



# Mary Fix Catholic School Newsletter

Learning and Living  
Through God

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**February 2012**

## Valentine's Day Prayer for Friendship *The Celebration of love on Valentine's Day shows itself in friendship.*

May I remember that a friend I am  
When coming to another's place of unrest  
With affection and warmth of caring.



A friend I am when listening openly, non-judgmentally  
When judgment would be easy.

A friend I am when taking extra time  
To lend a helping hand, though busy.

A friend I am when feeling your need  
I act for you  
As I would for myself.  
**Amen**



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### Kindergarten Registration for 2012/2013

Registration for the 2012/2013 school  
year is currently being held at all  
Dufferin-Peel Catholic Elementary  
schools .

**JK - Children must be 4 years old by  
December 31, 2012**

**SK - Children must be 5 years old by  
December 31, 2012**

**Parents/Guardians should bring the  
following documents when register-  
ing their child:**

- proof of age of the child (birth certificate or passport)
- original Roman Catholic Baptismal
- Certificate (for parent/guardian and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the

- process will be accepted)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant status
- proof of home address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)
- proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an *Application For the Direction of School Support* and/or a *Separate School Lease Agreement* available at the school)
- Request for Flexible Boundary letter (if required)

**For more information, contact the school at (905)270-3140. Registration dates and requirements are posted on the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Website at [www.dpccdsb.org](http://www.dpccdsb.org) as well as the Mary Fix School Website at [www.dpccdsb.org/MAFIX](http://www.dpccdsb.org/MAFIX)**

### Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 6-10 2012/13 JK Registration
- Feb. 6 Mr. Cartwright Gr 5/6 to Silvercreek
- Feb. 13 a.m. Junior Speeches
- Feb. 14 Red, White & Pink Day
- Feb. 15 a.m. Intermed. Speeches
- Feb. 16 Immunization Clinic
- Feb. 20 Family Day
- Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22 & 23 Rosary Apostolate
- March 5 First Reconciliation 7pm
- March 12-16 March Break**
- March 21 Lenten Reconciliation
- April 1 Holy Week Begins**
- April 3 Graduation Photos
- April 5 Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross
- April 6 Good Friday**
- April 9 Easter Monday**



**School council meeting,  
Tuesday, February 7th,  
7p.m. in the Library.**

**Ash Wednesday Celebration:**

February 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the gym—All are invited to attend.

**Sacraments****Grade 2 Reconciliation -**

Monday, March 5, 2012, 7 p.m.

**Grade 2 First Communion -**

Saturday, May 12, 2012 @ 3 p.m.

**Grade 8 Confirmation -**

Tuesday, May 22 @ 7 p.m.

**Pizza with the Priest**

On January 31, one student from each class in Grade 1-8 was recognized for their outstanding demonstration of Catholic Virtues during Term



One. Fr. Ruggiero celebrated with the students commending them for being positive role models of our Catholic Faith and encouraged them to continue their wonderful efforts. The students enjoyed pizza and refreshments provided by our School Council.

**Welcome Back** to members from the Legion of Mary who will pray the rosary with students once a month.

**March Break :**

March Break begins on Monday, March 12 and ends on Friday, March 16. Students return to school on Monday, March 19th.

**Birthday Treats**

At Mary Fix school we recognize student birthdays with an announcement on the P.A. system and a birthday pencil and personalized bookmark.



We have an increasing number of life threatening allergies to nuts and nut products in our school. For this reason we ask that no food treats, such as cupcakes, doughnuts or cookies be brought into the school for your child. Stickers, pencils and other non-food items are a great alternative.

**Speeches**

Junior and Intermediate students will be participating in this year's speech competition on February 13th and 15th respectively. Selected students will move on to represent Mary Fix at the family speech competition at St. Francis of Assisi school on February 23rd (snowdate, February 24th).

Thank you to Mrs. Dinga and Mr. Chornous who will be coordinating the speech competition.

**Inclement Weather Procedures**

In the event of snowstorms listen to the following radio stations for info. about bus transportation and school closures, usually beginning about 6.

**CKFM 99.9 CHUM 1050 CFNY 102.1**

**Q107 CFTR 680 CISS 92.5 640 AM**

Updates on weather and school closures are also available on City TV, Global TV and the Weather Channel.

Announcements may say:

- buses in Dufferin County may be cancelled, while buses in Peel are running and schools remain open for students who walk
- buses may be cancelled but the school will remain open
- school may be cancelled entirely

Buses that do not run in the morning do not run in the afternoon. If you choose to drive your bus student to school 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.**

**Bus Cancellations**

Bus and school cancellation information is made available on the radio and television stations. In addition bus cancellation updates can be accessed at **www.busmonitor.com.**

**Important Immunization Message**

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school beginning February 2012. Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule.

If you receive a letter, ensure that your child has received the required vaccine(s), then give the date(s) your child received these vaccine doses to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child's record.

Under *the Immunization of School Pupils Act*, the Health Department has the authority to suspend students from school if they do not meet the requirements. Students whose immunization records are incomplete may be suspended from school.

Update your child's records by:

- Reporting them online at **www.ImmunizePeel.ca**
- Faxing to (905) 565-0426 - (Attention: Immunization Records)
- Calling (905)799-7700

For more information, please call Peel Public Health at (905) 799-7700 or visit **www.ImmunizePeel.ca.**

**Youth Faith Ambassador News**

The Youth Faith Ambassadors, coordinated by Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Pilling and Mrs. Senra, wish to remind our Mary Fix Community that they will continue to collect milk bags which are then crocheted into sleeping mats for many people in Haiti who are still living in desperate conditions. They are also continuing to collect pop tabs to help provide wheel chairs for people in need.

**Valentine's Day Dance-a-Thon**

All classes will be participating in a Valentine's Day dance-a-thon for ShareLife. Students are asked to bring a toonie as a donation.



**Virtue for February - Respect**

God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

A respectful person...

- Treats him/herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy
- Uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- Avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures
- Says 'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Pardon Me'
- Avoids gossip

Our Daily Prayer for February,

**Let us now pray for the virtue of respect so that everyone we meet will feel like we are their brother and sister in Christ.**

*"Be at peace with your own soul; then heaven and earth will be at peace with you." St. Jerome*

**Please join us for the Virtue Assembly on February 16th at 1:30 p.m., prepared by Mrs. Dinga's class.**

**Attendance and Punctuality**

**Regular attendance is critical for success.** Although we encourage you to keep your child home when he/she is ill to avoid the spread of illness, we encourage you, where possible, to avoid making appointments and planning vacations during regular school hours.

In addition, **we expect students to arrive at school on time.** Late students miss opening exercises and important announcements and disrupt their classes when they arrive after the rest of the class is settled in.

Students with multiple absences and lates are carefully monitored and may be referred to an Attendance counselor. Attendance/late arrivals are recorded on the Report Card.

Remember to **call the Attendance Line** if your child is going to be late or absent: **(905)270-3140 ext. 1**

**February is Black History Month**

**An Ancestral Journey Presentation** will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. Students in grades 5-8 will hear a TRUE story that promises to provide a window into the past - with lessons of respect, humanity, social justice and character - all the necessary tools needed to help students "BUILD A BETTER WORLD!"

**One Hundred Day Celebration**

We've been in school 100 days  
Through every kind of weather  
And now it's time to celebrate  
We'll sing this song together  
100 days! "Hip-hip-hooray!"  
It sure seemed like forever.  
We'll celebrate 100 days  
And we'll be friends forever.



**Primary students will celebrate 100 Day on February 17th.**



**Blue Spruce Award**

In January students from JK to Grade 3 began reading books nominated for the Blue Spruce Award. The Blue Spruce Award™ is a provincial primary reading program that brings recently published Canadian children's picture books to Ontario students. For many children, this is their first introduction to the world of books; it is a very exciting time for everyone. The students will peruse 10 Canadian picture books and then vote for their favourite book. Based on student voting across the province, the best picture book is then selected and the author/illustrator is honoured with the Blue Spruce Award™.



**This Family Day, Monday, February 20th,** Scotiabank proudly brings the greatest game on ice to Brampton for a jam-packed charity event complete with Stanley Cup Winners, All-Stars, Hall of Famers and celebrities.

A great event for the whole family, Hockey Day in Brampton features NHL Alumni **Wendel Clark, Marty McSorley, Mike Krushelnyski, Rick Vaive** and more going against the **CFS All-Stars** to raise money for families of children with cancer through Help A Child Smile, as well as helping women and children who are victims of domestic violence through the Safe Centre of Peel run by Catholic Family Services of Peel Dufferin.

Hosted by Hockey's favorite Ambassador Walter (father of Wayne) Gretzky, the Alumni Exhibition Game also features a skills competition and hilarious on-ice practical jokes.

Tickets are only \$15.00 each when purchased in advance as a family pack of 3 or 5 tickets. Parking is free. Fun for the whole family and for a great cause, it's happening at The Powerade Centre located at 7575 Kennedy Rd., Brampton, at 6 p.m. To order tickets to [www.hockeydayinbrampton.ca](http://www.hockeydayinbrampton.ca)



Cut this square out of the newsletter and submit it to the office for your chance to win tickets to a St. Mikes Majors' Game 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**vs. Oshawa Generals**

Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

**vs. Windsor Spitfires**

Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m.

**vs. Sudbury Wolves**

Family Day – Monday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m.

**vs. Niagara Icedogs**

Friday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

**vs. Barrie Colts**

Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

January 11, 2012

Dear Ms. Milanetti and the Mary Fix School Community,

We, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, would like to express our sincere gratitude for your help and donations made towards the Christmas Baskets Program. Know that the baskets you worked so hard on to prepare and deliver will be long remembered in the hearts of those you served and the one who said... "as you have done to the least of my brothers, you have done unto Me".

It is because of your support, and the support of others, that we were able to bring the joy of Christmas to many individuals and families impacted by hunger and poverty.

Your contribution is most needed and appreciated. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart with the same happiness and hope that you have given so many. Your kindness will be forever remembered in the hearts of the families you have touched. We pray that God will continue to bless you in all that you do.

Yours in Christ,



N. Prabhu  
 President  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Catherine of Siena Parish



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December 19, 2011

Mrs. Josie Pilling, Mrs. Gloria Senra  
 Mary Fix Catholic Elementary School  
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Dear Josie and Gloria:

*"One year ago, I was running down the soccer field when I suddenly collapsed. I fractured my femur and days later a biopsy was at hand. Osteogenic sarcoma. There weren't any words to explain how I felt. I was only 11. I hadn't gotten married, had kids or even finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade. After three months of chemotherapy, the day had come for the 19 hour surgery. They removed my femur and replaced it with a donor bone. They were able to salvage my leg! It is all thanks to Terry Fox and the Foundation's support for research. I owe my leg...and my life...to him." Aimee Z, Ottawa, 12 years old*


Aimee also owes her life to the wonderful and caring students and staff at Mary Fix Catholic Elementary School. Your contribution of \$656.00 to cancer research through The Terry Fox Foundation this year ensures that inspiring stories like Aimee's will continue to be written.

As our Terry Fox "champion", we are so very appreciative of the enthusiasm and energy you bring to the role despite your myriad of other responsibilities. Your passion for Terry and his message of optimism and resolve sets such a wonderful example to your students, who truly represent the hope for a future free of cancer.

Despite his young age, Terry knew that he wanted the funds raised in his name to support the most promising research, with the greatest potential for breakthroughs, regardless of cancer type. Just as Terry rose to the challenge of running across Canada for the cause, the Foundation has accepted the challenge of ensuring that deadly but underfunded cancers, like lung, pancreatic and colorectal, are not overlooked. In 2011, we are proud to fund more than 75 projects, totaling \$33 million, to Terry Fox researchers in so many fields.

Your faith in the Foundation means so much. Our promise to you is simple: the money you work so hard to raise will continue to fund quality cancer research in Canada. Terry would expect no less.

With very best wishes,

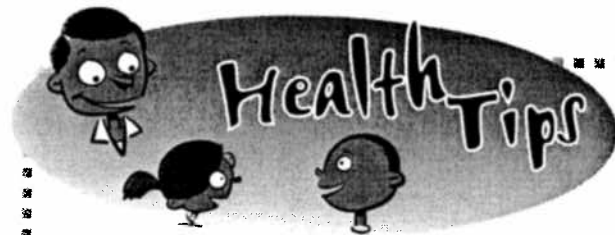


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 The Terry Fox Foundation

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## Active Parents ... Active Kids

### Did you know?

- Fewer than 50% of Canadian parents are regularly active with their kids<sup>1</sup>.
- The best way to get your kids more active is to be active with them!
- When parents lead an active lifestyle, their kids are more likely to be active than children with inactive parents<sup>2</sup>.



Active parents have more energy for parenting and cope better with daily stress. Active kids not only learn better in school but behave better too. Activity will help everyone in the family get a better night's sleep. And of course, being active has major health benefits too – like helping with the development of strong bones and muscles, and decreasing the chances of developing many chronic diseases.

### What else can provide so many benefits!

#### Tips for Parents:

- **Plan active family outings** – go skating, hike or cycle together, walk the dog, throw a Frisbee®, build a snowman, walk around the zoo or museum.
- **Get everyone involved in active chores** – put on some music and tackle the housework together, rake the lawn, wash the car, do the gardening, shovel the snow or carry the groceries.
- **Provide opportunities for kids to learn skills** – like running, skipping, jumping, kicking, throwing and catching, and practice with them.
- **Organized sports are only one way for kids to be active** – informal and unstructured playtime is really important too. Teach your kids active games you enjoyed as a child – like tag, skipping or hop scotch.
- **Balance screen time (TV, computer, video games) with being active** – this goes for everyone in the family!
- **Take active transportation as often as possible** – encourage your kids to walk or bike to school; walk together to do errands in your neighbourhood; take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- **Always emphasize the fun of movement** – and help your whole family get active for life!

For more information call Region of Peel–Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit [peelregion.ca/health](http://peelregion.ca/health)

<sup>1</sup> Active Healthy Kids Canada. Older But Not Wiser: Canada's Future at Risk. Canada's Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth. 2007 [Online at [www.activehealthykids.ca](http://www.activehealthykids.ca)]

<sup>2</sup> Gustufson, S.L., & Rhodes, R.E. (2006). Parental Correlates of Physical Activity in Children and Early Adolescents. Sports Medicine, 36, 1, 79-97, 619.

**Most students in Grades 5 & up are on Facebook  
Their average "Friend List" count is over 175  
Formspring is the fastest growing site among students  
Who are they REALLY sharing with, online?**

An absolute **MUST-SEE** event as described throughout Ontario's  
School Boards, by parents and police services.

**Mark your calendar for this one-of-a-kind presentation:**

**February 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

**St. Valentine School**

**facebook.**

**101**

plus

**twitter & formspring**

**with Chris Vollum**

*recognized authority on Facebook, Twitter & Formspring*



Have questions about the event? Contact Mrs. LeClair 905 890 0909  
Please R.S.V.P. and return this portion to the school by February 2, 2012  
Yes, I will be attending the Facebook 101 event.

Name

# Attending