

## Kiss'N Ride

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.

## 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 of our librarian, Mrs. Tinkham. We look forward to a great year of helping students enjoy reading! If you would like to volunteer, call Mrs. Tinkham, or the office and leave your name, phone number and days you are available.

## Intermediate Flag Football

Beginning in September of this year, the St. Mark Intermediate Flag Football Team began its season with practices every Tuesday and Thursday after school. The season, and all the hard work, culminated on November 6th as the team participated in the St. Mark Invitational Flag Football Tournament. The tournament consisted of five teams including: St. Jerome, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Louis, and St. Christopher. St. Mark went a perfect 4-0. In each game, our team demonstrated great sportsmanship and ability. Congratulations to the team and coaches: Mr. Freeman, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Scicluna.

## Cross-Country Family/Board Meet

The cross country coaches would like to thank the students who practiced so diligently over the months of September and October for the St. Mark Cross Country Team. Not only did St. Mark placed well at the Family Meet and Board Meet but most importantly they showed excellent team spirit and were wonderful ambassadors for St. Mark School.

At the Family Meet, St. Mark School did well and the following students went on to represent St. Mark School at the Board meet: Daniel J., Daniel K., Scott L., Ryan P., Gary B., Nicholas K., Jakub T., Victoria S., Pablo L., Evan G., Matthew T., Tomi K., Brendan K., Liam R., Chantal L., Kaitlyn R., Monika N., Meaghan S., Denise F., Shannon E., Chris L.

### The results of the Board Meet:

Grade 7 Boys' Team—2nd—Grade 6 Girls' Team—3rd  
Gr 7 Boys' - Scott L.—4th—Gr 6 Boys' - Liam R.—2nd  
Gr 6 Girls' - Shannon E.—6th

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 and Brandon L. Gr 7 who kept track of all the time results.



## Dates to Remember

Nov. 1	All Saints' Day
Nov.2	All Souls' Day
Nov 3	Lunch Lady
Nov. 6	Black Creek Pioneer Village Gr 3
Nov 10	Lunch Lady
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Assembly—Ms. D'Ettore/Mr. Freeman's classes 10:15 am Gr 4-8 12:30 pm JK-3
Nov. 13	Pizza Day Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser D'Ettore—Mississauga Civic Centre St. Francis Xavier S.S. IB Program Parent Info. Mtg. @ 7:00 pm
Nov. 14	PA Day—no school for students
Nov 17	Lunch Lady
Nov. 18	Director's Cut Gr 3/4 Ms. Keddy Eden Community Food Bank "Twoonie Tuesday"
Nov. 19	Director's Cut Gr 4 Ms. Johnson
Nov 24	Lunch Lady
Nov. 25	Ohinski—Mississauga Civic Centre
Nov. 26	Holy Name of Mary Parent Info Mtg. @ 7:00 pm
Nov 27	Iona Catholic S.S. Arts Program Parent Info. Mtg. @ 7:00 pm
Nov. 28	Pizza Day Paquin Mississauga Civic Centre
Nov. 30	Pizza Day
Dec. 1	Confirmation Enrollment at Loyola 7:00 pm Lunch Lady
Dec. 2	Advent Mass @ 10:30 am Gr 2 Reconciliation Enrollment Ceremony Kindergarten Liturgy @ 10:00 am Report Cards Go Home
Dec. 4	Report Card Parent/Teacher Interviews Evening
Dec. 5	PA Day—Parent/Teacher Interview
Dec. 8	Parent Council Mtg. & Christmas Social @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 10	Cinderella Jr. Division Trip
Dec. 11	Primary Division Christmas Concert Silvercreek—Ms. Keddy Gr 3/4
Dec. 12	Pizza Day
Dec. 18	Silvercreek—Ms. Johnson Gr 4
Dec. 19	Christmas Sing-A-Long Assembly
Dec. 22—	Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays
Jan. 5	Return Back to School
Jan. 9	Pizza Day
Jan. 19	Gr 7 Heb B and Gr 8 Girls HPV
Jan. 23	Gr 7 & 8 Dance Workshop Pizza Day
Jan. 28	PA Day—no school for students
Jan. 29	Extended French Parent Info. Mtg. @ St. Christopher School @ 7:00 pm
Jan. 18	Gr 7/8 Clay Workshop
Jan. 25	Assemblies



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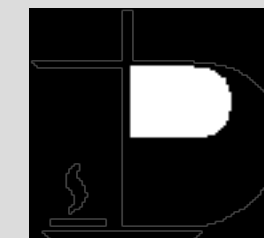
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# St. Mark School

November 2008

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 Assembly will be on **Tuesday, November 11th at 10:15 am for Grades 4-8** and at **12:30 pm for JK-Gr 3** 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. 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. Ramelli and Mrs. Kuta. Thank you to parents who have attended. I invite all parents to join us for our monthly assemblies. Our next assembly is on **November 11th** 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" - Is the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will make sure you will always have love in your life. Our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how to be a good friend. Sometimes it is hard for us to do the right thing, but we must always remember that the right thing to do is not always the easy thing to do.

God Bless,

Connie Gale

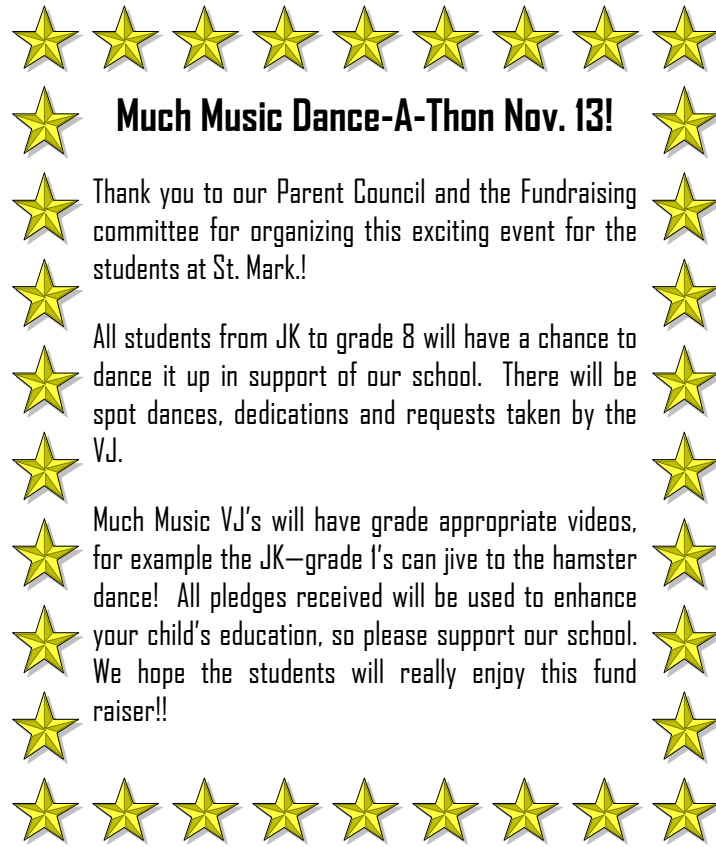
## Professional Activity Days

Please note that **November 14th is a Professional Activity Day** and is set aside for student assessment, and evaluation. Students do not come to school on that day.



## Reporting Time

Report cards will be going home on Tuesday, December 2nd. Teachers will be setting times to meet with you, regarding your child's progress. The evening of **December 4th** and during the day of **December 5th** will be when the majority of interviews will occur.



## Much Music Dance-A-Thon Nov. 13!

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 VJ's will have grade appropriate videos, for example the JK-grade 1's can jive to the hamster dance! All pledges received will be used to enhance your child's education, so please support our school. We hope the students will really enjoy this fund raiser!!

## 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.

## Cold Weather

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.

**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.

## 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 on **Tuesday, November 11th** for Remembrance Day. **Due to a scheduling change the Primary assembly will be at 12:30 pm for JK to Grade 3.**

## St. Mark Choir

Under the direction of Mrs. Legere and Ms Ramelli, students from Junior and Intermediate grades are participating in choir and will be expected to attend practices every week. 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 2008-2009 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 for the Primary Division. **Winners: JK/SK:** Sophie S. Krystian R.,



Jacob S., Julian D., **Gr 1:** Nicholas J., Victoria T., Anastacia P., **Gr 2:** Daniela D., Jacob C., **Gr 3:** Ben T., Colin M., Alexander L.

This year we tried something new. Activities were organized for each division and we asked for a small donation towards ShareLife in order to participate. Spooky Halloween Stations were set up in the gym for the Primary classes to rotate through and they had a "howlin" time!

The Juniors participated in a 40 minute "Monster Mash Bash" dance in the gym, while the Intermediates enjoyed their own Halloween dance and freshly popped popcorn.

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

Candy Cane Grams (peanut free) will be sold in the classroom from December 8—12 for .25 cent each or 5 for a \$1.00. These can also be purchased by parents for their own child at the office. The Candy Cane Grams will be delivered to students the last week before the Christmas Break. Proceeds will be donated to ShareLife and World Vision.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Mark School will once again be supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ignatius Loyola Church. We will begin collecting donations on Monday, December 1st. Further information will be sent home.

## Eden Community Food Bank

Believe it or not ...our neighbourhood needs a food bank and the food bank needs you! Eden Community Food Bank helps feed up to 1,000 people each month from the L5N and L5M postal codes. Their clients' challenges span a variety of circumstances including income-challenged single parents, newcomers to Canada, individuals experiencing unemployment gaps and victims of social abuse to name a few. Unfortunately, almost half of the recipients of ECFB's food are children who would go hungry without their help. On **Tuesday, November 18th** please bring in a "Twoonie" to help support Eden Community Food Bank.

## Parent Council

Our next council meeting is on **Monday December 8th, at 6:30 pm** in the school library.

The Parent Council and Fundraising Committee would like to thank Mr. Victor Rabba, of Rabba Fine Foods, for his generous donations of water and juice for our Much Music Dance-A-Thon.