



APRIL NEWSLETTER

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A Lenten Prayer

Good and Gracious God, You call your people to You this Lent, may this sacred Season renew our desire to live fully the promises of our baptism and to love you with a whole heart. Through more frequent prayer, acts of charity, and fasting, may we remember that loving you and one another is the most important thing we can do. In confidence, we ask these things through Christ Our risen Lord and Saviour.

Amen

The Season of Lent



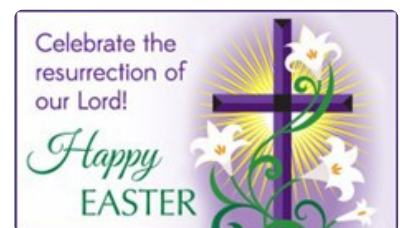
Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that it was only 40 days ago that we began our Lenten journey, marked with the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Now we look forward with great joy to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Through Lent, our school has been focusing on the importance of this liturgical season as we prepare ourselves for the Easter Triduum. Triduum comes from a Latin word meaning "three days". The three-day observance begins with the mass of the Lord's supper in the evening of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and ends with prayers on Easter Sunday. These liturgies of the Triduum are the most important liturgies of the Church year. These liturgies teach us the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Together with the Mary Fix Catholic School community, we extend our very best wishes to all families for a happy and Holy Easter. May the peace of the risen Christ bless your homes, your hearts and families.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Praise to Our Risen Lord!

Yours in Catholic Education,

C. Sforza



April Virtue - Love

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God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of LOVE. Our families, teachers and friends show us their love every day. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness. We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry. Sometimes the greatest of acts of love happen when we are angry, such as not hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus is always with us and we should try to remember His most important lesson-the lesson of love because love is not about us-it is about looking for the good of others.

Our Daily Prayer for April

Let us pray for the virtue of love so that we will never be satisfied until all are satisfied. Amen.



Virtue of Kindness Winners

The virtue of Kindness winners will be sent home after our assembly on April 8th.

Virtue of Love Assembly

Mrs. Ambrozy's Gr.1/2 class will be presenting the Virtue of Love Liturgy on Tuesday, April 22nd at 1:30pm.

Lenten Season

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We continue to talk about kindness and forgiveness. We turn to the Gospels to reflect on the teachings of Jesus. The Gospels help us to make good decisions on a daily basis and to keep God at the centre of all that we do and say. For Catholics, Easter is far more than just a one day celebration, Easter is actually a seven-week season that begins as sundown the evening before Easter and lasts for six more Sundays until Pentecost. Signs of Christ's new life fill the church during this season such as the colour white representing Christ's victory over death; and a large Easter candle reminding us that Christ is the light of the world. Easter is a time of new promise, new life and new energy. If we look around at the beauty of nature in spring we are reminded again of the glorious resurrection of Jesus. The dark, cold days of winter are giving way to green grass and eventually; flowers.

Grade 8 Lenten Project

The Grade 8 students prepared Lenten activities for all the classes. In the primary classes they prepared 12 plastic Easter eggs with symbols of Easter and Lent inside. Each class enjoyed opening the eggs and learning about the symbols and ended each activity with a Lenten prayer. In the Junior and Intermediate classes, the students took part in Lenten activities such as trivia contests and ended each activity with a Lenten Prayer. We thank the Grade 8 students for their enthusiasm in sharing the Story of Easter and special thanks to Mrs. Patten in leading her students in their faith journey.

Stations of the Cross

Ms. Patten's Grade 8 class will be presenting the Stations of the Cross on Thursday April 17, 2025. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend. Further information to follow.

REMINDERS

April 17, 2025 Stations of the Cross

April 18, 2025 Good Friday: No School

April 21, 2025 Easter Monday: No School

April is Autism Month

Autism is a complex disorder of brain development. Autism is characterized by difficulty in social interactions, both verbal and non-verbal communication as well as repetitive behaviour. There is still a lot to learn about Autism. World Autism Day is Wednesday April 2, 2025.



ECO Team

Our Eco Team has been hard at work promoting many initiatives this term! In March, we celebrated World Water Week. We participated in the Great Gulp by taking a drink of water from our reusable water bottles altogether as a school, and we learned some alarming facts about the impact single use plastics have on the environment. We acknowledged Earth Hour by holding our own Mary Fix No Power Hour by turning off all electronics for one hour. Classes turned off their lights and worked using natural light instead. We also learned about the impact of climate change on glaciers, and how we can all take action in our daily routines such as turning off lights when not needed or drinking from reusable water bottles. Eco reps counted and tracked the number of reusable water bottles in their classes all week long. The winners of the Golden Water Bottle this time was Mrs. Nucci's FDK class and Mrs. Ambrozio's 1/2 class! Way to go! In April, Eco reps will be preparing announcements and activities to celebrate Earth Week. Students will have an opportunity to win prizes such as Mary Fix Water Bottles!



Help Wanted!

If you have a green thumb and are able to help us with Spring weeding and garden clean up, please let Mrs. Vieira know. Any help is greatly appreciated! Thanks to everyone for supporting our Eco initiatives all year long. Together we can all make a big difference in the environment.



EQAO

Students in grade 3 and 6 will be participating in EQAO this May.

Tentative Dates

Grade 3

May 21, 22, 23 2025

a.m. only

Grade 6

May 26, 27, 28, 2025

a.m. only



Class Placements 2025

The staff of Mary Fix will meet during the month of May to begin discussing an appropriate placement for each student for next year. When determining placement some of the criteria we consider are:

- Academic ability
- Individual work habits and study skills
- Social considerations

If you have any concerns about your child's class placement for September 2025 please complete the Parent Input for Class Placement form. You are asked to return these forms to the office.

Please refrain from making a request for a specific teacher. Our decisions are made after careful consideration of all relevant information and based on the individual strengths and needs of each child. **All forms must be returned by Friday April 25, 2025.**

Are You Moving?

To help us with our planning for next September, it would be appreciated if you could let us know now, if you will be moving out of our school area over the summer. If you know of any families moving into the area with children who plan to attend Mary Fix, it would be helpful if you could alert us. The more information we have, the better we are able to organize staff and students for September. In the absence of accurate information, schools often have to reorganize classes in September due to unexpected fluctuations in population. All we need is a quick note or call. Thanks!

Safety First

Playground Safety Tips

Playgrounds provide a great source of exercise and a place where children can socialize, play creatively and test their skills. With the milder weather approaching, we want to ensure that students are involved in activities that are healthy while enjoying the great outdoors. These safety tips help to create a welcoming and inviting area for all students during recess!

Here are a few simple tips to help keep students safe on the playgrounds:

- Play safely and take care of yourself and others
- Rocks, sticks and sand stay on the ground
- Use outdoor equipment safely; alert a supervisor if items go out of bounds. Do not try and retrieve items from parking lots or backyards
- Show teamwork and good sportsmanship
- Play cooperative games and invite friends of all skill levels too play.
- Solve conflicts with words or tell the supervisor on duty
- Listen to reminders from supervisors. Be prepared to work out a conflict by using Accountable Talk
- Respond to signals/bells and proceed to line up quickly
- If someone is hurt or injured, let a supervisor know as quickly as possible.

Above all:

- Have fun! Recess is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and hang out with friends!

Spring Weather

As we enter Spring and unpredictable temperatures our schoolyard alternates from icy and slippery to soggy and muddy. Parents are reminded to please consider sending a change of clothes and to ensure that all students have indoor shoes.



Riding Bicycles To School

As warmer weather approaches many students are going to choose to ride their bikes to school. We have a bicycle rack by the Kindergarten yard. Please keep in mind that students are not to ride their bikes on school property including pathways. The school cannot be responsible for any lost or damaged bikes. Students are strongly encouraged to lock their bikes and bring their helmets inside the school.



Administrative Professionals' Day

Wednesday April 23, 2025 is designated as Administrative Professionals' Day. We would like to express our gratitude for the many "hats" Mrs. Vieira wears and for her patience and caring nature. Thank-you Mrs. Vieira for all that you do on behalf of our students and Mary Fix community.

Intermediate Basketball

The Intermediate Basketball Season has begun. Thanks to Mr. Chornous for volunteering to coach the Intermediate Girls and Boys teams.

Pod Tournaments:

Intermediate Girls: April 15, 2025 @ St. Margaret of Scotland C.S.

Intermediate Boys: April 16, 2025 @ St. John XIII C.S.

Intermediate Girls Team Members: Milana P., Mikayla M., Samantha E., Natalia C, Natalia S, Daniella S, Eliana M, Julia G, Sophie H, Maria D.

Intermediate Boys Team Members: Isaiah O, Lucas H, Marcus C, Jose B, Anthony B, Noah Ak, Noah Ack, Theo D, Pavlo S, Geronimo G.



Mississauga South Chess Tournament

The Mississauga South Chess Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday April 9, 2025. Thanks to Mrs. Dinga for volunteering to coach the Chess Team.

Chess Team Members:

Sean A. Johnny S.k

Karlo G. Gero G.

Daniel W. Michael M.

Luka L. Lucas H.

Dianne Y. James H.

Sal R.

Dates to Remember

April 8th - Virtue of Kindness Assembly at 9:30am

April 10th - Grade 7/8 Immunization Clinic

April 11th - Chocolate Fundraiser Due

April 17th - Stations of the Cross Assembly

April 18th - Good Friday (no school for students)

April 21st - Easter Monday (no school for students)

April 22nd - Virtue of Love Assembly at 1:30pm

April 23rd - Easter Mass at 10:00am

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