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## Newsletter

### April

### 2017



#### Virtue of the Month

#### Love

God tells us that a loving person wants the best for others. A loving person is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others and realizes that we are all lovable. God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of love. God reminds us that we must continue to pray for one another and love your neighbour as you love yourself.



#### A Prayer Of Gratitude For Creation

God of the universe,  
we thank You for Your many good gifts.

For the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what You have given us.

Transform our hearts and minds so that we learn to care and share, to touch the earth with gentleness and love, respecting all living things.

We pray for those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, and we pray that the day will come when everyone has enough food and clean water.

Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species, and help us to willingly share Your gifts today and always.

**Amen**

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## Faith Life



### **Grade 2 First Communion**

The celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be the following masses: April 29th at 10:30 am, April 30th at 2:00 pm or May 6th at 10:30 am. You must be registered with the church to receive First Communion this year.

### **Grade 7 Confirmation**

The Grade 7 Confirmation this year will be held at St. Martin of Tours Parish on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. You must be registered with the church to receive Confirmation this year.

### **Catholic Education Week April 30 to May 6**

This year's celebration entitled "Catholic Education: Walking Forward Together" is scheduled for the week of April 30 to May 6, 2017. Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that is the foundation of Catholic Education between our Catholic schools and local Catholic parishes. Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society. We remember that we are all on a life journey of faith where Jesus reveals himself to us.

### **Bullying Prevention**

The message for the month is that BULLYING can be stopped. We cannot tolerate bullying. We need to let others know when we see bullying happening. We realize that bullies come in all shapes and sizes and that those who are being bullied have done nothing wrong. Bystanders can either make or break the bullying. If we refuse to become involved in the bullying, then the power of the bully is diminished. Furthermore, if we can safely stand up for those that are bullied, then the bully's power is further reduced. One thing that we all must do is to let an adult know when bullying is happening. This is not tattling, but rather reporting an unsafe behaviour in order to help someone. We all have a responsibility to stop bullying.

### **Anaphylaxis Reaction Reminder**

As there are a number of students in our school who have a severe life threatening allergy to nuts, we ask our families to refrain from sending to school any food, etc. that contains nut products. While we cannot guarantee a "Nut Free" or "Allergen Free" environment, you can help to reduce the risk to our students by not sending in peanuts, nuts of any kind, products containing nuts, nut oil, or nut by-products, food that may have come in contact with nuts or nut products and fast food or commercial snacks where ingredients are unclear. Thank You!

## Around the School

### **Parking on School Property**

If you are choosing to park in the school parking lot, please park **only in designated parking spaces**. We ask that you do not double park or park along the back fence. For the safety of our staff and students please be careful when pulling out of parking spots and ensure that your child does not run in the parking lot or between parked cars. If your child is in grade 1 or higher, we ask that you use the Kiss N Ride when dropping off your child in the morning, allowing kindergarten parents to use the parking lot. If you are parking on school property please turn your car engine off when you are parked, we are an idle free zone. We thank you for your continued support.

### **Attendance**

Late and absent students **MUST** be reported to the office. Please call our attendance line (this line is available 24 hours a day) at 905 273-3836, push "one" and leave a message. It is often very difficult to reach parents in a timely fashion and as always, the safety of your child is of our utmost concern. Remember to always inform the office if any of your contact numbers change. It is vital that our contact records are accurate at all times. We must always have the most current information in case your child needs you during the school day. We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### **Student Immunization**

Peel Public Health is reviewing immunization records of all students at our school beginning in January 2017. Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario Immunization Schedule. If you receive a letter, please ensure that your child has received the required vaccine(s), then give the date(s) your child received the vaccine dose(s) to Peel Health immediately to update your child's records. Not adhering to the Peel Public Health request may result in your child being suspended from school. For more information, please call Peel Health at 905-799-7700 or visit [www.ImmunizaPeel.ca](http://www.ImmunizaPeel.ca).



### **Dogs on School Property**

For the safety of our students, parents, guardians and staff, **please do not bring dogs on school property during the school day (9:00 to 4:00)**, most especially when you are picking up or dropping off students. Several students have severe allergies and animals may be unpredictable when confronted by a group of children. **Please note that no pets are allowed in the school building at any time.** Also note that no pets are allowed on school property during school sanctioned events. Thank you for helping to keep the school environment safe for all!

## Kiss 'N Ride

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CARS ARE NOT TO USE THE BUS LANE AT ANY TIME.** Parents are also asked to use our proper Kiss 'N Ride lanes and not to pull into the school lanes. This is especially important this year as we begin to offer Full Day Kindergarten classes.

**Parents please do not leave your car unattended in any of the Kiss 'N Ride lanes at any point in the school day, most especially at lunch time.** If you are dropping off a lunch for your child please park your car in a designated parking spot or on the street. Please note that if you are using the Kiss 'N Ride you should not be getting out of your car to help a child exit, you should not pop open your truck to retrieve knapsacks, and all students must exit from the right passenger side of the car for their safety. We ask that parents use extra caution when using our Kiss 'N Ride lanes in the winter months. Please drive safely and take your time. Our focus is always to keep all of our students safe.

## School Yard Safety

**Just a reminder that student supervision begins at 9:00; students must not be dropped off at the school before this time.**

## Reporting Head Injuries

Even when it may appear to be insignificant, we inform parents of **ALL** head injuries at school which are reported to us. We do this in recognition of the potential danger of any injury involving the head area. We are not intending to alarm you, rather to keep you informed. Please remind your child to let a staff member know if they bump/injure their head at school.

## EQAO

The EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) testing of our grade 3 and 6 students will take place from May 24th through to June 7th. Please try to avoid scheduling any doctor's appointments or anything else that will take your child out of school during the testing dates. A letter to grade 3 and 6 parents with further information will be sent home closer to the testing dates with exact testing dates per grade.

## Website

Parents are encouraged to visit our website! The site is **[www.dpcdsb.org/jerom](http://www.dpcdsb.org/jerom)**. Please take the time to check it out. All school information and parent information is on the site and updated regularly. All previous and current newsletters are on the site. Our web-site is another excellent tool to keep parents connected to what is happening at school.

## Welcome to Kindergarten

On April 18, 2017 from 6:30 to 7:30 we are having a "Welcome to Kindergarten" presentation for all parents and their children registered to start Junior Kindergarten in September 2017. Due to the nature of the activities, **please do not bring siblings.** Welcome to Kindergarten is sponsored by the "Learning Partnership" and is supported by The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

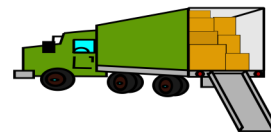


## Leaving At Lunchtime

Parents please be advised that **ALL** students must have written permission from a parent/guardian to leave the school at lunch. Verbal permission (over the phone) will not be accepted. A signed and dated note with a parent/guardian signature is required for each occurrence. The note must come to the office and students are required to sign out and to sign back in when they return for afternoon classes.

## Planning Ahead—Class Placements

In arriving at the decision for placement of your child for the upcoming year, every consideration is given to individual needs. This decision is made in collaboration with all staff who have been directly involved in your child's education this year. If you feel that there are specific needs which should be addressed in determining the placement of your child, please send us a letter to advise us of your concerns. We ask for all submissions to be sent to the office no later than Friday, April 28th, 2017. Your request will be considered at our grade promotion meetings. We remind you that it would not be appropriate to request one teacher over another as placements are subject to change. However, if there is other information regarding your son/daughter's learning style, or other considerations of which we ought to be aware, please advise us of these facts in your letter. No letter will be accepted after this date.



## Are You Moving?

If you are planning a move, or have already moved, please let the office know. If you are moving to a new school we will give you a Transfer Form to take with you to the new school. If you are moving, but would like your child to remain at St. Jerome, please submit your request in writing.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please consider helping our wonderful team! Your time is truly appreciated and is valued by all our staff and students! Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### **ECO Club News**

Our ECO Club is flourishing again this year. The students continue to meet with their staff advisors, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Srutwa and Mrs. Bugala. We are working hard towards getting our official ECO certification in the Spring of 2017. We are continuing with our Litterless Lunch Tuesdays campaign, and students are working hard to win the golden lunchbox. This year we will be continuing Fadeless Fridays, a campaign that encourages the shutting off of lights in classrooms that are empty, or making better use of natural light. The ECO Team continues to present the top 10 ways to conserve electricity. All students were encouraged to observe the official Earth Hour. The entire school also took part in the Big Gulp, an initiative to promote reusable water bottles. Future initiatives this year include a waste audit and a school greening project. We are also looking at starting Boomerang Lunches, more information to follow.



### **Bikes**

As the warmer weather approaches, many students choose to ride their bikes to school. We do have a bike rack located at the front of the school. Please keep in mind that students are not to ride their bikes on school property, including pathways, and that they do ride their bikes at their own risk. 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. Please remember that skateboards, rollerblades and “wheele shoes” are not allowed inside the school.

### **Dress Code**

As we prepare for the warmer weather, we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in place, especially our older students, regarding appropriate dress. Sleeveless tops are permitted as long as they have two fingers of material on the shoulder. Halter, tank or short tops are not permitted. Short shorts, short skirts and clothing of a suggestive nature or displaying offensive wording/images are not allowed. In keeping with the Board’s Mission Statement and Catholic teachings, each school is committed to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste.

## **Dates to Remember Mark your Calendar**



April 4	Grade 8 Graduation Pictures
April 14	Good Friday –no school
April 17	Easter Monday –no school
April 19	Dental Screening FDK, Gr 2 and 4
April 25	Grade 7 Confirmation 7:00 pm
April 26	Catholic School Council 6:30 pm
April 30 –May 6	Catholic Education Week
May 4	Grades 4-8 Decades Performance 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
May 10	Catholic School Council 6:30 p.m.
May 12	PA Day -no school
May 22	Victoria Day - no school
May 26	School BBQ

### **Planning Ahead:**

#### **PA Days:**

May 12, June 12, June 30

### **St. Jerome’s Annual BBQ**

Planning will start soon for our annual BBQ, which will be taking place on Friday, May 26th. The annual BBQ raises significant funds which the school council allocates for various items and activities that add to your children’s educational experience at St. Jerome. Please support the BBQ with items such as gift certificates, tickets for events, new electronics, housewares, tools, toys and sporting goods. Please forward donations to the school. Thank you for your anticipated support! In the coming months we will be seeking parent volunteers, if you would like to help at the BBQ, please call the school. We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ!

### **Grade 8 Graduation Pictures**

A reminder that grade eight graduation pictures will be taken on April 4th. Further information from the photographer will be sent home closer to the date.

### **Recess Reminders**

We at St. Jerome have a NO CONTACT policy. This policy states that students are not to play any games or be involved in any activities in the schoolyard that involve physical contact. Games such as tackle football, touch tag, manhunt and like games are not allowed. If a game develops during the course of a recess break where contact becomes part of the game or activity, students are reminded to remove themselves from that activity and to report the contact to the nearest staff member on yard duty. Staff can easily be identified by their bright orange vests. Please reinforce with your children the inherent dangers of rough play, even when the intent is fun.