

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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A Valentine Reflection

O Lord help us in our everyday life to develop and repair our relationships in life. Help us to develop strong and beautiful friendships with others and with You. Help us to find happiness and contentment within ourselves. May we have relationships that will affect others in a positive and inspiring manner. May we find our spiritual and loving needs fulfilled. Through You O God we will be enabled to strengthen all relationships we have. For this we pray to You, O Lord. Amen.

Principal's Message

The month of February is upon us and Mary Fix as always continues to be a faith filled community. In January we celebrated the virtue of Self-Control and in February we focus on the virtue of Respect as we continue to foster a safe, caring and inclusive school community. My thanks to all of you for your continued support of Mary Fix and your ongoing support of Catholic Education. Yours in Catholic Education,
C. Sforza - Principal of Mary Fix C.S.

February ~ Respect

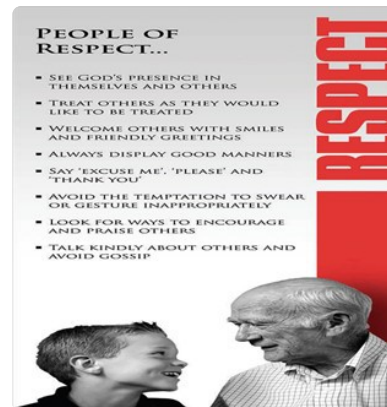
Our faith teaches that we were made in God's image and that every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. It's unreasonable to demand respect when we are not respectful ourselves.

A Person with Respect

- See God's presence in themselves and others
- Treats others as they would like to be treated
- Welcomes others with smiles and friendly greetings.
- Always displays good manners
- Look for ways to encourage and praise others
- Talk kindly about others and avoid gossip.

Our Daily Prayer for February

Let us pray for the virtue of respect so that everyone we meet will feel like we are their brother or sister in Christ. Amen.



Virtue Winners of Self-Control

FDK A: Everly C. & Emily K.

FDK B: Olivia F., Alexander S. & Jack V.

1/2 A - Santiago G. & Maya T.

1/2 B - Anastasiia A., Noah S. & Magdalena W.

3A - Nickan J., Sofia M. & Mila R.

4A - Polly L., Maya M. & Nolan P.

5A - Danielle K. & Maya S.

6A - Tiana G., Sal R. & Georgia Z.

7A - Geronimo G. & Kara C.

8A - Tyler B. & Phuong D.

SERC - Valentina K., Emma L. & Andria W.

Virtue of Respect Virtual Liturgy

Mrs. Dinga's Grade 4 class will be presenting the Virtue of Respect Liturgy on Tuesday, February 25th.

FAMILY DAY

This is a reminder to parents that Monday, February 17, 2025, is designated as Family Day. There is no school on this day. Enjoy a day off with your children!

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Cold Weather

Children will be kept in at recess if the wind chill equivalent temperature is minus 19 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 situations on a daily basis. The safety of our students is always of utmost concern.

Dry Feet, Dry Clothing

Colder weather continues! 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 students are reminded to bring an extra pair of shoes to wear indoors during the winter months. Fire regulations dictate that all students must have footwear on at all times. Indoor shoes keep the floors clean and safe for all students and staff. It is a great idea to send an extra set of clothes (pants, sweatshirts, socks, underwear) to school with your primary students in the winter.

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday February 11, 2025. We will continue to use the on-line program for parents to book an interview. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Teachers are required to have interviews with all students for this Report Card. Interviews will be on Thursday February 13th and Friday February 14, 2025. A reminder that Friday February 14th is a PA day so there is no school for students.



Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance is critical for success. Attendance and participation are crucial ! Although we encourage you to keep your child home when he/she is ill , we encourage you, where possible, to avoid appointments and planning vacations during regular school hours. In addition, we expect students to arrive on time.

Students with multiple absences and lates will be monitored and may be referred to an Attendance counselor. Attendance/late arrivals are recorded in the Report Card.

Please call the Attendance Line if your child is going to be late or absent:

(905)270-3140 ext. 1

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VALENTINE'S DAY

St. Valentine showed that love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and in the offering of his own life in martyrdom. On this St. Valentine's day, looking to the example of this great saint, each person should offer again his love to the Lord, for only by doing so can he properly love those who are entrusted to his care and any other neighbor. Each person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them, and thanking them for their love in return. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

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 exit. Please refrain from getting out of your car to escort your child(ren). This is an unsafe practice. If your child(ren) 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 getting out of the vehicle.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is 'Black History Month.' This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians, who throughout history have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society and the vital role they have played throughout our shared history.

Students in all grade levels will be reading and discussing novels, stories or poems about Black History and ethnic diversity.

SAFE & APPROPRIATE PLAY IN THE WINTER MONTHS

When the snow falls it is easy to get caught up in the excitement of winter, but it is often hard to remember safe activity over the temptation of snow throwing or unsafe or unfair play. Some of our safe and considerate play expectations include not throwing snowballs, showing respect for other people's snow forts, and staying off the snow hills. If everyone follows these simple rules, then everyone can play safe during our winter months.

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INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of snowstorms which prevent safe travel, please listen to the radio and television stations or check the DPCDSB website for announcements about bus transportation and school closures, usually beginning about 6:30 a.m.

If buses are cancelled, SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE OPEN. IF THE WHOLE SCHOOL BOARD IS CLOSED THAT MEANS ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED. STUDENTS WILL ACCESS WORK ON THEIR GOOGLE CLASSROOMS.

Junior Girls and Junior Boys Basketball

The Junior Girls and Boys basketball teams have been practicing with Mrs. Kelly the coach. The Junior Girls Basketball tournament is on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at St. Luke Catholic School. The Junior Boys Basketball tournament is on Thursday February 20, 2025 at St. Christopher School.

Junior Girls Basketball Team

April R.
Albie T.
Jamila T.
Georgia Z.
Guiliana S.
Vanessa M.
Valentina K.
Celina A.
Sophia G.
Gabriela M.

Junior Boys Basketball Team

Romeo L.
Alberto F.
Karlo G.
Matthew A.
Jason D.
Gabrijel K.
Luka L.
Sal R.
Mason R.
Caleb H.
Sean A.

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Mary Fix Dance Team

The Mary Fix Catholic School Dance Team have been rehearsing with Mrs. Coombes. The Dance Showcase is on Wednesday February 12, 2025, at Iona Catholic Secondary School.

Samatha E

Fiona A

Mikayla M

Milana P

Karmen T

Victoria M

Eliana M

Elizabeth C

Sophia G

Tiana G

Zoey L

Vanessa M

Georgia Z

Hannah A

Maya S

Avaria V

Polly L

Gabby M

ECO News

Our Eco Team has been hard at work promoting many initiatives such as lights out lunches (LOL), Walk In Winter Day, and National Sweater Day at Mary Fix!

Walk In Winter Day is on February 5th! Leave the car at home or park further away to bundle up and walk to school to support physical activity, and a cleaner, healthier environment.

National Sweater Day is on February 6th! Each year, Canadians are encouraged to turn down their heat and turn up the sweater to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation. WWF (World Wildlife Federation) teaches us how rising global temperatures are impacting the planet and how we can keep climate change in check by making small changes in our daily lives, such as reducing the energy we use. Species such as polar bears who rely on sea ice are vulnerable to our warming temperatures as the heat warms up in Canada's Arctic. Pino the Polar Bear will visit classes for fun to remind students about the reality of Climate Change.



Family In Need Donations

I want to thank-you all of you for your generosity for our family in need. Your monetary donations, clothing donations, and ordering the Candy grams for Valentine's Day are a sign of a Catholic School Community working together. The family is overwhelmed with your support and want to extend their heartfelt thanks to each one of you.

We love because
He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

Dates to Remember

February 11th - Report Cards sent home
February 12th - Dance Showcase
February 13th - Valentine Dance
February 13th - Parent/Teacher Interview Evening
February 14th - PA Day - no school for students - Parent/Teacher Interviews
February 17th - Family Day - no school for students
February 19th - Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament
February 20th - Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament
February 25th - Virtue of Respect assembly
February 26th - Gr. 4 to Gr. 8 trip to Toronto Marlies Game

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