

November Newsletter

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Prayer of Remembrance

We remember those who stood for love and truth and thank you for the sacrifice they made for me and you. Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight. Thank you that we can now sing and play and not be scared or hide.

We pray for other countries where children live in fear and there is war and fighting and many are in tears. Please help to make things better and bring some peace to them. Protect all those who try and help to make friends again.

Amen.



Principal's Message

We All Belong

November is a month of remembrance and a time when we reflect and share our kindness with others. We are reminded that as children of God we are “peacemakers” in our community and that we have a responsibility to strive to improve not only our own lives but the lives of others around us. It is our hope that the children at Mary Fix Catholic School will follow Jesus’ path to create an inclusive and just community which truly reflects His love for all. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Yours in Catholic Education

C. Sforza Principal

PA DAY REMINDER

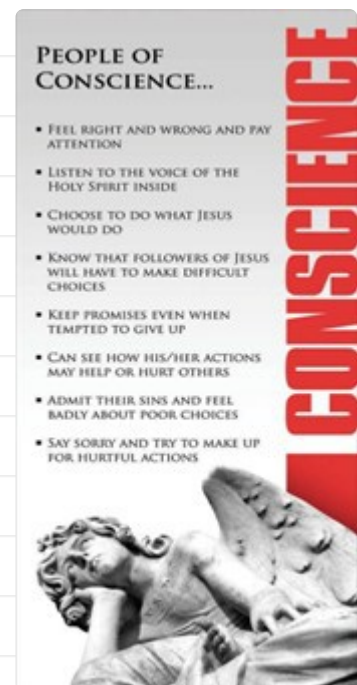
There will be a professional activity day on Friday, November 22nd, 2024. There is no school for students on this day.

November Virtue – Conscience

This month we will celebrate the virtue of
Conscience

A person of conscience...

- Feel right and wrong and pay attention
- Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit inside
- Choose to do what Jesus would do
- Know that followers of Jesus will have to make difficult choices
- Keeps promises even when tempted to give up.
- Can see how his/her actions may help or hurt others
- Admit their sins and feel badly about poor choices
- Say sorry and try to make up for hurtful actions.



Virtue Winners of EMPATHY

FDK A - L. Santos & V. Slobodian

FDK B - P. Maran-MacNeil, L. Morawa & O. Szymanski

Grade 1/2 A - Clara D., Piper P. & Antonio R.

Grade 1/2 B - Philip K., Alijah P. & Gia V.

Grade 3A - Valentina E., Jordan M. & Sonya S.

Grade 4A - Francine S. & Fareedah S.

Grade 5A - S. Amaral & M. Gawel

Grade 6A - Gabriella M. & Vanessa M.

Grade 7A - Johnny S. & Sofia A.

Grade 8A - Kianna N. & Milana P.

SERC - Valentina K. & Jamila T.

All Saints' Day – November 1st

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. The saints also give us a model of holiness. The charity they lived on Earth lives on. The witness of their love and sacrifice was not just a one time act in history. Rather, charity is living and continues to have an effect for the good. Therefore, the charity and witness of the saints lives on and affects our lives. This charity in their lives creates a bond with us, a communion. It enables us to love them, admire them and want to follow their example. It is this, coupled with their continuing intercession, that establishes a powerful bond of love and union with us.

All Soul's Day – November 2nd

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. All Souls Day, which is observed on November 2nd, is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

Remembrance Day

On November 11, 2024 we will be having an assembly hosted by Mrs. Patten's Grade 8 class. The poppy flower has become a symbol of sacrifice and remembrance during the First World War. It continues today as one of the most visible symbols of our caring for those who served our country and our understanding of why their service is important. Wearing a poppy on November 11th is a personal way of saying "I know and I care"

Junior Girls and Junior Boys Volleyball Teams

The Junior Girls and Junior Boys Volleyball teams attended the Mississauga South Family Tournaments on October 8th and 9th. They played well as a team and demonstrated excellent team spirit making all of us proud. Special Thanks to Mrs. Telfeyan and Mrs. Giovannini for volunteering to coach both of these teams.

Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams

The Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams have started their season. The team members are:

Boys:

Isaiah O.

Marcus C.

Lucas H.

Tyler B.

Noah Ac.

Noah Al.

Michael M.

Geronimo G.

Pavlo S.

Girls:

Karmen T.

Samantha E.

Milana P.

Dania B.

Natalia C.

Natalia S.

Eliana M.

Julia G.

Daniela S.

Uchenna O.

Victoria M.

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Thanks to Mrs. Patten and Mr. Chornous for volunteering to coach both teams.

Cross Country Team

On October 16, 2024 Mrs. Dinga and Mr. Chornous brought 34 students to the Mississauga South Cross Country Meet at Erindale Park. All our students showed great sportsmanship and demonstrated excellent school spirit. The Cross-Country team Members were:

Jason D.
Romeo L.
Karlo G.
Celina A.
Daniel W.
Hannah A.
Peter G.
Sal R.
Zoey L.
Tiana G.
Elizabeth C.
Evan F.
Gabby M.
Luka L.
Sophia G.
Vanessa M.
Georgia Z.
Dianne Y.
Johnny S-K
Michael M.
Noah A.
Adam M.
Gero G.
Sophia H.
Julia G.
Kiana N.
Milana P.
Joseph D.
Isaiah O.
Marcus C.
Karmen T.
Anthony B.
Samantha E.
Mikayla M.

Board Cross County Meet

The Board Cross Country Meet took place on October 22, 2024, at Centennial Park. We were proud to have two students representing Mary Fix Catholic School. Sofia G. came in 18th place and Romeo L. came in 28th place.

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Progress Reports

Staff have been preparing Progress Reports (Grade 1-8) and the Communication of Learning Initial Observations (Kindergarten), which will provide parent/guardians with an overview of your child's learning so far. Both the Progress Report and the Communication of Learning Initial Observations will be emailed on November 12th. Please be aware the Progress Report/ Initial Observations is not a formal Report Card and students will not be receiving a letter /numerical grades indicating achievement of overall expectations. Your child 's teacher will be holding interviews for students where there may be a concern, or further parental input may prove beneficial to support learning on Thursday November 14th. There is a new on-line program for parents to book an interview. More information will be sent out to parents shortly. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Christmas Store

Our annual Christmas Store hosted by Mrs. Patten's Grade 8 class will take place on Thursday, December 12th. More information will be sent home shortly.



Breakfast with Santa – SAVE THE DATE!

This year we are happy to present a magical Christmas event....Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14th! Stay tuned for more information.

Winter Wear

As the colder weather begins, 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, all labeled with their names.

Snowpants keep children dry and warm on snowy or wet winter days and are highly recommended.

It is also a great idea to keep a spare pair of socks in your child's backpack.

Indoor shoes keep the halls clean and safe for all students and staff.

Outdoor Play

Please ensure your child is properly dressed for outdoor play in a Canadian Winter. **It is a school expectation that all students go outside for recess for exercise and fresh air. We also ask that your child have a pair of indoor shoes for classroom use.** Please note that in the event of an emergency/evacuation students will not have the opportunity to put boots on. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing the **school rule that snow stays on the ground.** For everyone's safety we don not allow snowballs, kicking snow, or any other snow/ice activity that could lead to potential harm or injury.

NO Dogs on School Property

For the safety of our students, parents, guardians and staff **please do not bring dogs on school property** when you are picking up or dropping off students. Thank you for helping keep the school environment safe.

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Allergy Awareness

There are a number of students at Mary Fix Catholic School that have severe life threatening allergy to nuts and nut products. It is therefore imperative that families refrain from sending to school any food that contains nut products. Due to the severity of the allergies within our school, we ask that parents not send in any baked goods to share with classmates. Non-food items are encouraged such as stickers, pencils etc.

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Be Safe! Arrive On Time!

The Ministry of Education states that it is the responsibility of each parent to ensure that his/her child be in attendance at all classes and schedules activities on time and with the proper materials required for full participation. Our Entry door is open at 8:45-9:00. We start morning prayers and announcements at 9:05. Any students arriving after this time will be considered late. Your child's lateness affects not only their academic program but also disrupts the class. Regular attendance on the part of the student is vital to the process of learning. Please help us to work together and ensure that your child(ren) are arriving to class on time each day.

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Attendance

Please report all absences through go.schoolmessenger.ca; by accessing the App. School Messenger or by phoning 1-844-435-3440

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Kiss and Ride

Thank– you to those parents who are following the rules of Kiss and Ride. As a reminder please do not stop at the Kindergarten gate to drop off your child(ren). Please pull up to the sign in the Kiss and Ride lane so your child(ren) can use the crosswalk. Please refrain from getting out of your car to escort your child(ren). This is an unsafe practice. If your child is not able to exit your car independently please park in the side parking lot or on the street and walk with your child(ren) to their entry door. Kiss and Ride only works when there is a continuous flow of vehicles. The Kiss and Ride lane allows an adult to drop-off their child(ren) without out getting out of the vehicle.

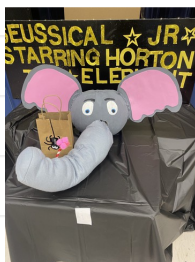
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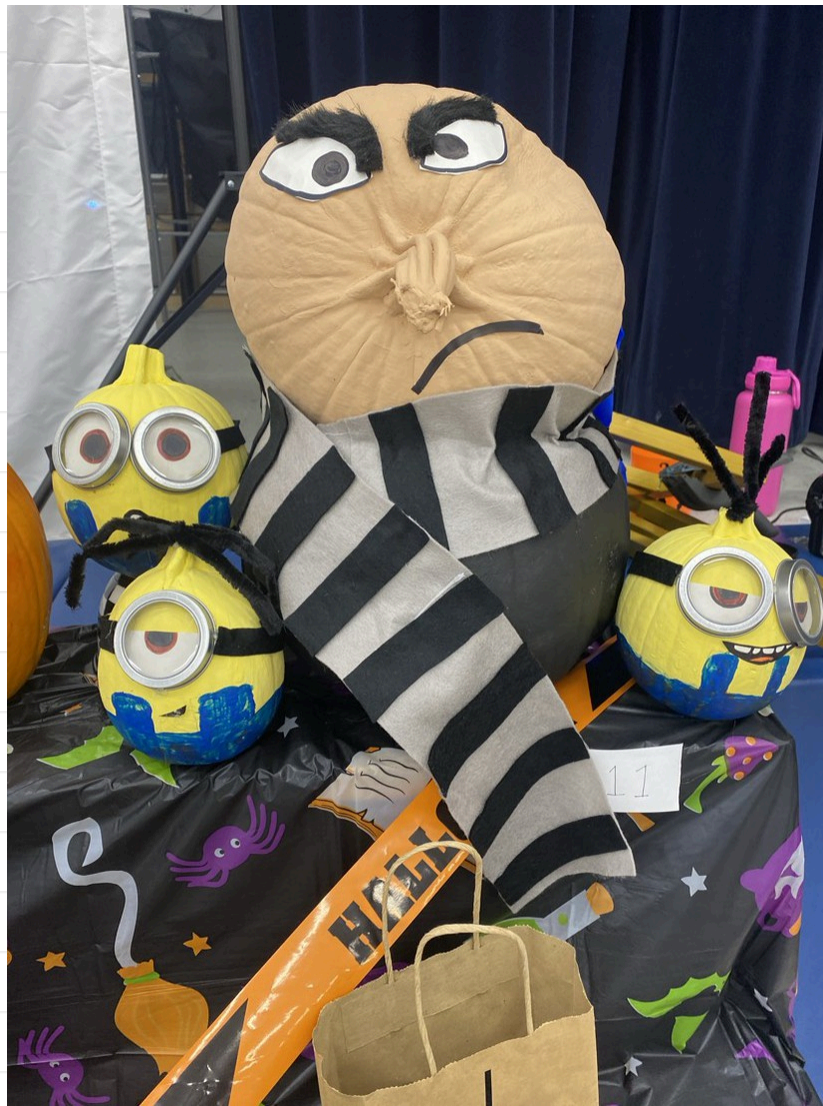
Dismissal Time

Parents are invited to use the Kiss and Ride lane also at dismissal time. Please do not park your car in the Kiss and Ride lane. You must stay with your car and wait for your child(ren) to come outside. If you are using the side parking lot please only park in available spaces and do not double park in the emergency exit areas. You may be required to park on the street if the side parking lot is full and walk over to meet your child(ren).

A very special THANK-YOU

We would like to extend our most sincere appreciation and say Thank-You to our parent volunteers, Ms. D. Raposo, Ms. S. Aguiar & Ms. J Macneil for all their help organizing our Halloween Dance. It was a spooktacular event and we couldn't have done it without you!





Dates to remember

November 1st - Virtue Assembly at 11:20am

November 12th – Progress Reports

November 14th - Parent/Teacher Interview evening

November 22nd – PA Day - No School for students



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