, March 2, 2012**, 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, April 16, 2012, at 6:30 pm in the school library.**



**Please note change of sub day on Thursday, February 23**

## FUNDRAISING NEWS Much Video Dance is Back!

Our annual Dance-a-thon Fundraiser will be held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2012**. 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 Dance-A-Thon Kick Off @ 10:15 am  
Sub Lunch
- Feb 2 Int. Boys Basketball @ SMOS 3:45 pm  
Silvercreek Gr 6 Malison  
Term 1 Interview Evening 7:00-9:00 pm
- Feb 3 **PA Day Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- Feb 6 Lunch Lady  
Gr 7 Meningitis & Gr 8 Girls HPV Immunization  
JK/SK Registration 7:00-9:00 pm
- Feb 7 JK/SK Registration (snow date 7:00-9:00 pm)  
Peel Health Dental Screening Gr 2
- Feb 8 French Immersion Gr. 1 and Extended French Gr. 5  
application deadline  
Sub Lunch  
Kindergarten Reg. 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm  
Int. Boys Basketball @ St. Clare 3:45 pm  
Int. Girls Basketball @ home 4:00 pm
- Feb 10 Pizza Day
- Feb 13 Lunch Lady
- Feb 14 **MUCH MUSIC VIDEO DANCE-A-THON**
- Feb 15 National Flag Day  
Sub Lunch  
Gr 8 Grad Photos  
1st Reconciliation @ 7:00 pm Loyola Parish  
Gr 4 Parent Mtg. on Child Abuse @ CEC 7:00 pm  
Room 301
- Feb 16 St. Mark Public Speaking Jr. @ 8:45 am  
Int. @ 10:15 am  
Primary @ 1:00 pm  
Int. Girls Basketball @ SMOS @ 3:45 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—gym
- Feb 23 **Sub Lunch—note change in date**  
Mississauga South Public Speaking @  
St. Francis of Assisi School Junior—am  
Intermediate—pm
- Feb 24 Pizza Day  
Assembly Seyarto @ 9:00 am  
Paquin/Moore @ 10:15 am
- Feb 25 Dufferin-Peel's 5th Annual Mississauga Chess  
Championships @ St. Faustina School
- Feb 27 Lunch Lady
- Feb 29 Sub Lunch
- Mar 2 Pizza Day  
Mississauga South Chess Tournament @ St. Mark
- Mar 12-18 March Break—No School For Students**
- Mar 20 Lenten Mass & 1st Eucharist Enrolment  
@ 10:30 am, School Gym