

# Mary Fix Catholic School Newsletter

Learning and Living  
Through God

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## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you amongst women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



## Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are mothers ...who did without for us, they will be rewarded.

Blessed are mothers ... who lost sleep when we were sick, they will find rest.

Blessed are mothers...who taught us how to pray, they will share God's kingdom.

Blessed are mothers...who comforted us, they shall be comforted.

Blessed are mothers ...who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.

Blessed are mothers...who shared with us the meaning of peace, they shall know peace.

Blessed are mothers...who taught us the importance of loving.

## May 2011

**Principal, A. Milanetti**

**Secretary, M. Kivell**

**Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena**  
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(905)890-1221

**School Council Chair,**  
K. Ruffolo

### Principal's Message

**Catholic Education Week** - Catholic Education week will be celebrated May 1-6 at Mary Fix School. Many activities are planned especially for the week. A flyer is included with this newsletter highlighting planned events. The staff want to thank the parents for sharing in these events and for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Our musical, **Seussical Jr.**, will be performed on the evenings of **May 11 & 12 at 7:00 p.m.** This is colorful, lively play which features the musical and dramatic talents of over 150 of our Mary Fix students. Please contact the office if you haven't already purchased tickets.



**Good Luck to our Grade 2 students** who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 14th. Thank you to our staff, Mrs. Nucci, Mrs. Belisle, Ms. Buhajczyk, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Pilling and to our Grade 2 parents & the Parish for preparing the students.

**Our next School Council Meeting** will be held in the Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday May 18th - all are welcome.

**The Crowning of Mary** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, May 25** with the Rosary Apostolate.

We will be hosting an **'Everyone Jump' Celebration and Concert.** Our local MPP, Charles Souza will be in attendance to present the school with a plaque for participating in the Everyone Jump concert and for making a commitment to becoming a healthier school. Please join us on **Friday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m.**

**On Tuesday, May 31st, at 9:00 a.m.,** we will celebrate **mass to honour the Patron Saint of Mary Fix, Mary of the Visitation.**

**June 14th** - is the last P.A. day of this school year. Students will not attend school on this day and Mary Fix staff will be busy working on the final report cards.

**Graduation Mass** - will take place on Tuesday, June 28th at 10:30 at school. Students will then travel to their graduation luncheon for the afternoon. The Graduation Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in the gym.

### Dates to Remember

May 1-7 Catholic Education Week  
May 10-12 Book Fair  
May 11 & 12 Seussical Jr.  
May 14 First Holy Communion  
May 16 Welcome to Kindergarten  
May 18 School Council, 7pm  
**May 23 Victoria Day**  
**(no school today)**  
May 25 Crowning of Mary  
May 27 Confirmation Retreat  
May 30 EQAO begins  
May 31 Mass  
June 7 Gr. 8 Confirmation  
June 28 Graduation  
June 30 Last Day of School

**Ministry Approved 2011-2012 School Year Calendar**

The Ministry of Education has approved our 2011-2012 School Year Calendar as approved by the board.

A copy of the School Year Calendar is included in this newsletter and can also be accessed on the Board Website at: <http://www.dpcdsb.org>.

**Are you Moving?**

To help us with our planning for next September, it would be appreciated if you could **let us know if you will be moving** out of our school area over the summer by **completing the form in this newsletter**. If you know of any families moving into the area with children who plan to attend Mary Fix, it would also be helpful if you could inform us. In the absence of accurate information, schools often have to reorganize classes in September. If you are moving but wish to remain at Mary Fix a written request must be submitted.

**Flex Boundary Requests**

If your child is currently attending Mary Fix Catholic school under flexible boundary consideration, you need to **complete the form in this newsletter** to renew permission for the 2011/12 school.

**Class Placements for September**

Mary Fix staff will shortly begin placement meetings for September 2011. Discussions will be held to determine appropriate placement for each student considering such criteria as academic ability, work habits and study skills, maturity/date of birth, social factors and placement history. **If you have any concerns regarding your child(ren)'s placement, please put them in writing addressed to Mrs. Milanetti.** Please do not make specific requests for teachers, rather describe the way your child learns best.

Our decisions are made after careful consideration of all the relevant information and are based on the individual strengths and needs of each child so for this reason, requests for

placement are not guaranteed. Also, class composition (combined grades), may be necessary due to Ministry guidelines which establish class sizes.

**Please ensure that your written placement requests are submitted no later than Friday, May 13th.**

**Celebrating Virtues**

This month, Mary Fix will celebrate the virtue of Acceptance.

One of the great wonders of the world we live in is that no two people are exactly alike. We may share biological families or national identity or cultural and ethnic identity but we all very unique and distinct creations. God breaks the mold every time! And that is a fantastic fact of life!

The virtue of acceptance describes our ability to look at the attitudes and actions of those around us and then just stop and consider without judging them. The virtue of acceptance means that we look beyond what we see - a person's colour, ethnic background, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation - and see a person created and loved by God.

Please join us for our Virtue Assembly presented by Mr. Hanson's Class on May 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

**Dress Code**

As we prepare for the warmer weather we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in place, especially for our older students, regarding appropriate dress. Sleeveless tops are permitted but not halter, tank, or short tops. Short shorts, skirts and clothing of a suggestive nature or displaying offensive wording or pictures are not allowed. Headbands of any sort, sweatbands and bandanas, worn across the forehead are not acceptable.

In keeping with the Board's Mission and Catholic teachings, each school is committed to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste as specified in the Dress Code Policy

of the Board... "students are required to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to the school environment. Failure to comply with this expectation shall result in disciplinary action. (*Catholic Code of Conduct*).

**Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board to hold public consultation meeting regarding 2011-12 budget**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will hold a public consultation meeting as part of its deliberations for the board's 2011-12 budget. The meeting will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Room 301 at the Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga on Tuesday, May 10.



Parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are advised that EQAO testing will take place from May 30 through June 10. The EQAO website ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)) provides many resources for both parents and teachers. In order to facilitate testing, please ensure that no medical appointments are booked during this time.

**How Can you Help Your Child with Testing?**

First of all talk with your child about the purpose of EQAO testing and reduce the anxiety related to any type of testing situation. Encourage him/her to try his/her best. You should also be sure that your child has enough sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast and is well hydrated. Research shows that students who are well rested and have enough fuel to stimulate brain activity achieve higher scores on average. It is important if your child is in grade 3 or 6 that they be in full attendance and on time during the testing period.



### **2011/2012 JK Registration**

We are continuing to register age-appropriate students (eligible Junior Kindergarten children must be born in 2007 and must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2011). We would appreciate receiving registrations as soon as possible as it assists us in planning for September.

The parent/guardian should bring the following documents when registering his/her child:

- proof of age;
- original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite for both the parent and the child;
- up to date immunization records;
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status;
- Proof of address in the Mary Fix School boundary area

Please note that we cannot guarantee morning or afternoon classes. Flex Boundary requests must be in writing.



### **Our Catholic School Heritage (cont'd)**

#### ***15. Catholic separate schools had a second obstacle to their survival. How serious a problem for separate school boards was the corporation tax issue?***

This was very serious. As corporations like the Ford Motor Co., Inco, the Royal Bank of Canada and thousands of others came on the scene, and as public utilities like the Ontario Hydro and the Canadian National Railway were created, they could not pay separate school property taxes. Thus the

assessment of urban public school boards became wealthier and wealthier, while separate school boards received taxes from only Catholic home and property owners and from fully or partially owned small businesses. By the 1920s urban separate school boards were operating with about one-quarter to one-fifth of the revenues of their urban public schools boards. There were no compensatory government grants.

#### ***16. How did separate school boards survive without corporation tax revenues?***

The separate school trustees controlled the boards' budgets with more pupils per classroom than in the public schools, with much lower wages, with bare-bones programs, with small playgrounds, and with minimum expenditures for the erection of new schools. These methods still could not balance their budgets. The main contribution for the survival of separate schools came from the religious teaching Orders. They supplied principals and teachers and worked for salaries of \$300 to \$600 a year when public school teachers were earning \$3,000 and up. There is no question that Ontario's Catholics owe today's separate schools to the religious Orders.

#### ***17. How was the corporation tax issue finally solved?***

In 1962, the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association presented Premier John Robarts a brief which outlined the probable bankruptcy of some urban separate school boards and the inferior salaries, teacher qualifications, school accommodation, and programs compared with those of the public schools. The government began providing to the separate school boards grants which compensated for their lack of corporate assessment. Separate school boards were able to erect new schools and additions with gymnasiums, libraries, kindergarten rooms, and special education facilities.

#### ***18. How did financial inequity return in the 1970s?***

With the economic downturn in Ontario, the government began imposing limits to what school boards could spend. If any board wished to exceed the expenditure limit, it would receive no grant to accompany the amount of money spent over the limit. Because the Metropolitan Toronto Board and the Ottawa Board of Education were so rich from corporation and public utility assessment, they received no grants. The other urban public school boards received only a small amount of grants. On the other hand, the separate school boards existed on government grants for 80% to 99%, depending on their amount of assessment. Thus, separate school boards were confined to the government's expenditure ceilings, while public school boards exercised their freedom to spend considerably over the ceilings. Financial inequity returned and remained.



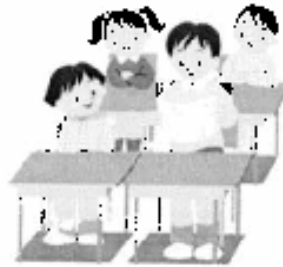
### **Ontario Educational Resource Bank**

The Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that once again it will be participating in the Ontario Educational Resource Bank. This website allows teachers, students and parents to access educational resources for Grades K-12 in all subject areas.

There are thousands of resources, including units, lesson plans, activities, maps and interactive learning resources.

To Access this site, visit **[www.ontario.ca/elearning](http://www.ontario.ca/elearning)**. Scroll down to the bottom and you will find the link to the Ontario Educational Resource Bank. Please **contact the school office for the password**.

## Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Summer Programs 2011



### Elementary Summer School Grades 7 and 8

Monday, July 4 to Friday July 22, 2011  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students recommended by the Principal  
Bussing provided at home school pick up points  
Deadline for applications:  
June 3, 2011

- Good Shepherd
- Metropolitan Andrei
- St. Faustina
- St. Gertrude
- St. Jerome
- St. Raphael
- St. Ursula

### Summer Literacy Camp Grades SK to 6

Monday July 4 to Friday July 29, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily  
*Fee for Service Program*  
*No transportation provided*  
Deadline for applications: June 3, 2011

#### Mississauga

- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Alfred
- St. Philip
- St. Albert of Jerusalem
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- St. Gerard
- St. Gregory

#### Brampton

- Venerable Michael J. McSivney
- St. Anne
- St. Braventure
- St. John Fisher
- Pauline Vanier

#### Orangeville

- St. Andrew

#### Balton

- St. Nicholas

For more information and registration forms regarding these summer programs please contact your local elementary school or visit our website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE/>.



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## **Math Homework Help Pilot Project**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that once again it will be participating in the Math Homework Help pilot project. This is the second year that the students in our Board will have access to live, interactive online math help through the expansion of a pilot project funded by the Ministry of Education. Homework Help is free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers.

This project has now expanded to 31 English-Language Boards across the Province of Ontario, and the project's goal remains to provide students in grades 7 to 10 with an after-hours online support in Mathematics.

Students can log in from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for 20 hours a week of individualized confidential math tutoring. Through a whiteboard, typing and audio tools, tutors provide on-the-spot interactive math support. Students can learn from the questions posed by their peers and ask their own questions as well.

If they can't wait until the discussion rooms open, videos of best tutorials and commonly asked questions are available anytime. Other online math resources include math games and a virtual locker, where students can save their work.

To register for the site, visit the website [www.ontario.ca/homeworkhelp](http://www.ontario.ca/homeworkhelp). Scroll down and you will find the link to the Homework Help Line. Students will need their OEN number to register. This number is different from their student number, and can be obtained from their school.

For more information about the HOMEWORK HELP PILOT PROJECT, contact:

*Sam Mercurio*  
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Homework Help Initiative and OERB Resources  
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### **Yes, We are Moving**

We will be moving before September 2011.

New Address: (full mailing address including postal code)

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New School: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note that the office needs to be advised of any address changes (even within Boundary). Please go to the office and complete a new tax form.***

### **Flexible Boundary Consideration/Renewal**

The school in our area is \_\_\_\_\_ however, we would like our child(ren) to remain at Mary Fix Catholic School and we are requesting flexible boundaries for the following reasons:

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Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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All flexible boundary requests are granted under the following conditions:

1. Transportation is your responsibility.
2. **Punctuality** and regular attendance is expected and monitored.
3. Permission for enrolment will be reviewed by the Principal annually.
4. Students are not automatically admitted to the secondary school serving this area.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011-2012 School Year Calendar

First day of classes elementary and secondary schools	Tuesday, September 6, 2011
Last day of classes Semester 1 Secondary (Semester Schools Only)	Tuesday, January 24, 2012
First Day of classes Semester 2 Secondary (Semester Schools Only)	Friday, February 3, 2012
School Year ends Elementary and Secondary Schools	Friday, June 29, 2012
Number of school days for the 2011 – 2012 school year	194
Number of Instructional Days in Elementary Schools	188
Number of Instructional Days in Secondary Schools	188
Number of Professional Activity Days in Elementary Schools	6
Number of Professional Activity Days in Secondary Schools	6

### ► School Holidays for the 2011-2012 School Year

Every Saturday and Sunday	
Labour Day	Monday, September 5, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2011
Christmas Break (inclusive)	Monday, December 26, 2011 to Friday, January 6, 2012
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2012
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 12, 2012 to Friday, March 16, 2012 (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday	Monday, April 9, 2012
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2012

### ► Elementary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Friday, September 16, 2011	Principal's Day: Re-organization/Faith Development/Prov. Priorities
2. Friday, November 18, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
3. Monday, January 16, 2012	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
4. Friday, February 3, 2012	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
5. Friday, May 11, 2012	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
6. Monday, June 11, 2012	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

### St. Sofia Only

1. Friday, November 18, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Monday, January 16, 2012	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
3. Friday, February 3, 2012	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
4. Friday, April 13, 2012	Principal's Day: Curriculum and Faith
5. Friday, May 11, 2012	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
6. Monday, June 11, 2012	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

### ► Secondary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Friday, September 16, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Friday, November 18, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
3. Thursday, February 2, 2012	Principal's Day: Semester Turnaround
4. Wednesday, June 27, 2012	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
5. Thursday, June 28, 2012	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
6. Friday, June 29, 2012	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities

\*Semester and year end evaluations and school wide promotion meetings; contact parents with summer school recommendations, OSR and report card preparation; inventory management of books, equipment, learning materials; curriculum development for new course outlines; goal setting for the upcoming school year.

### ► Secondary Schools – Examination Days

Semester 1: January 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 2012  
Semester 2: June 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 2012