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Newsletter

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2017



A Summer Prayer

**Go in peace into all that the summer brings.
May the face of God be turned toward you.
May the hand of Christ be stretched out to hold you.
And may the Spirit be found as wisdom within you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

We wish everyone a wonderful summer...safe, relaxing and fun!!!

Extra Curricular Activities

The following are some of the activities that provided enriching experiences for our students.

Teams/Clubs:

Crafts, ECO Club, Healthy School, Youth Faith Ambassadors, Choir, Senior Choir, Ukulele Club, Games Club, Reading Club

Academic Competitions:

Junior and Intermediate Public Speaking, Chess, Red Maple Book Club, Silver Birch Book Club, Skills Canada

Sports:

Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Flag Football, Track and Field

Special Events:

Terry Fox Walk, International Walk to School Day, Youth Faith Ambassador events, Virtue Assemblies, Food Drives, Book Fairs, Spirit Days, Share Life/United Way, Catholic Education Week events, Social Justice Initiatives, K-Grade 3 Student Showcase, Music Through the Ages Presentation, ECO Schools, Earth Week Activities, Healthy Schools Recognition Program, Hatz off for Kids, Enersource Presentations, Scientists in the School, Peel Police Presentations, Raid Program, Social Networking Presentation, Author Presentations, Bullying Presentations, Joe Sax Event, Diversity Conference, Camp Muskoka Trip, Welcome to Kindergarten, Aussie X, School BBQ, School Fun Day.

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Faith Life



Virtue of the Month:

Fairness

God wants us to treat each other as we would like to be treated. Fairness is defined as a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect. We are made by God to live together, to share and to help each other. You can't be a Christian alone. Christianity is all about living together in community. Fairness is the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed, it is not always about making things exactly equal.

A Fair Person:

- **Listens to all sides before forming opinions**
- **Shows good sportsmanship at all times**
- **Knows that the same rules apply to everyone**
- **Refuses to twist rules to avoid consequences**
- **Works to bring about peaceful solutions to problems**
- **Cheers on the success of others**
- **Can balance their own rights and responsibilities with those of others**

Sacrament Preparation for 2017-2018

The meetings for parents that have children receiving First Communion and Confirmation next year will be sent home under separate cover. Attending one of the meetings will be mandatory. If you do not attend the meeting and register with the church, your child will not be able to receive the sacrament in the 2017-2018 school year. The students in grade 2 receive First Holy Communion and the students in grade 7 receive their Confirmation.

End of the Year Mass

Please join us as we celebrate our school year end mass on June 5 at 10:00 a.m. The mass will be celebrated at school. It is a wonderful opportunity to give praise and glory to God as the community of St. Jerome School. A special thank you to Father Joyson, Father Gigo and the parish team at St. Martin of Tours Parish for their spiritual guidance and support!

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.

Safety In The Gym

Students are reminded that they **must** wear proper indoor shoes for gym and appropriate gym clothes. Jewelry must be removed when in gym class or during sports activities. Students are not allowed to wear their "outside" shoes in the gym.

School Hours

The school office will be open until June 30, 2017. Please note that is the last day of classes for students is June 29, 2017. We will reopen again during the last week of August. At this time, school hours for the 2017—2018 school year will remain the same as this year. The first day of classes for students for next year will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Lost and Found

Parents we will be leaving the lost and found on tables in the foyer until Friday, June 16th. Please pop in and check for your children's items. We would love to see all these valuable items disappear before then. We will be giving any remaining items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Storage of Medication

We would like to remind all parents who have their child's medication stored here at school to please pick it up at the end of the school year. We do not retain medications from one year to the next. New medications and proper forms for storage will need to be updated for the next school year. We will send individual reminders to parents affected by this policy in September 2017.

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.

Website

Parents are encouraged to visit our website! The site is **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.

Grade 8 Graduation Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, June 27th is our Graduation at St. Jerome. The Graduation luncheon for students and their teachers will be at 12:00 p.m. The Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony will be that evening, starting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish. Please refer to the package that was sent home for additional information. Congratulations to all our graduates and we wish them the best of luck in the future!



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.

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.

Lockdown Procedures/Hold and Secure

Our school board has established safety procedures should a high risk incident occur in the school, on school property or in the neighbourhood, that could endanger the lives and/or safety of students and/or staff. We will continue to practice the Emergency Lockdown Procedures, Hold and Secure Procedures and Fire Drills with the students this term.

Safe Schools

St. Jerome is committed to providing a safe, caring and inclusive school. We continue to encourage positive interactions and a community that welcomes and values healthy relationships, high academic standards, respect, gospel values and virtuous living. Together students, parents and teachers continue to learn how to protect the community from a variety of forms of bullying while building student self-esteem and awareness. We continue to encourage positive and healthy peer-to-peer relationships. Youth Education Officers work in partnership with the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board to create a positive and safe learning environment within the elementary school system.

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.

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We thank our very hard working council members for their on-going work and support for our children! A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Fleese for all her dedication and hard work as Council Chair. Please consider joining School Council next year and getting involved in any of our numerous projects. **Nominations will be due to the office on September 15, with elections taking place in late September.** Please take the summer to consider volunteering and look for our September newsletter for more information!

The School Council has enhanced the educational experience for all our students with the following contributions:

- Student Agendas
- Sacramental Recognition
- Shrove Tuesday
- Literacy and Numeracy Materials
- Graduation Awards
- Theatre Events
- Athletic Events and Resources
- Play Day, Track Day, Recess Equipment
- Technology / Laptops
- Aussie X

ECO Club News

Ontario ECO Schools is an environmental education and certification program for grades K-12 that helps school communities develop both ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible citizens and reduce the ecological footprint of schools. Ontario ECO Schools' resources offer an environmental perspective to the choices we make in operating our schools and in planning classroom programs based on the Ontario curriculum. It consists of four components: ecological literacy, waste management, energy conservation and school ground greening. We are reminded to always think and act with the environment in mind and to remember that as ecology teaches us, everything is connected to everything else! We want to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Read and Mrs. Bugala for taking on this enormous task. A special thank you to all the ECO club members for their dynamic ideas and dedication to this worthwhile initiative. Stewardship and taking care of our earth is everyone's responsibility. We all have to care for the environment and to protect it for future generations! We will be continuing this initiative next year and we will be looking for new projects and ideas to protect our world! Well done St. Jerome!

Dates to Remember Mark your Calendar



June 5	Year End Mass 10:00 at school
June 12	PA Day– no school
June 27	Reports go home
	Grade 8 Graduation
June 29	Last Day of School
June 30	PA Day– no school

Planning Ahead:

PA Days:

June 12, June 30



Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed on Tuesday, June 27th. A reminder that because staff assignments are tentative until reorganization day on September 15, no information regarding next year's placement will be on the final report cards. Students will be organized by class on the first day of 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.

Bikes, Skateboards, Rollerblades and Scooters

In the interest of safety, students who ride bicycles to school are reminded that once they are on the school property, bicycles are to be walked to the bike rack, locked up and are not touched until dismissal time. Please keep in mind that the locked bicycles are not supervised and you do leave them on the school property at your own risk. Skateboards, scooters and rollerblades are not allowed at school. Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe!