

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

St. Mary School, Choir and Orchestra Program  
[www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/malo/index.html](http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/malo/index.html)

Dear Parents,

With March Break around the corner, our students and teachers are busy completing a variety of activities to wrap up Term II at St. Mary School. This will be a well deserved rest for everyone and a chance to catch our breath before a very active final term.

As we continue on our journey through the holy season of Lent, we are reminded that this is an opportunity to pray, to reflect on our relationship with God and be kind to others. The ashes symbolize change and our Lenten commitment to "change our hearts". Thank you for supporting your children in their Lenten commitments to serve others and change their hearts. Enjoy a safe and restful March Break.

Kathleen Fraumeni

## Ways and Means Dinner/ Dance/Auction

**Saturday, April 25, 2009**

Tickets are limited for this very popular annual fundraising event. This year's theme is **Latin Fiesta**. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. This includes dinner! Order forms will go home before March break. Buy your tickets soon!

If you would like to assist with the collection of prizes, please call the school. Letters are available in the office when requesting items from merchants. The order form and the "ask" letter are both available on our school website

[www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/malo/index.html](http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/malo/index.html)

You may wish to donate an item for auction. Any new item or certificate you wish to donate would be most appreciated! Some of the prizes to be auctioned are:

- . Gift Baskets
- . Concert tickets
- . Gift Certificates
- . Dinners out
- . and much more!

Just a reminder. This is an Adult Only event! Thank you for your consideration.

## Report Cards

Reports for Term II go home Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Parent/Teacher Interviews are Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## School Uniform Issues

St. Mary staff have noticed that, on many occasions, our students are

**"Guys and Dolls Jr."**

**Business Ads needed  
from parents, Gr. 5 - 8**

If you have a business or know of

not in full performance uniform when needed.

We would ask that you take a moment and review uniform requirements with your child. We would appreciate a reminder to students from parents about the requirement that hair be neatly brushed and off the face (pulled, combed back) for all performances. Thank you for your assistance.

## Holy Childhood Boxes, A Lenten Offering

Collection boxes went home with every child for Holy Childhood. This international organization is strongly supported by our Catholic Schools and their motto is "Children Helping Children". We have asked each student to make an effort throughout Lent to support this very worthy cause. Boxes will be returned to school after Easter. Perhaps you could make the collection a family project for Lent.

## Application for St. Mary School 2009-2010

If you wish to have a child apply for Grade 5 for September, 2008 please contact your home school for an application brochure. You can also call our school at 675-4423 or go to our school web page at [www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/malo/index.html](http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/malo/index.html). to download a brochure.

Note: Please return the completed application form to your home school principal. Applications will then be forward to us.

someone who does and would like to purchase an ad for the "Guys and Dolls Jr." program, please call the school.

Full Page (7" x 8 1/2") \$100.00

## Grade 8 Graduation Tues., June 23, 2009

If you are a Grade 7 parent who would like to help head up this year's graduation committee, please call the school at 675-4423. This committee will begin its work in mid April.

Graduation Photos - April 21, 2009

## County Bus Riders ... A few reminders

Just a few friendly reminders for our county students:

1. If you know your child will not be on the bus for some reason at the end of the day, please provide your driver with a parent note indicating that.
2. Students who are non-county bus students cannot ride on country buses at any time.

**"Guys and Dolls Jr."**

**March 31 - April 3, 2009  
Wolf Performance Hall  
Central Library (Galleria)**

Tickets are now on sale at the school. (Friday night is now sold out!) After March 13<sup>th</sup>, tickets are available through the Grand Theatre. Call 672-8800 for tickets. **This show is for everyone, not just our Grade 8 families. Make it a family event!**

½ page - \$75.00

Personal Message to a student - \$15.00

We are producing a very attractive, professionally printed program that

will reach over 4,500 theatre goers through the run of the play. These charges for ads offset our costs to produce the program. The dead line for the printer is March 10th. Please call 675-4423 for information.

### **Safe Schools Item**

This is just a reminder to parents that our school is equipped with two indoor video cameras as part of our safe schools procedures. These cameras have been in place for several years and help in protecting the people in our school and as additional security for our valuable string instrument collection.

## **Sports**

### **Boys Basketball Team**

The intermediate boys basketball team had a very successful 2009 season this year. We had some great competition in our league. The boys made it to the "B" semi-finals, losing by one point. They showed great determination and improvement over the season! A special thank you goes out to Jay Soares for all his time and dedication in coaching the boys. Also, to those parents who were able to drive the boys to and from games. Your help is very much appreciated! Great work boys!

### **Girls Basketball Team**

Wow!! What a season!! The girls finished the regular season respectfully qualifying for the "B" Division Playoffs. The girls were able to overcome a very difficult division and playoff draw to qualify for the semifinals held at Mother Teresa School. The girls had proven that their hard work, and dedication had payed off as they eventually finished tied for third in the city. Mr. Chiras is appreciative of all the parent support and for Nick Lavery for his help as referee. Thank you as well to all my students, and past student volunteers for your help in score keeping. Thank you girls for all your hard work and dedication. You made it a memorable year!

Steve Chiras

## **Reminder for Parent Police Background Checks**

In preparation for end of year class trips, chaperones must have a current police check on file at the school. Please call the school at (519) 675-4423 if you require the form.

## **Carpooling required for Gr. 5 student**

in the Sunningdale & Adelaide area at 977 Fogarty. Please call parent's cell number (519) 871-1111 if you can help.

## **Catholic Education Week May 4 - 8**

### **"Good News for All"**

The Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations will be of special importance and highlighted during this year's Catholic Education Week.

Each year the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week.

Watch for additional activities and events throughout that week in our schools.