

Mary Fix Catholic School Newsletter

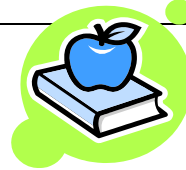
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Newsletter #1

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year



Dear Lord,

I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and to have courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

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Welcome Back to School

The staff at Mary Fix Catholic School extend a very warm welcome to all the new families and to those returning to Mary Fix this year. A special greeting to our Junior Kindergarten children who are starting school for the first time and I hope that Mary Fix will be a place of fond memories and many fun and exciting learning experiences.

Staff has been working very hard over the past few weeks in preparation for our school opening. Thank you to the teachers who have been preparing their classrooms and a special thank you to our custodial team for all of their hard work over the summer!

We encourage a cooperative partnership between home, school and parish to promote a positive learning environment for our students by keeping contact with your child's teacher, volunteering in the school, supporting St. Catherine of Siena Parish or serving on our Catholic School Council. Your support and input is necessary and valued to ensure the success of our students.

Through our monthly newsletters we hope to keep you up to date regarding school events, activities, policies and procedures. A monthly calendar will accompany copies of each newsletter and we hope that you will find this to be a useful tool in keeping up with everything that is happening at Mary Fix.

At Mary Fix School, we are committed to providing excellence in Catholic education, doing our best to promote the spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth of our students and working closely with all the partners in Catholic education. We look forward, with enthusiasm, to the beginning of another new school year.

Our school Open House will be held on Thursday, September 23. More information will follow with an order form for the bbq. I look forward to meeting everyone there.

A. Milanetti

Principal



Mary Fix Staff

2010/2011

D. Belisle	Grade 2/3
J. Buhajczyk	SERC/ESL
J. Burgess	Grade 2/3
K. Cartwright	Grade 5/6
P. Casale	SK a.m./FSL p.m.
C. Chmiel	Grade 1
S. Chornous	Grade 8
T. Coombes	SERT/PT
V. Didio	Head Custodian
L. Dinga	Grade 4/5
L. Eschli	ERW
M. Fera	FSL/PT
P. Hanson	Grade 7/8
C. Murphy	Teacher Libr.
L. Nucci	Grade 1/2
K. Patten	Grade 7
J. Pilling	ERW
G. Senra	Grade 3/4
C. Serrick	Custodian
G. Sheehan	CYW
J. Telfeyan	JKa.m/PT
M. Venditti	Grade 6



Parish News

We are truly blessed to have Fr. Ruggiero and a devoted parish team from St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Please join us for our school **opening mass on Wednesday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m. at school.**

School Organization Changes

Each school year start-up often brings some unexpected changes in terms of enrolment and staffing. Staffing and class placements are tentative and based on school enrolment. All school organizational plans are subject to review in early September, based on actual enrolment. If reorganization is necessary and your child is affected, you will be notified of these changes prior to September 17th.

Virtues Program

This year all schools in Dufferin-Peel will continue to participate in our VIRTUES program that will focus on a monthly virtue. The Virtues Program will help us to nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students.

This month we will focus on the virtue of Faith. Faith is an attitude, which encourages us to involve God in our lives and helps us to develop and maintain our relationships with God and with others, when things are going well and when they are not.

Student Supervision Times

Please note that teachers are on duty 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the school day. Children dropped at school before 8:45 are unsupervised and, for this reason, we cannot ensure their safety during this time. In addition, students are not allowed in the school unless they are under direct supervision of a teacher.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent or late, **please call the attendance line at (905) 270-3140, ext. 1 (available 24-7.** As a safety precaution, we will attempt to notify parents on unreported absences. Up to date contact information assists us with this task. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Lunch Students

Students who regularly stay for lunch are not permitted to leave the school grounds without a proper written request **signed and dated** by a parent/guardian. A student who usually remains at school must be signed out at the office or bring a signed/dated note if there is an exception. **Please take the time to complete the Lunch Permission form and send it back to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

If you are dropping off lunch for your child please clearly label it with your child's name and leave it on the Lunch Table in the front foyer. Please reinforce with your child that they are to come **after** the noon bell to pick it up.

Student Information

A Verification Sheet will be coming home in September. Take time to read this form thoroughly and make any necessary corrections/additions to ensure all information is accurate.

Important Medical Information

Please make sure that the school is aware of any important medical information regarding your child in order that we can be properly prepared to deal with an emergency situation. All medication must kept in the main office and paperwork needs to be completed by both the parent and prescribing physician. Written permission must also be provided to the office for administration of non-prescription medications, i.e. Tylenol, seasonal allergy medicine, etc. Forms are available in the office.

P.A. and Early Release Days

Friday, September 17 is our first P.A. day of the year. The staff at Mary Fix will be involved in Faith Development and re-organizational meetings at the school. There will be no school for students on this day. Scheduled P.A. Days for the remainder of the school year are listed in the student agenda. **The one early release date is Tuesday, Sept. 28.** Students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon and there will be no afternoon classes that day. **Reminders will be sent home for all P.A. and Early**

Release Days.

Lunch Hour Supervisors

Please welcome back Mrs. Mailloux and Mrs. D'Souza and as our Lunch Hour Supervisors for this year. Thank you to Mrs. Araujo for her many years of service. Welcome to Mrs. Brum who will join us this year as well.

Parking

To comply with the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council, and to ensure the safety of all students, parents and care-giver pedestrians, a decision has been made that there will be **NO PARKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY** during school hours. The only exception is that there will be a few spaces available to morning kindergarten parents picking up students at 11:30 a.m., in the area in front of the fence on the east side of the lot, labeled "Visitor Parking".

Please watch the signs carefully when parking—**tickets have been given out in front of the school.** In addition to the available parking on Paisley, there are ample spots to park on Crystalburn Ave., Kingsberry Cr. and also behind the park on Fergo Ave. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please see the office if you have any concerns.

We strongly encourage you to walk, or to take advantage of our **Kiss 'n' Ride** lane in the morning from 8:45 to 9:00. Please drive to the end of the Kiss 'n' Ride and drop off your child who will then walk on the sidewalk in the school yard.

Photo Day

Student 'picture day' will be held on October 8. Retakes will be held on November 10.

School Council

Mary Fix is an active school that relies on cooperation and teamwork. We have an excellent and hardworking School Council and encourage you to consider serving on the School Council for the 2010-2011 school year. Self-Nomination forms will be available at the office Monday, Sept. 20 –Friday, Sept. 24. **Deadline for submitting nomination forms: Fri., Sept. 24 at 4pm.** Elections, if necessary, will take





place Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Publication of new Council member's names: Monday, Sept. 27th (if all nominees acclaimed) or Wednesday, Sept. 28th (if election required).

Use of School Phones

Students will only be permitted to use the school phone in the case of emergencies. An emergency is considered to be injury or illness. Permission must be given to the student by both their classroom teacher and the office to use the school phone.

Nut Free Zone

We have some students who have serious life-threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts and associated products. Exposure to these products may cause a severe allergic reaction for these children which could potentially result in death. For the safety of all of our children, please do not send items containing peanuts, tree nuts or nut by-products to the school. This warning includes products such as **Nutella**. Further to this, as part of "Sabrina's Law", we are no longer permitted to allow treats for sharing with other students. Should you wish to, for special occasions, please send in non-food items such as stickers and pencils. Thank you for your consideration and co-operation in making our classrooms safer for students.

Student Accident Insurance

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of this inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing -- there are two options for enrolment:

1) complete the traditional form and

mail it in

- 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437)

Parents alone have the right to insure their children.

Fire and Lock Down Drills

In accordance with Ministry regulations, three fire drills will be held in the Fall and three in the Spring. While we hope that a real fire situation never arises, this practice will help prepare students in the event of a real fire. Schools are also required to conduct Lock Down Drills. These procedures will be reviewed with students during this month.

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 your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at (905)890-0708, ext. 24511, 24512, or 24519, or your local municipal office. By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically-funded Catholic education in Ontario. To be eligible to vote for the your local Catholic school board trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

All Star Reading

Mrs. Nucci and Mrs. Gaipo are once again kicking off the 'All Star Reading' program. This early intervention program, as part of balanced literacy, supports early readers as they move into the wonderful, exciting world of literacy. Grade 1 and 2 students learn strategies to become independent, self-directed readers. It is a wonderful way to help students in the early primary grades to become more confident, successful readers.



This program depends on parent volunteers who take on the important role of becoming reading coaches. If you are able to offer some time to participate in this program, please inform the School office.

Criminal Reference Check

If you wish to volunteer your services in the school, transport students and/or assist on trips you must submit a Criminal Reference Check. Application forms are available in the office and should be taken to Peel Police at 7750 Hurontario Street, Brampton.

Information Home :

On the first day of school, your child should have received:

Greetings from the Archbishop of Toronto

Welcome Back from Superintendent Saytar

'Insure My Kids' Protection Plan

Agenda & Agenda Letter (Gr 1-8)

Phys. Ed. Permission Form

Strategic System Plan

Lunch Permission Form

Lunch Permission Letter (Gr. 7 & 8)

Newsletter Attachments:

2009-2010 School Year Calendar

Greetings from Bruno Ianicca

Letter from St. Vincent de Paul Society

September Calendar

Mark Your Calendar:

October 8 Picture Day

October 11 Thanksgiving Monday

October 25 Municipal Elections

November 3 Immunizations Gr 7 & 8

November 10 Retake Day

November 11 Remembrance Day

Dec 20—Jan 2 Christmas Break

Mar 14-18 March Break

March 28 First Reconciliation

May 14 First Holy Communion

June 7 Confirmation

June 28 Graduation

