

Mary Fix Catholic School Newsletter

Learning and Living
Through God

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Advent - A Time of Hope

God of Hope You sent us Jesus, the Light of the World.

As we light our Advent candles one by one, a week at a time, may we rekindle within ourselves the desire to make peace with Him.

May the flame of His presence grow brighter and brighter in our hearts, in our school, and in our world.

May the God of Hope fill us with joy and peace this Christmas by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Wishing you the blessing of Christmas and the New Year,
from the staff of Mary Fix School.**

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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School Council Chair:

K. Ruffolo

Dates to Remember

- Dec 1 Intermed. Hockey Tourn.
- Dec 1 Gr 3- Swim to Survive #3
- Dec 6 Gr 3-8 Reconciliations
- Dec 7 Gr 5/6 to Rogers TV
- Dec 9 Toy Bazaar
- Dec 12 JK/SK Advent Mass
- Dec 13 School Council Potluck
- Dec 14 Advent Mass 9:30@ school
- **Dec 19 Christmas Concert**
- Dec 23 a.m. Spirit Assembly
- Dec 23 Last Day of School before Christmas break
- Dec 26-Jan 6 Christmas Break
- Jan 9 Return to School
- Jan 16 P.A. Day
- Jan 31 Report Cards (Gr 1-8) home
- Feb 2 Interview Evening
- Feb 3 P.A. Day—Interviews
- Feb 6-10 JK Registration (see inside for details)
- Feb 20 Family Day Stat. Holiday



Principal's Message

Throughout the season of Advent we will have time to reflect, pray and give thanks for our many blessings. Our community outreach campaign to support needy families in our community serves to remind us of how truly fortunate we are. Thank you for all your donations of food and support through the Toy Drive, Angel Tree and food baskets. Confessions from grades 3-8, our School Family Advent Mass and daily school prayers help us to prepare for the

coming of our Saviour. As we await the coming of Jesus, let us be reminded that Christ is at the heart of Christmas. All are invited to attend our School Advent Mass on December 14th at 9:30 a.m. at school.

Thank you for your continued support and may God's blessings be with you, your families, and the children in our schools throughout the Advent season.

A. Milanetti





Advent Mass

The Family Advent mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 14th in our school gym. Our primary division have prepared a beautiful mass and students from grades 1-3 will sing. We invite our Mary Fix community to join for prayer and song to welcome the season of Advent.



- * **To Mrs. Quattrociochi**, our OAPCE representative on School Council, for the Advent Resources.
- * **To our trustee, Bruno Ianicca**, for attending and for sharing copies of 'Our Story, Our History, Our Journey' book with School council. If you would like to borrow the book, please contact the office.
- * **To the Speziale Family**, for the donation of a cross for our chapel
- * **To our Mary Fix community** for supporting the chocolate fundraiser. Thanks to your efforts, **we raised over \$7,000.00!**
- * **To the students** who are remembering to bring and change into **indoor shoes** for helping to keep our halls clean and safe for everyone.
- * **To Peel Police Officers from 12 Division** for playing volleyball against Mary Fix Staff members—we raised over \$150.00 which will go towards Christmas baskets.

Christmas Holidays

The last day of school before Christmas is Friday, December 23rd. Students return to school, in the new year, on Monday, January 9th, 2012.

Christmas Baskets

Parent volunteers will be preparing the **food baskets** during the week of December 12th. If you have a few hours to spare **we need help** sorting the gifts and food. **Food donations and Angel Tree gifts are due on Thursday, December 15th.** All baskets will be delivered by volunteers during the week of December 19th. If you are able to assist with deliveries, please contact the office.



Toy Bazaar - Friday, Dec 9/11

The annual Toy Bazaar will be held during the morning on Friday, December 9th. We are asking for donations of gently used toys and gift items which will be displayed for sale with items ranging in price for \$.05 to \$5.00. All proceeds will go to supplement the Christmas baskets that are donated annually to needy families in our Parish. In combination with our Youth Faith Ambassador initiatives, the success of the bazaar means that every family for whom the school provides a Christmas basket will also receive a \$50.00 gift card to purchase fresh produce and a turkey.

Welcome Back to Mme. Fera:

who will be teaching FSL in the afternoons until further notice.

Mark your Calendar:

Keep January 24th, 2012 available for a guest speaker!

Mary Fix Website



The Mary Fix Website is up to date. Newsletters, calendars and other important updates are posted for your information. Please visit us at:

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/MAFIX>

We are continuing to collect email addresses for our Mary Fix community and a link to access our monthly newsletter and calendar is emailed at the beginning of each month.

Registration 2011/2012

Kindergarten Registration will be held at all Dufferin Peel schools on Mon., Feb. 6th at 7 p.m. (Tues., Feb. 7th evening snowdate) and Wed, —Fri, (Feb 8-10) during the day.

Junior Kindergarten—Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012. Senior Kindergarten—Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2012

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

- proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- up to date immunization records;
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status;
- Proof of address in the Mary Fix School boundary area (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

We cannot guarantee morning or afternoon classes. We will note preferences at registration and will do our best to accommodate your request. 'Flexible Boundary' requests must be in writing.

For more information, please contact the school or the Admissions Department at (905)890-0708, ext. 24500 or visit the Mary Fix Website.

Kindergarten Information Session

There will be an information session for parents of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, physical/medical, developmental or autism who are entering JK, SK or the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program in September 2012. The information session will be held at the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board—Rm 301 on January 17, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Parents/Guardians are also reminded to register their child at their school office during the week of February 7th.



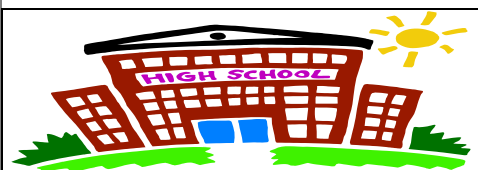


French Immersion Information Meeting

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, January 11th, 2012 at: **St. Gertrude School**

815 Ceremonial Drive
(905)568-7660

The deadline for submission of applications will be 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.



St. Martin's Grade 8 Information Night

Grade 8 Students and their families are invited to attend an orientation session at **St. Martin's Secondary School on Wednesday, December 7th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

This will be a great opportunity for parents/students to tour the facilities and ask questions about St. Martins.

Students were introduced to the programs at St. Martin's at an information session on Tuesday, November 29th at Mary Fix but this evening will give them a chance to see the school building with their parents.

Fundraising Reminder



The **Regal fundraising campaign** continues with lots of fun Christmas gift ideas—shop on line at **<http://maryfix.shopregal.ca>**

QSP Magazine new subscriptions and renewals. Go to **www.qsp.ca** to order on line and use the Mary Fix ID# **8351**.

Inclement Weather Procedures

In the event of snowstorms which prevent safe travel, please listen to the radio and television stations listed on the **insert in this newsletter** for announcements about bus transportation and school closures, usually **beginning about 6:30 a.m.**

Buses that do not run in the morning do not run in the afternoon.

If you drive your bus student to school on a day when the buses are cancelled, you are responsible for providing transportation home at the end of the day as well.

If school closures are not announced but you choose to keep your child home during extreme weather, **please call the Attendance Line at: 905)270-3140, ext 1.**



Winter Wear

As the colder weather begins, 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 coats and boots, all labeled with their names. Children and parents are also reminded of the importance of indoor shoes, especially during 'boot' season. Indoor shoes keep the halls clean, dry and safe for students and staff.

Snowpants keep children dry and warm on snowy or wet winter days and are highly recommended. It is also a great idea to **keep a spare pair of socks in your child's backpack.**

Snow Safety

When the cool months arrive and snow and ice on the ground is plentiful, we all like to play in it and with it. However, as much fun as it is, snow and ice can be very dangerous when lots of people are in a small area. In order for our school to be as safe as possible, the school rule must be that snow stays on the ground that means no snowballs, kicking snow or any other activity with snow or ice that could be harmful. Please review the importance of this with your child.



Cut this square out of the newsletter and submit it to the office for your chance to win tickets to the St. Mikes Majors' Game on Sunday, December 11th at 2 p.m., Sunday, December 18th at 2 p.m. and Friday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m., at the Hershey Centre. Make sure your name and your child's name is written on the submission. Please put a checkmark beside the date you would like to request.

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Sunday, December 11 _____

Sunday, December 18 _____

Friday, January 6 _____

Lost & Found

Please try to take an opportunity to check the Lost & Found box before the holidays. The box is already overflowing and we will send unclaimed items to St. Vincent de Paul in the New Year.



December Virtue

This month, we will celebrate **the virtue of hope.**

People of hope keep up a positive attitude; can bounce back from tough situations; set and stick to their goals; see the good in others even when they make mistakes; work to include others and let others know that they are good people.

Our daily prayer for December:

Let us now pray...for the grace and courage to be people of hope - people who can see, participate in and contribute to God's goodness emerging around us. Amen

Please join us for the Hope Assembly on December 23rd!



The Spirit of Christmas is reflected in the Words of the Angels

And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in
the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes,
Lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the
angel
a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2:10-14

The Mary Fix School Council
thanks you for all your support
thus far.
The blessings of The Angel Tree
and Christmas baskets are
underway and your
contributions are
very much appreciated.

We wish you all
a Wonderful Christmas
and a Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
Mary Fix Parent Council



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions: In preparation for Christmas will be:

Mon-Wed Dec. 12-14 6-6:30pm
Sat., Dec.17, 4:30 to 5:30pm
Mon-Wed Dec. 19 -21 6-6:30pm

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Masses

7pm English Multiple Intentions
9pm Spanish Multiple Intentions
11pm Solemn English

Saturday, December 25, 2010

Christmas Day Masses

8:30am English
10:00am Italian Multiple Intentions
11:30am English Multiple Intentions
1:00pm English Mass
2:30pm Filippino Multiple Intentions

Friday, December 31, 2010

New Year's Eve

8:00am English Mass
6:00pm English Mass



Saturday, January 1, 2011

New Year's Day

10:00am Italian Multiple Intentions
11:30am English Multiple Intentions
1:00pm English Mass
4:30pm English Mass
6:00pm Spanish Multiple Intentions



The Month of December will be full of fun and faith-filled activities and spirit days.

December 9 - Toy Bazaar

9:30 -11:30 a.m.
(Parent Volunteers are welcome)

December 12 -JK/SK Advent Mass

December 14—Family Advent Mass

9:30 a.m. in the Mary Fix gym—all are welcome!

December 19 - Christmas Concert

1:30 p.m.* & 7:00 p.m.

**Since space is limited, where possible, families are asked to consider attending the afternoon performance only.*



December 22

Santa Hat Spirit Day

December 23

Green & Red Day & Spirit Assembly & Hope Assembly

YFA Activities:

Snowflake Craft: \$2.00 each



Students will sign up in their classroom and will complete the craft during lunch hour during the week of December 5-9.

Candy Cane 'grams' 50 cents ea



During recess, students will have an opportunity to purchase a candy cane to send to their friends.



**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR)
BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO BAD WEATHER
2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

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 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio and television stations:**

VIRGIN RADIOFM99.9
CFNY FM102.1/AM640
CFRB AM1010
FM Z103.5
CHIN FM100.7/AM1540
CITYPULSE

CHUM AM1050
CJCL AM590
EZ ROCK FM97.3
FM93.1
CBC99.1
GLOBAL NEWS

CFTR AM680
CHFI FM98.1
CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Q107
CTV

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the **highlighted text only** will be communicated by the radio stations).

1. **“DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY.”**
2. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED”**. This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled.
 - All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.
 - Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.
3. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED.”** *This means that:*
ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.
4. **“THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED.”** *This means that:*
ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

Note: For Secondary School students riding Public Transit, cancellation of service will be communicated by the respective transit property over the radio. Please be advised that Public Transit rarely cancels and that the level of service on days with inclement weather is unpredictable.