

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## MARY FIX CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## A New Year Prayer

A whole new year is mine... May I be wiser, Lord I pray!

I'll strengthen friendships, old and true, and learn to cherish new ones too!

May I keep on learning and grow a Little better as I go...

To cast aside each grudge and grief, and hold fast to a firm belief

That life is joyous, gracious good, when lived in terms of neighbourhood!

To welcome fun, and play a while, to lighten work and a happy smile!

To thank the Lord and every day, remember Him and kneel and pray

In gratitude for strength and health and blessings which are all wealth!

This year's a gift from God to me to spend, or use, or set me free..

A whole new year is mine today...May I be wiser, Lord I pray!

Amen

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## Principal's Message

As we begin 2025 we reflect back with thanks for all the wonderful things that have occurred we look forward to a future full of hope and promise. I want to say a heartfelt thanks to the students, and their families and staff for creating a spirit of excitement, generosity and caring within our community during the Advent Season. The start of a new year is always a time for reflection and resolution. As we come back to school in person, we look back and reflect on what we have accomplished and what we want to do better. During the month of January, take a few moments with your child/children and ask them to reflect on the gifts and talents God has given them and have them think of ways they can share those gifts with others during the New Year. In 2025 we continue to build community through relationships with home, school and parish to ensure Mary Fix continues to provide a safe, positive and enriched learning environment for all students. May this year be filled with good health, peace and happiness for all families and may God bless you and your families with joy, hope and peace throughout 2025.

Yours in Catholic Education

C. Sforza



### January ~ Self Control

God wants us to do what we know and feel is right. Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. It also helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others. Each time you exercise self-control you grow stronger in the Lord and invite peace to settle over life as you avoid any guilt you may feel from having made a poor decision.

Our Daily Prayer for Self-Control

Let us pray for the virtue of self-control so that we will resist the temptation to cause harm to ourselves or to others around us. Amen.

From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, a person with self-control...

- Has a positive, confident sense of self and others
- Adapts to situations in light of the common good
- Thinks reflectively to solve problems
- Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving and resource management skills
- Reflects on personal values, abilities and aspirations
- Participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced and healthy lifestyle.



## **Virtue Winners of Hope**

FDK A: Tiya M. & Remington M.

FDK B: Adam A., Oliver G. & Krista R.

1/2 A - Divina D. & Selena G. & Mason H.

1/2 B - John O., Roen S. & Filip S.

3A - Levi D., Francisco R. & Saron S.

4A - Lily H. & Veronika S.

5A - Xavier I., Kristina I. & April R.

6A - Elizabeth C., Gabrijel K. & Mason R.

7A - Noah Al. & Hillary A.

8A - Fiona A., Kayla C. & Michael H.

SERC - Isaiah L. & Serena L.

## **Virtue of Self Control Virtual Liturgy**

Mrs. Dinga's Grade 4 class will be presenting the Virtue of Self Control Liturgy on January 30th, 2025.

## **Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open**

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. Parents/guardians can register online at [dpcdsb.org](https://dpcdsb.org).

## **January 13-16 - Registration for St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre**

Registration for St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre International Baccalaureate Programmes for the 2025-26 school year (Kindergarten to Grade 8) will take place Monday, January 13 to Thursday, January 16, 2025. St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre is an authorized International Baccalaureate (I.B.) World School which offers the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP) and provides learning opportunities with a global focus for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. As a regional site, St. James C.G.L.C. does not offer online registration through the board's online system. The registration process is outlined on the [registration section of the school website](#). The completed registration form(s) and supporting documentation can be sent by email to [St.JamesInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:St.JamesInfo@dpcdsb.org). In the event the number of applications exceeds the number of allotted spaces, completed applications received by the due date will be subject to the random selection process. To be included in the random selection process, registrations must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025. For more information, visit the [school website](#) or contact the school office at 905-891-7619 or [St.JamesInfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:St.JamesInfo@dpcdsb.org).

## Jan 16 & 20 - Entry Planning Info Sessions for students with Differing Abilities

The DPCDSB Special Education and Learning Services Department invites parents/guardians to an information session to support the entry planning and transition for students with differing abilities who will be new to the DPCDSB and beginning September 2025. Parents/guardians will have the option to attend the in-person or a virtual session of this event. During the in-person session, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet with board staff and to learn more about the entry planning and transition process for students with differing abilities. The same information presented at the in-person event will be shared at the virtual evening session for those families who choose to attend online.

**In-Person Session:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., St. Marcellinus Secondary School, 730 Courtneypark Dr. W. Mississauga

**Virtual Session:** Monday, January 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Virtual Presentation via Microsoft TEAMS

**REGISTRATION:** [Register online](#) by Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Please refer to the [event flyer](#) for registration and information. Inquiries regarding registration for the parent information session may be directed to Fara Miranda Fernandes, Resource Secretary, Special Education & Learning Services at 905-890-0708 Ext. 24011 or [Fara.MirandaFernandes@dpcdsb.org](mailto:Fara.MirandaFernandes@dpcdsb.org).

## Allergy Awareness

There are a number of students at Mary Fix Catholic School that have severe, life threatening allergies

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.

## 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 between 8:45-9:00. We start morning prayers and announcements at 9:05. Any students arriving after this time will be considered late and marked accordingly. 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. This also applies to students who are working remotely. They are expected to signed into their Google classroom everyday by 9:00 am.



## 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.



## 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.

## 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). If parking on the street, please obey the signs.

## Christmas Store

We held our Christmas Store on Thursday December 12, 2024. Mrs. Patten's grade 8 class set up the store and worked all day serving the student customers. We raised over \$2000.00 from the store and will be using these proceeds toward the grade 8 trip and the families in need.

## Angels on the Tree

We want to thank all of you for your generosity during our Angels on the Tree. We prepared baskets for 5 families from St. Catherine of Siena Parish through St. Vincent De Paul program. The families were overjoyed with the gifts.

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## Student Supervision

Student supervision begins at 8:45 including on rainy days/inclement weather. We have noticed that some students are being dropped off prior to 8:45. This results in students not being supervised. Please do not drop your child(ren) or have them arrive at school before 8:45 am. Supervision begins at 8:45. Please make arrangements to keep our students safe!

## Student Transportation of Peel Region

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) has established a new “weather zone” procedure for the purposes of monitoring and communicating school bus cancellations on inclement weather days.

School Bus cancellation options include Zone #1, Zone #2, Zone #3.

Please note that our school is part of Weather Zone #\_\_1\_\_

School Bus Cancellations will be communicated by “Weather Zone” through the STOPR website [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and the STOPR twitter account @STOPRinfo by 06:00 am each morning.

For more information on this new weather zone procedure please visit [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and click on the inclement weather tab and then click on STOPR0029 for further details.

When Transportation is cancelled for Zone 1 all schools in this zone are closed for the day.

Teachers will post work on the Google classrooms and will be available to support students.

## REPORT CARDS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Report Card for Term 1 will be going home on Tuesday February 11, 2025. Interviews will take place the evening of Thursday February 13, 2025, and during the day on Friday February 14, 2025. Interviews will be booked online by parents using the same program from the Progress Report cards. All students require an interview for the Term 1 Report Card.

## P.A Days

Monday January 20, 2025, is a Professional Activity Day for Teachers to complete the Term 1 Report cards. There will be no school for students that day.

Friday February 14, 2025, is a Professional Activity Day for Term 1 Report Card Interviews. There will be no school for students that day.

Family Day

Monday February 17, 2025 is Family Day. Please spend some time with your families to create new memories.



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## Junior Girls and Boys Basketball

On the Week of January 6, 2025, Mrs. Kelly will be holding tryouts for the Junior Girls and Boys basketball teams. Students in grades 4-6 are welcome to try out once they have signed permission forms. We thank Mrs. Kelly for volunteering to coach the Junior Girls and Boys basketball teams.

## Special Message from Mrs. Sforza

I had the honour of being appointed as Principal at Mary Fix Catholic School on September 6, 2021. This was my first time in the role of principal. I was a classroom teacher for over 21 years in various grades and roles within the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. I was a Vice-Principal for 10 years prior to being appointed as Principal. I have had an amazing opportunity to serve the Mary Fix community for 4 years and have fond memories of all the various events we have enjoyed. As I am now in my 35th year with Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board my family and I have decided that I will retire on June 30, 2025. I want to say a special thank you to Trustee Bruno Iannicca for his support during my years at Mary Fix. I would also like to thank Superintendent Drago Radic for his guidance and support this present school year. Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for choosing Catholic Education for your child (ren). Once my predecessor has been appointed, I will share this information with you. Please keep me in your prayers as I complete my final 6 months at Mary Fix Catholic School and begin my next journey into retirement. Thank-you and God Bless

C. Sforza

Principal Mary Fix Catholic School

## Dates to Remember

January 6th - First day back from Christmas Break

January 20th - PA Day - no school for students

January 21st - Grade 8 Graduation pictures

January 30th - Self Control Virtue Assembly

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