



Mary Fix Catholic School Newsletter

Learning and Living
Through God

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Dates to Remember

June is Portuguese Heritage Month

June 7 Grade 8 Confirmation

June 13 P.A. Day (No School)

June 14 Ice Cream Liturgy (Gr 2 & 8)

June 14 School Council Mtg., 7 p.m.

June 17 Miss. S. Track & Field

June 20 Grade 2's—Owl Prowl

June 21 JK/SK Playday

June 22/23 Rosary

June 23 Seussical Cast Party 3:30

June 23 JK/SK Playday (raindate)

June 24 DPCDSB Track & Field

June 24 & 27 Artist in the School

June 28 Report Cards Home

June 28 Graduation/End of Yr Mass

June 28 7pm—Graduation Ceremony

June 29 SK Graduation, 10:30 am

June 30 a.m.—Spirit Assembly

June 30 Last Day of School



Lord God,

As a School Community, we have shared many experiences this year.
We are linked by common tasks and by our wonderful time together.

As we say good-bye and end our year, we ask You Lord,
that You bless our children, our teachers and our parents.

Keep us in Your care during the summer months and throughout our lives.

Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts.

Give us courage to do what is best for our children whom we love and cherish.

Guide us through the remainder of the year.

Allow us to return in September refreshed, rested and eager to continue on the path that You
have chosen for us.

Help us to continue to build and strengthen our Mary Fix Community in the next school year.

Bless us through the summer months. **Amen**



Principal's Message

This school year is quickly coming to an end. It has been a privilege to work in such a vibrant school community. As discussed at our end of the year School Council meeting, I marvel at the many things that we have accomplished.

A special thank you to our School Council, chaired by, K. Ruffolo, for taking the lead on raising community involvement and for putting in so much time and energy helping to make our school a great place. Thank you to our Fundraising Committee chaired by K. Kozar and to our Pizza Days Coordinator R. DeRenzis. Thank you also to the many parent volunteers who give of their time to hand out pizza, celebrate Shrove Tuesday, meet students in Kiss n' Ride every morning, make rosary bracelets, chaplets and communion banners, and numerous other activities that we couldn't accomplish without your help. We know that everything you do, you do

to make the school a better place for our children. Thank you to our Student Monitors, Mrs. Mailloux, Mrs. Brum and Mrs. D'Souza who came out in all sorts of weather to cheerfully complete their duties.

Thank you to Fr. Ruggiero and the Parish Staff of St. Catherine of Siena Church. Our priests have been truly committed to developing our children's faith commitment. Thank you Fuad Nimer-Boutros, our Parish Rep. It is strongly evident that the Parish, the School and our Parents are ensuring that our children grow spiritually at Mary Fix Catholic School.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our secretary, Mrs. Kivell. She is truly the heart and soul of our school.

A special thank you to Mr. Didio, Ms. Serrick and Mr. Decena who continually strive to ensure that your child's environment is safe and clean.

I am honoured to work with such a talented and dedicated

teaching staff. Their commitment and work ethic does not go unnoticed. Staff have participated in numerous professional development opportunities this year and collaboratively worked to support Catholic School Learning Plan goals. They also put in a great deal of time into extra curricular activities, such as sports and academic competitions, virtue assemblies, masses, special events such as Seussical and committee work.

Thank you to our trustee, Bruno Iannicca and to our Superintendent, Cathy Saytar for their continued support and guidance.

Mary Fix Catholic Elementary School is truly a school where our students thrive and learn the skills to be life long learners. Have a restful summer. Take time to enjoy its beauty. God Bless.

A. Milanetti



Welcome Back to Mrs. Chmiel

who returns to us from a lengthy absence.

May 31st—Special Celebrations

On the 31st of May we celebrated our **Patron Saint, Mary of the Visitation** with a School Mass. We also celebrated the **Crowning of Mary**. Many children wore traditional costumes or service uniforms and some of our little Grade 2 girls wore their 1st Communion dresses as they presented flowers to Mary during the crowning. After the mass we honoured **our many wonderful Volunteers** with punch, cake and treats in the library. So many of our special events would not be possible without the time and effort of our volunteers.

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 the May newsletter and can also be accessed on the Board Website at:

<http://www.dpcdsb.org>

P.A. Day & Report Cards



June 13th is a P.A. Day for Assessment and Evaluation of student progress. Second term **report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 28th**. Please take a few minutes to complete page three and return it to school the next day. **The last day of classes is Thursday, June 30th.**

September Placement

Due to possible changes in staff and enrolment, we are unable to provide placement information to you prior to September and even at that time, all placements will be tentative.

New Registrations

The school will be open for **new registrations from August 29th to September 2nd.**

First Day of School Sept. 7, 2011

- Please try to walk your child(ren) to school if you are within walking

distance; this will help avoid the traffic congestion that occurs every First Day! If you are driving your child(ren) to school, please drop them off in the Kiss n' Ride and if you would like to wait with your child until he/she is called to their class, please park on the road.

- 'Grade' numbers will be posted in the schoolyard. Your child is expected to line up under their new Grade. After the bell rings, the teachers will proceed outside and call out their students' names.
- The bus lists will be posted outside the office window, please check them throughout the last week of August if you wish your child to ride the bus the first day.
- Senior Kindergarten students will assemble in the kindergarten yard at 9:00 a.m. for the morning class and 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon.

Moving??



If you are leaving the Mary Fix area during the summer, please notify the office as soon as possible. This information will assist us in our planning for September. As new neighbours move in, it would be appreciated if you would mention that registration before September is helpful in school planning. Office staff are available during the last week of August to take any fall registrations.

School Books

Please take a few moments to check around your home to see if you have accumulated any Mary Fix textbooks or library books. Books are expensive resources and need to be replaced if they are not returned. Please send any books to school with your child. Your help with this is much appreciated.



Bikes, Skateboards, Rollerblades, Scooters & Wheelies

In the interest of safety, students who ride their bicycles to school are reminded that once they are on school property, bicycles are to be walked to the bike rack, locked up, and are not to be touched until dismissal time.

For your safety, **wear your helmet, obey all traffic rules when travelling to and from school and walk your bike across the street.**

Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters and 'wheelie' shoes are not allowed at school!

Medication in the School Office

Parents, please be reminded that any medication and/or Epipens that your child has stored in the office this year, must be picked up by June 30th.

Please note that in the beginning of each school year we are required to have signed authorization forms from parents/guardians and physicians in order for the school to administer any prescription medication. Forms are available in the office. Non-prescription medication must also be kept in the office and requires parent authorization only. If your child requires any medication at school, it must be kept in the office in it's original packaging.

Grade 8 Confirmation & Graduation

Congratulations to our Grade 8's who **received the sacrament of Confirmation on June 7th** at St. Catherine of Siena church.

The End of Year/Graduation mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on June 28th in the Mary Fix gym. All are invited to school for the mass. At 11:30 the Grade 8's will attend a luncheon and afternoon dance. The Graduation ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. that evening. Our prayers are with you as you move to secondary school.

A special thank you to Ms. Buhajczyk, Ms. Coombes, Mr. Chornous, Mrs. Casale, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Pilling who helped the students prepare for these special events.





The Virtue for June is Fairness

This month we celebrate the virtue of fairness. We are made by God to live together, to share and to help each other. You can't be a Christian alone. Christianity is all about living together in community - ideally, one big happy family.

A fair person....



- listens to all sides before forming opinions
- shows good sportsmanship at all times
- knows that the same rules apply to everyone
- refuses to twist rules to avoid consequences
- works to bring about peaceful solutions to problems
- cheers on the successes of others
- can balance their own rights and responsibilities with those of others

Please join us at our Fairness Assembly on Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m.

The Butterfly Garden



With assistance from School Council and our 'Green Team', we will be planting flowers and plants that will attract the butterflies that have been nurtured from caterpillars in the kindergarten classes.



Rosary

Special thanks to the Legion of Mary, under the direction of Lina Camama, for organizing our rosary lessons for our students. The Legion of Mary volunteers have been present in our school each month, teaching the students the significance of praying the rosary and dedication to our Blessed Mother. We thank them for their wonderful Ministry and for volunteering their time at our school.

We were grateful for their attendance at our Volunteer tea so that we could express our gratitude in person.

Lost & Found



Please encourage your child(ren) to check the Lost and Found before the end of the year. Throughout the months we have accumulated an entire box of clothing, footwear, hats, mitts, snowpants, etc. We also urge parents to take an opportunity to drop in to the school to check out the box as all unclaimed items will be donated to a charity in July.

Sunscreen & Hats

The children are outside, weather permitting, 70 minutes a day. In addition, a number of outdoor activities are planned for the month of June, including outdoor gym classes. For sun safety, please send your child with a hat and apply sunscreen before they leave in the morning.



Tomatosphere

The students in Mrs. Senra's grade 3/4 class have just completed the 'blind test' portion of the Tomatosphere project. In conjunction with the University of Guelph, classrooms across North America have been participating in the germination process of tomato seeds for space farming research. Students planted 2 sets of seeds—one was left to germinate normally and the other in a sphere that replicated the conditions in space. There was no apparent difference in the growth of the 2 plants. As a result of this study it has been determined that temperature and atmospheric pressure have no apparent effect on the seeds. Students will be presenting their plants to their fathers for Father's Day. Hopefully by August they will be able to enjoy some juicy, delicious tomatoes.

Track & Field

Grade 6, 7 & 8 students are participating in tryouts for Track & Field. Students will participate in long jump, triple jump, shot putt and running events including, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and Relay. This is a great opportunity for the students to be exposed to these exciting events.

The meet for Mississauga South will be held on June 17th and, should some of our students qualify, they will attend the Board Meet on the 24th of June.

Thank you very much to Mr. Chornous, Ms. Coombes, Mrs. Patten & Mrs. Senra for running the tryouts and coaching the team.

A Special Prayer for Our

Mary Fix Community

Lord Jesus, The end of the year approaches and our work for the moment, is almost complete. Let us remember the many blessings we have received this year, the friendships we have made, the challenges we have met, the struggles we have endured, and the achievements we have celebrated.

Let us be thankful for all the graces bestowed on our education community, on our school we thank you for your presence in the life of this Parent Council and our school.

You have spoken to us through the events of the year.

In our many discussions about Catholic schooling,

In our shared plans and hopes and dreams, In the prayers and liturgies and celebration on special occasions,

And, often enough,

In the words of our children.

Bless all of those who have been part of our community.

Bless especially the teachers, children and parents who will not be here next year.

And bless this Council of ours where we gather to bring our year's work to completion.

Amen

*On behalf of Mary Fix Parent Council,
Thank you Mary Fix Community for all your valued support throughout the 2010-11 school year*



Seussical the Musical

On May 11th and 12th, after months of rehearsing and hard work, Mary Fix School performed it's production of Seussical Jr.

The story centred around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge - not only must he protect his tiny friend, Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of disbelievers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the brave and loyal Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who sees "his kind and powerful heart". Ultimately, the powers of

friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant .

Close to 200 Mary Fix students were involved with the production. Sets were assembled, decorated and painted by crews of students, staff and volunteers from our School Council. In addition to the wonderful

cast and choir, there were many, many students helping behind the scenes, working with sets and sound.

Special thanks to the Seussical team, Mrs. Belisle, Ms. Buhajczyk, Mrs. Fera, Ms. Furlan, Mrs. Gaipo, Mrs. Kivell, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Pilling & Mrs. Telfeyan.



Artist in the School

Musician Raymond Kingsmore is coming to Mary Fix on June 24th and 27th. Students will have an opportunity to play real drums and sing popular songs.

Thank you to School Council for sponsoring this fun event.

SHARELIFE

A very special thank you to the entire Mary Fix Community for your generous support of this important Catholic Charity. As a school we have collected over \$1000.00 for ShareLife. We will present a cheque to Father Ruggiero at our year end mass on June 28 at 10:30pm.

Spotlight Sheridan

Grade 8 students visited Sheridan College on May 4. Students were provided with the opportunity to explore programs offered at Sheridan through interactive, hands-on workshops. Students participated in an educational game show created by Sheridan to assist students in exploring post secondary pathways. The game focused on the value and benefits of a college education and uses examples based on the Sheridan experience.



Lunchroom Supervisor Needed

If interested in applying for this paid position, one hour a day from September to June, please contact the office ..for further information.

Best Wishes and Farewell

We say a fond farewell to Mrs. Casale, Ms. Furlan and Miss Venditti who will be leaving our school at the end of the year. We thank them for the gifts and talents they have shared with us and wish them continued success in their careers in education. We bid farewell to Mrs. Gaipo in May and we wish her all the best as she awaits the birth of her second child. Ms. Miceli joined us for a few weeks between Mrs. Gaipo's departure and Mrs. Chmiel's return.

