



# St. Mark School

January 2008



## Let the Earth Rejoice

Jesus, thank you for coming among us  
to reveal just how much we are loved.

I join with your people everywhere to give praise and thanks to you  
today. May the whole world come to know of your great love for us.

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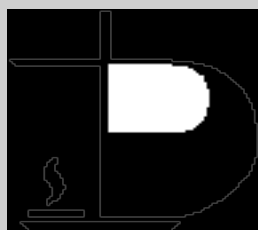
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## *Principal's Message*



**A Very Happy New Year to all! Welcome to 2008!**

**I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and New Year and feel rejuvenated and ready for our second term. Thank you for all your kind wishes at Christmas.**

**Thank you to Mrs. Legere for organizing the beautiful Christmas performance, the choir, and playing for the concert and at the assembly. I would also like to thank the Primary Division (Mrs. Kuta, Ms. Ramelli, Ms. Nevins, Ms. Seyarto, Mrs. Malison, Mrs. Pereira and Ms. Eschli for a wonderful Christmas Concert.**

**Thank you to our custodial staff, Mr. Tiburzi, Mrs. Goncalves and Mr. LaRizza, for all their extra efforts during the holiday season. Thank you the St. Mark Community for your generosity on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The families we helped were extremely grateful for the kindness extended to them with gifts. Special thanks are extended to Ms Ramelli and Mrs. Kuta for co-ordinating the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets.**

**Thank you to Mrs. Lien and Mrs. Mahoney for organizing the candy-gram/ message grams sales with Student Council. A donation has been made to World Vision (sponsoring a child from Africa) and to ShareLife. Student council also organized donations to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children charity.**

**God Bless ,**

**Connie Gale**

## Extended French Registration

Grade 4 Parent Information Meeting for students interested in attending the grade 5 Extended French program for the 2008-2009 school year. More detailed information will be available on **Monday, February 4, 2008**, at **St. Christopher School**, at **7:00 pm**, in the school gym.

## Professional Activity Day

**Wednesday day, January 30, 2008** is Professional Activity Day for teachers and administrators. There is no school for students on that day.

**Tuesday February 5, 2008, is an Early Release Day.** There will be no afternoon classes for students on this day, which has been set aside for Curriculum Professional Development. Students from Grades 1 to 8 will be dismissed at 11:30 am for the remainder of the day. Morning Kindergarten will be dismissed at their regular time 11:00 am. **There will be no afternoon classes for Kindergarten.** Transportation will be provided at 11:30 am for those students who take the bus.

## Severe Weather

Children will be kept in at recess if the wind chill equivalent temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower. This is in accordance with the policy of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. We will, of course, monitor the weather situation on a daily basis. The safety of our students is always of utmost concern.

## Canadian Opera Company Coming to St. Mark



Once again the COC will be working with the Grade 7 and 8 students. Our intermediate students will have the chance to see "Tosca" at the Four Seasons Centre. Beginning in March, all Grade 7 and 8 classes will "Build an Opera" from the ground up on a theme that interests them. An artist from the COC will guide our students through a collaborative process of finding a story, writing the text, composing the music and staging the final work. It is an excellent opportunity to bring the "life of the opera" into our school and to see the hard work of the final product our students present.

## Allergies/Anaphylactic Shock

As most parents are aware, there are students in our school with severe life-threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and nuts. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to certain allergens and can result in death within minutes. Please ensure that the food you send in with your child is free from peanuts or nut products. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

## Sacramental Dates

1st Reconciliation	February 27th	7:00 pm
Confirmation	April 23rd	7:00 pm
1st Eucharist	April 27th	2:00 pm
	May 2nd	2:00 pm



## School Assembly

Our Host classes for this month's assembly are:

Mrs. Pereira JK/SK am 9:15 am Grs K-3  
Mrs. Keddy Gr 4 Class 10:30 am Grs 4-8

## Artist in the School



With support from the Parent Council, classes will have an opportunity to have Scientists in the School visit individual classes. This organization from the University of Toronto provides a wonderful engaging program for students which matches the curriculum expectations for the grade level. On **January 15th** the Grade 2's will have a hands-on workshop on *Simple Machines*. On **January 17th** the Grade 1's will have a hands-on workshop on *Everyday Structures*.

## Bus Cancellation Website



The Dufferin-Peel District School Board and the Peel District School Board have been added to the 'SchoolBusMonitor.com' website, and can be accessed for bus cancellation information effective immediately. SchoolBusMonitor.com provides up to date bus cancellation and school closure information on the web for a number of jurisdictions across Ontario.

**OOPS!** Mrs. Keddy's class also won an ice cream party for fundraising for the Dance-a-thon.

## City of Mississauga Institutes Fines for False Alarms



Starting on **January 1, 2008**, schools in Mississauga will be fined \$700.00 each time firefighters have to respond to a false alarm.

Mississauga Associate Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Duffy, said it is a cost to all taxpayers when firefighters respond to false alarms. The new system is being introduced to deter the number of false alarms. Individual students and their guardians may be charged in such instances. In your discussions with your children about fire alarms and drills, please remind them of the serious nature of these drills. Students are to clear the building in under 2 minutes and must exit without stopping. It is essential that students are wearing

## Kindergarten Registration

JK/SK registration for 2008 school year takes place on

February 25th                    7:00—9:00 pm  
February 27th, 28th, and 29th  
    9:00—11:00 am  
    1:00—3:00 pm

**Please provide birth certificate, original Catholic Baptismal Certificate for parent and child, immunization record, proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will host a Kindergarten Entry Planning Information Night. This meeting is for parents of children with special needs which effect their learning, such as vision, hearing, physical, developmental or autism, who are entering junior or senior kindergarten in September 2008. Further information will follow.

## Full Day Kindergarten in future

For those of you who like to plan ahead, beginning in 2010 or 2011 all day kindergarten will be coming to schools! The Ministry of Education will be supporting this initiative. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

## Virtues Program

In the month of January, St. Mark School will focus on the

Virtue of *self control*. Through prayer and concentration, the students are encouraged to get better at controlling their reactions. We strive to get better at showing self control.

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret.

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.

Self control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.



## School Council Meeting

Please come out and support our School Council at our meetings. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 28th at 6:30 pm** in the school library. Babysitting is available at all meetings

## Dates to Remember

January 14th    Lunch Lady, Fr. Lester Visits  
January 15/16th Holy Name of Mary Registration  
                          Gr 2 Workshop Simple Machines  
January 17th    Gr 1 Workshop Everyday Structures  
January 18th    Gr 7/8 classes Clay Workshop  
January 21st    Lunch Lady, Fr. Lester Visits, Int., Girls BBall @ home  
January 22nd    Community Police Class Visits  
January 23rd    Int. Boys BBall @ All Saints  
January 25th    School Assembly 9:15 am K-3—10:30 am 4-8  
                          Pizza Day  
January 28th    Lunch Lady, Fr. Lester Visits, Int. Girls BBall @ CTK  
January 29th    Int. Boys BBall @ home  
January 30th    PA Day  
January 31st    Int. Boys BBall @ St. Margaret of Scotland  
February 1st    Gr 7/8 Living Arts Centre Dance workshop  
February 4th    Fr. Lester Visits, Ext. French Mtg. 7:00 pm  
                          St. Christopher  
February 5th    Early Release—no pm classes  
February 6th    Ash Wednesday, Int. Girls B.Ball @ home  
February 7th    Int. Boys BBall @ CTK  
February 8th    Int Div. Geo. Contest at 2:00 pm gym  
February 11th    Int Girls BBall @ St. Marg of Scotland  
February 13th    Gr 8 Confirmation Retreat at Mr. Alverno  
February 15th    Gr 7 Diversity Conference at Pope John Paul II Centre 9:30-11:30 am  
February 20th    Gr 7/8 COC “Tosca”  
February 26th    Gr 8 Grad Photos  
February 27th    1st Reconciliation 7:00 pm

