

## Clubs and Sports at St. Mark

### Cross Country

The cross country coaches would like to thank the children who practiced so diligently over the months of September and October for the St. Mark Cross Country Team. Not only did St. Mark place well at the Family Meet and Board Meet but most importantly they showed excellent team spirit and were wonderful ambassadors for St. Mark on both these cold, damp occasions! The Gr 5 Boys Team placed 1st in the Board Meet and the Gr 5 and Gr 6 Boys Team placed 1st in the Family Meet.

Family/Board Meet Results:

Gr 5 Boys:	Liam R. Brett Mc Nicholas D. Evan. G.	Tommi K. Brendan K. Angelo D.
Gr 6 Boys	Scott L. Garry B. Jacob T. Ryan P.	Nicholas K. Daniel K. John S.
Shannon E.	7th	
Victoria S.	12th	

Thanks to all who tried out. Hopefully we'll see you next year at Cross country! Coaches: Mrs. Paquin, Mrs. Malison, Cross-Country Conveners: Mr. Scicluna and Mr. Kennedy

### Next Council Meeting

Our next council meeting is on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. in the school library.

### Safety

Thank you to those parents who are participating in the kiss n' ride program. Your co-operation and understanding, as we try to make improvements, is very much appreciated. The changes you have made in the last couple of months have made a huge difference to both the traffic flow and, most importantly, the safety of all of our children. We would just like to list a few reminders to keep everyone on track:

-if you are driving and need to get out of your car for any reason you should use the parking spaces provided, not the kiss n' ride lane;

-you should pull all the way up to the end of the kiss n' ride lane (or up as far as you are able to) before unloading, and then wait to merge at the end of the lane;

-please do not pull into 'thru lane' from the middle of the kiss n' ride lane, merge at the end of the lane;

- Do not, for any reason, drop your children off at the front of the school, this is the bus loading and unloading zone.

### Dates to Remember

Nov. 1	All Saints' Day
Nov.2	All Souls' Day Dance-A-Thon Gr 5/6 Paquin—Crawford Lake Pizza Day Shinny Hockey
Nov. 5	Silvercreek Gr 5 D'Ettore Lunch Lady
Nov. 7	PA Day
Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 12	Officer Allen Community Police Officer, Class Visits Lunch Lady
Nov. 12	Silvercreek—Freeman
Nov. 16	Pizza Day Shinny Hockey
Nov. 19	PA Day
Nov. 20	Retake Photo Day
Nov. 21	Gr 9 Parent Info Mtg. at Holy Name of Mary 7:00 pm
Nov. 22	Gr 9 Parent Info Mtg. at Holy Name of Mary 7:00 pm
Nov. 26	Lunch lady
Nov. 28	Gr 7 Crawford Lake Jr. Div. Peter Pan Gr 9 Parent Info Mtg. Iona Arts & Culture Program 7:00 pm
Nov. 29	Fred Penner—Primary Division
Nov. 30	Pizza Day Shinny Hockey
Dec. 3	Skipping Rope Assembly JK-8 Confirmation Enrollment at Loyola 7:00 pm
Dec. 4	Skipping Rope Class Workshops JK-8 Report Cards Go Home
Dec. 5	Hep B. Catch-up and Gr 8 Girls HPV
Dec. 6	Pizza Day Report Card Parent/Teacher Interviews Evening
Dec. 7	PA Day—Report Card Parent/Teacher Interview
Dec. 10	Parent Council Mtg. at 6:30 pm
Dec. 11	Advent Mass: 10:00 am Kindergarten Liturgy 10:30 am Grades 1—8
Dec. 20	Assembly Pizza Day
Dec. 24—Jan. 4	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 11	Pizza Day
Jan. 15	Gr 9 Holy Name of Mary Lottery Registration
Jan. 16	Gr 9 Holy Name of Mary Lottery Draw
Jan. 18	Gr 7/8 Clay Workshop
Jan. 25	Assemblies Pizza Day
Jan. 30	PA Day



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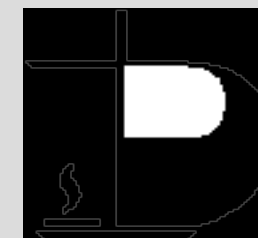
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# St. Mark School

November 2007

Always  
&  
Forever



**In the rising of the sun and its going down,  
We will remember them.**

**In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
We will remember them.**

**In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
We will remember them.**

**In the rushing of the leaves  
and in the beauty of autumn,  
We will remember them.**

**So long as we live,  
They too will live...**

*Remembrance Day*

We invite parents and guardians to join us at our November Assembly for Remembrance Day to honour those people who have given their lives so that our families could live in peace and freedom. Our Remembrance Day Services are being held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for Kindergarten-Grade 3 and 10:15 am for Grades 4-8 in the school gymnasium.

## Principal's Message



November has arrived and how quickly! October was filled with many activities. Thank you for your generosity during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thanks to the Student Council for their help. A particular thank you to the School Council for organizing our Dance-A-Thon to raise money for our school. Thank you for your pledges. I enjoy seeing the liturgies and entertainment put on by the host classes each month at our assemblies. Thanks to our October host classes Ms. Seyarto's Grade 1/2 and Mrs. Johnson's Grade 4/5. Thank you to parents who have attended. I invite all parents to join us for our monthly assemblies. Our next assembly is on November 9th to honour Remembrance Day.

November is a month that is particularly important to us as we celebrate All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Remembrance Day. We come together as a Catholic Community to celebrate and show respect for those men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we may live in freedom. Please support the Royal Canadian Legion and buy a poppy. We continue to pray for world peace. The feast of All Saints is a reminder to praise the men and women of faith who courageously lived the teachings of Jesus and guide and inspire us in our faith day.

November is also shaping up to be a busy month. Please check the calendar. The staff, students, parents and Parish make this a wonderful Catholic learning community. Please continue to assist us in providing a safe learning environment for your children. Remember to make your own sunshine everyday....be kind to someone when they least expect it. Our November virtue is "Conscience" - Let us now pray...for the grace and strength to be people of *conscience*—people who know the good and decent way to act and then choose to act that way.

God Bless,

Connie Gale

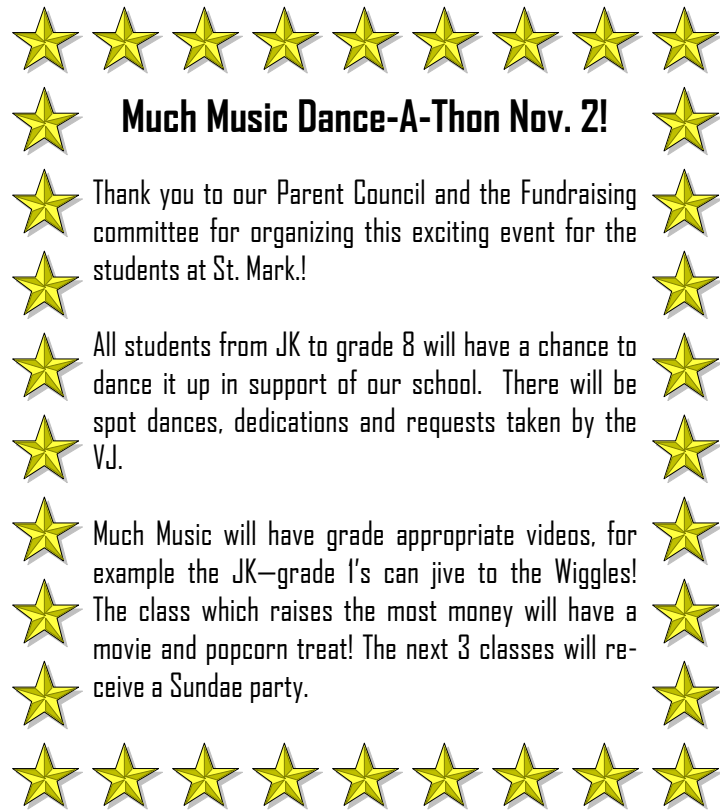
## Professional Activity Days

Please note that **November 7th is a Faith Based Professional Activity Day** for celebration of mass as a Catholic Community and education system. It includes prayer and reflection for the whole system of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. **Nov. 19th is a Professional Activity Day** and is set aside for student assessment, and evaluation. Students do not come to school on those days.



## Reporting Time

Report cards will be going home on December 4th. Teachers will be setting times to meet with you, regarding your child's progress. The evening of **December 6th and the day of December 7th** will be when the majority of interviews will occur.



## Much Music Dance-A-Thon Nov. 2!

Thank you to our Parent Council and the Fundraising committee for organizing this exciting event for the students at St. Mark!

All students from JK to grade 8 will have a chance to dance it up in support of our school. There will be spot dances, dedications and requests taken by the VJ.

Much Music will have grade appropriate videos, for example the JK—grade 1's can jive to the Wiggles! The class which raises the most money will have a movie and popcorn treat! The next 3 classes will receive a Sundae party.

## School Safety

The Safety of our students during recess and lunch is paramount. While out on the playground students are asked to engage in activities that are not harmful to themselves or others. Please remind your child to play with students in his or her own grade or division. Students are reminded on a regular basis to keep 'hands and feet to themselves'. We would also remind parents that only school personnel are allowed in the yard or playground. In the event you need to reach your child during recess, please come to the office.

## Annual Youth Summit

Three students from St. Mark were chosen to participate in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. This is Mayor McCallion's second Annual Youth Summit. This summit is hosted by the city along with its partners, The Dufferin-Peel CDSB and the Peel District School Board, and The Peel Regional Police. It gives young people aged 12 to 18 a chance to address issues and express their opinions and concerns regarding the future of our city. A report will be created and distributed to participants and various community organizations following the summit. The keynote speaker, Andy Thibodeau, spoke to the students about being a caring leader in the schools and the power of positivity. The students had a very inspiring day! Thank you to Vanessa M., Vana L. and Kishor J. who went with Ms. Ramsay to represent St. Mark at the Mayor's Youth Summit.

**Allergy Alert:** St. Mark school is an Allergen Aware school. Please do not send in cakes or treats which could be harmful to students with allergies. Please consider stickers, pencils or creative ways to celebrate, other than food items. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Electronic Devices

The Board also recognizes that unregulated use of PEDs may pose a risk to the individual safety of students, staff and visitors in our schools. In some cases, unregulated use of PEDs may facilitate illegal activities in the school environment or during school-sanctioned activities all PEDs must be kept out of sight, turned off and not used within school premises (including portables) or during school-sanctioned activities such as retreats, field trips, sports events, etc. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, we encourage students to leave their PEDs at home.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the confiscation of the PED and/or disciplinary action as outlined in the Catholic Code of Conduct.



## Staying in For Recess

Colder weather is here again! 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, labeled with their names.

We sometimes receive requests to allow children to remain indoors when students have a cold, flu etc. Please note it is difficult to comply, as we have neither the facilities, nor the staff to supervise these students. Health officials indicate that fresh air is beneficial, as long as students are dressed appropriately.

On extremely cold days, we limit the amount of time that students spend out of doors. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow Board guidelines. With the exception of these occasions, all children will go out for recesses and the lunch break.

## St. Mark Assemblies

We hope you had an opportunity to attend our monthly school assemblies. Each month two classes take responsibility for organizing assemblies for the school. The assembly generally begins with a liturgy and then is centered around a theme for the month. Classes choose what they will share from performing songs, choral readings, or something totally surprising. The assembly for JK to Grade 3 takes place at 9:00 am and the Grades 4 to 8 assembly takes place at 10:15. We hope that you will have an opportunity to join us at St. Mark. The next assembly is Nov. 9 for Remembrance Day.

## All-Star Reading



We are pleased to welcome back our All-Star coaches (volunteers) for another year helping literacy grow in our school. Our coaches, the parents, will be working with students in Grades 1 – 3 to assist them with literacy skills development. We appreciate our volunteers' commitment under the direction of our parent, Mrs. Coholic and the librarian, Mrs. Tinkham. We look forward to a great year of helping student enjoy reading! If you would like to volunteer call Mrs. Tinkham, our school librarian, or the office.

## St. Mark Choir

Under the direction of Mrs. Legere, students from Junior and Intermediate grades are participating in choir and will be expected to attend practices every week in room 117. Song is a prayer prayed twice. We look forward to raising our voices in song.

## Student Council News



The Student Council of St. Mark School is working hard to plan many fun activities for the 2007-2008 school year with the teacher advisors, Mrs. Lein and Mrs. Mahoney.

An important outreach activity was the Thanksgiving Food Drive, where council supervised the collection and delivery of food to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish.

Student council organized a Halloween Colouring Contest. Pictures were designed by Grade 8 students at our school. **Winners:** JK: Lucy, SK-Bryan D., Gr 1-Daniela D, Gr.2-Ben T., Gr.3- Alexandra P.

Student Council sold popcorn on Halloween for \$1.00 per bag. They have also organized a Halloween Costume Contest for JK—Gr 8. One winner is selected per grade.

Student council is asking students to save any unwanted Halloween candy, and bring it to school so we can donate it to Doctor Simone – Canadian Food for Children.

Student Council also helped the Fundraiser for the Much Music Dance-a-thon by making posters and announcements.

Finally, the Student Council representatives will be taking donations for poppies beginning Nov. 1st. Don't forget to bring your donation.