



St. Mark School

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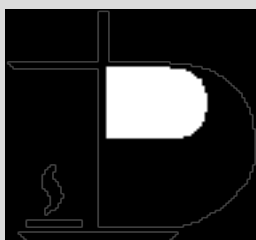
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Father, We Thank Thee

Father, we thank thee:

For peace within our favored land,
For plenty from thy bounteous hand,
For means to give to those in need,
For grace to help in thought and deed,
For faith to walk, our hands in thine,
For truth to know thy law divine,
For strength to work with voice and pen,
For love to serve our fellow men,
For light the goal ahead to see,
For life to use alone for thee,
Father, we thank thee.

By Grenville Kleiser



Principal's Message

The 2007- 2008 school year is up and running at St. Mark School. September has been very fulfilling and has passed quickly. Thank you for making St. Mark a great school. I am looking forward to a super second year. Thank you to staff, parents and students for making our annual Barbeque and "Meet the Teacher" night such a success.

Our minimal reorganization is completed. Thank you for your co-operation. We strive for excellence through partnership with home/school/parish. Our new School Council will commence on Oct. 22. Volunteers are highly valued and appreciated. Safety is a priority at St. Mark School.

4. Go out with an adult, or an older brother or sister, if under 12 years old.
5. Stay away from cars and friendly strangers in cars.
6. Watch for cars and look both ways when crossing the street.
7. Wear their costumes above their shoes, so they will not trip.
8. Not to eat any treats until they are home and parents have checked them.
9. Not to damage anyone's property.
10. Start trick or treating early, and be home by 8 p.m.

Extra curricular Activities

Cross country

Under the direction of our coaches Ms. Malison and Ms. Paquin, our Cross Country participants have been practicing four times a week. They are doing warm up stretches and building up their endurance in preparation for the Family of Schools meet on Oct. 18th at Erindale Park.

Student Council

St. Mark student body held elections for Student Council positions. Students campaigned and gave speeches at the Assembly on Sept. 21. We are pleased to announce the following students have been elected:

Vana Livaja	President
Vanessa Maderic	Vice President
Tatiana Sanchez	Secretary

Class Reps:

Stefani Arts	Ms. McNeilly
Alexander Mayhew	
Simon Dugas	Ms. Moore
Veronica Hegedus	
Sarah Tracz	Mr. Kennedy
Dawid Straceki	
Jacob Mammoliti	Mr. Scicluna
Denise Brand	
Kieran Donworth	Ms. Sapping
Sarah Viera	
Sean O'Hara	Mr. Freeman
Rachel Wong	

Introducing the 2007 / 2008 School Council

Chair	Susan O'Hara
Treasurer	Amelia Wong
Secretary	Manuela Leite
Volunteer Coordinator	Jane Cotnam
Fundraising Coordinator	Sandra Gotovac
Teaching Representative	Blanca Seyarto
Parrish Representative	Ingrid Brand
OAPCE Representative	Josef Budziak
Parent Representative	Eva Coholic
Parent Representative	Christine Legendre
Parent Representative	Christine Speagle
Parent Representative	Verena Mayhew
Parent Representative	Lianne Simpson
Parent Representative	Sue Callander
Parent Representative	Grace Piatek

COUNCIL CORNER

Hot Lunches

We are pleased to be bringing the lunch lady back again for hot lunches every Monday. Just a reminder, if you need to cancel a meal, calls received before 8:00 am on the same day of the order will receive a credit. Please do not call the school to cancel, call the Lunch Lady directly at the number on the order form.



What is the Parent Council and what do we do?

1. The purpose of Catholic School Council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.
2. A Catholic School Council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this policy and regulation to the principal of the school and to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.
3. To help the Principal and the Teachers bring appropriate community resources to the school.
4. To help the Principal and the Teachers ensure that Parents recognize and exercise their right to participate in the education of their children.

How to become a Member:

Each parent/guardian seeking election must be nominated or self-nominated in writing, must have a child registered at the school and must declare if he or she is employed by the school board.

Should an election be necessary, each parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the school shall be entitled to one vote for each vacant parent/guardian membership position on the council.

If necessary, an election committee shall be struck by the school council to help plan the election process, the gathering of nominations, and the running of the elections. No one standing for election, or the spouse of anyone standing for election, shall be a member of the election committee.

The minimum number of parent members on the school Council shall be six (6).

The maximum number of parent members shall be fifteen (15).

A parent member cannot be employed by St. Mark School.

There are generally five or six meetings per school year. They start at 6:30 p.m. and usually run two hours in length.

Volunteering

It is only with the help of volunteers that the events at St. Mark School can be run. We are always looking for dedicated parents/guardians to help with events within the school. If you are interested in sharing some of your time with us, please call the school office and register your name.

Do you know a good Babysitter?

The Parent Council tries to offer a **FREE** babysitting service for all parents and members during the Council meetings. We are looking for a couple of high school teenagers who would like to babysit and earn hour credits towards their mandatory community hours. If you know someone who is interested, please call the school office and leave their name and phone number.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting is Monday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to offer free babysitting for the duration of the meeting.

Fundraising

The Fundraising committee is working hard on prizes for the Dance-a-thon which will be held Friday November 2, 2007.

Dates to Remember



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| Oct. 1 | Hep B Gr 7
HPV Gr 8 Girls |
| Oct. 2 | Confirmation Meeting 7:00 pm Loyola Church |
| Oct. 4 | Officer Allen—class visits JK/SK Primary/Junior Bullying |
| Oct. 8 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Oct. 9 | Liturgy—JK/SK 10:00 am and 1:00 pm
Mass—10:15 am |
| Oct. 16 | Early Release Day—no p.m. classes. Students dismissed at 11:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 17 | Bus Driver Appreciation Day |
| Oct. 18 | Cross Country—Erindale Park Family Meet |
| Oct. 22 | School Council Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Oct. 23 | 1st Eucharist/Communion Parent Meeting
7:00 pm Loyola Church |
| Oct. 25 | Cross Country—Heart Lake Board Meet |
| Oct. 26 | School Assembly |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween |
| Nov. 1 | All Saints' Day |
| Nov. 2 | All Souls' Day
Dance-A-Thon
Gr 5/6 Paquin—Crawford Lake |
| Nov. 5 | Silvercreek Gr 5 D'Ettore |
| Nov. 7 | PA Day |
| Nov. 12 | Silvercreek—Freeman |
| Nov. 19 | PA Day |
| Nov. 28 | Gr 7 Crawford Lake |
| Nov. 30 | Assembly |