

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## MARY FIX CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## A Lenten Prayer

***Lord Jesus Christ,***

*You gather your people during this Holy Season of Lent, and call us to repent.*

*As we return back to you once again, open our hearts,*

*so that we might be transformed in your image.*

*Remove any barriers that keep us from you,*

*so that we may live fully the life we received at Baptism.*

*Help us to love you more and to reach out to others in friendship,*

*especially to those who need it most.*

*May the ashes that we receive on our foreheads remind us of your call to change.*

*May Your Spirit give us the courage and strength we need to be people of faith*

*By Your grace, may we turn to you in our abundance, and share your love with the world around us.*

***We ask this in Jesus' name***

***Amen.***

## Principal's Message

The month of March is upon us at Mary Fix, and as always, we continue to be a faith-filled community. In March, we will focus on the virtue of Kindness, as we continue to foster a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive school community. We begin our Lenten journey and as a community of faith, we continue to reflect and renew ourselves spiritually. We engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

As a school we will be participating in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. We have confessions for our grades 4-8 students on Monday March 24, 2025. Ms. Patten's grade 8 class will be presenting the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday (April 17, 2025). More Information will be sent out closer to Holy Thursday.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
C. Sforza, Principal

### March ~ Kindness

***God wants us to give generously to others around us.***

God wants us to be kind to everyone we meet. Being kind is about more than just pretending to be nice. It is about helping and playing with others because we want to and not because we feel we have to. God helps us to be kind to our family and friends because by being kind we are able to see God in every one we meet.

#### **Our Daily Prayer for March:**

Let us now pray...for the virtue of kindness so that everyone we meet will feel like we are looking out for their good. **Amen**

#### ***A kind person...***

gives their time to help others

stands by their friends in time of need

shares with their friends

is polite

cares about other people's feelings

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless."* - Mother Teresa



### Virtue Winners of Respect

FDK A: Lawson B. & Adora S.

FDK B: Olivia F., Penelope M. & Caterina N.

1/2 A - Divina D. & Antonio N.

1/2 B - Christopher D., Sara R. & Elena V.

3A - Tessa A. & Liliana M.

4A - Mikaela B. & Keziah R.

5A - Alberto F. & Charles G.

6A - Sophia G. & Mason P.

7A - Michael M. & Eliana M.

8A - Joseph D., Mikayla M. & Milanna P.

SERC - Albie T. & Jamila T.

## **Virtue of Kindness Virtual Liturgy**

Mrs. Spagnolo's Gr.1/2 class will be presenting the Virtue of Kindness Liturgy on Friday, March 28th.

## **Shrove Tuesday**

We would like to thank Mrs. Medeiros and Mrs. Raposo who will be making pancakes for our students on Shrove Tuesday March 4, 2025. The students will be coming to the gym to enjoy a yummy pancake in our pancake hall.



## **March Break**

This is a reminder to parents that the March Break begins **Monday March 10th to Friday March 14th inclusive**. Please enjoy the week with your children and make new memories with family and friends.

## **Valentine's Day Dance**

We want to say a special thank-you to Mr. Borlido for providing the tunes for our Valentine's Day dance on Tuesday February 18, 2025.

## **Toronto Marlies Hockey Game**

On Wednesday February 26, 2025, the grades 4-8 students went to see the Toronto Marlies hockey game. Thanks to Mrs. Kelly for organizing this great event.

## **Laura Secord Chocolate Fundraiser**

Our chocolate fundraiser is almost here! Chocolates will be sent home on Monday, March 24th for those that have chosen to participate. More information will be sent home soon.

## **ECO News**

**Winter Water Week March 17-21, 2025**

**The Great Gulp Thursday March 20, 2025**

**No Power Hour Friday March 21, 2025 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Mary Fix No Power Hour will be held on Friday March 22nd

## World Down Syndrome Day

Friday, March 21st 2025, is World Down Syndrome Day. Students and staff are invited to wear their funky socks to school that day.



## Epilepsy Awareness -Purple Day

Wednesday March 26, 2025, is Epilepsy Awareness Day-Wear Purple Day. Students and staff are invited to wear purple to school.



## KISS & 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.

## 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 WILL BE OPEN.**

**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

### Wet Clothing

With the long winter and wet Spring, the unpredictable temperatures, our schoolyard alternates from icy and slippery to soggy and muddy. When conditions become dangerous or too wet, we close the field to student use. Students still have access to the paved areas.

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## Dates to Remember

March 4th - Shrove Tuesday

March 5th - Ash Wednesday Liturgy

March 10th to March 14th - March Break

March 28th - Virtue of Kindness Assembly

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