



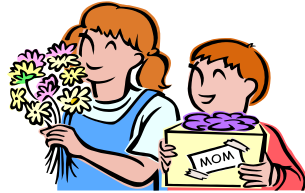
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Newsletter

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Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are mothers... who did without for us, they will be rewarded.

Blessed are mothers... who lost sleep when we were sick, they will find rest.

**Blessed are mothers... who taught us how to pray,
they will share God's Kingdom.**

Blessed are mothers... who comforted us, they shall be comforted.

Blessed are mothers... who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.

**Blessed are mothers... who shared with us the meaning of peace,
they shall know peace.**



Virtue of the Month:

Acceptance

The virtue of acceptance means we accept ourselves and others just the way we are. God created all of us in His image, and God does not make mistakes. Being a part of God's family means that we love and welcome everyone just the way Jesus did. Jesus wants us to accept everyone even when it is hard.

People of Acceptance:

Are Friendly And Open To All God's People

Sense God's Presence In People Of All Ages, Beliefs, Genders, Cultures, And/Or Abilities

Avoid The Temptation To Judge Or Negatively Stereotype Others

Look For Positive Traits In Others

Understand That There May Be More Than One Way Of Doing Things

Stick Up For The Disadvantaged

Notice Who Is Left Out And Include Them

Mississauga South Family of Schools

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Council Chair:

M. Fleese

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www.dpcdsb.org/jerom

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.

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, 2017 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.



Crowning of Mary

On May 17, 2016 we will be celebrating the Crowning of Mary and saying the rosary as a school community. The celebration will be at 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us for this beautiful ceremony.



ECO Club News

St. Jerome School has been working very hard this year to be 'Green'. We have successfully continued several 'Green' initiatives including: Lights Out At Lunch, Litterless Lunches, Boomerang Lunches, The Golden Lunchbox, Re-useable Water Bottles, Planting and Gardening. We are extremely proud of our students and their commitment to creating a better world! Your continued support with our school's environmental initiatives is greatly appreciated. Our submission has been sent for evaluation this year as we "Go for Gold" as an Ontario ECO School!

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 Programs Summer 2017

Summer Literacy Camp –Grade FDK Year 2 to Grade 6

Monday July 10th to Friday July 28th, 2017

(must attend all three weeks)

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily

Fee for Service Program and no transportation provided

Students recommended by the principal

Deadline for applications: May 26th, 2017

Elementary Summer School Grades 7 and 8

Tuesday July 4th to Friday July 21st, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students recommended by the principal

Transportation provided at home school pick up points

Deadline for applications: May 26th, 2017

For more information please call 905-891-9263

Personal Treasures

A "personal treasure" is any item, regardless of its monetary value, that holds a personal significance to a person. This might include jewelry, cards, stuffed animals. Parents are asked to reinforce with their children that these items are NOT to be brought to school. All electronic devices and personal electronic devices (ipods, cell phones, cameras, etc.) are not allowed at school, or any school sanctioned event, as per board policy.

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**. 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.



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

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please consider helping our wonderful team! Your time is truly appreciated and is valued by all our staff and students! Please consider joining council next year. Forms will be available in September.



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 “wheelie 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.

Important Safety Tips

Parents and guardians are encouraged to regularly review the following important safety tips with your child(ren).

- The importance of not talking to strangers
- Go directly home from school or directly to the babysitter’s after school
- Walk to and from school with a buddy. Avoid being alone if you can
- Let your parents/babysitter know the route you take to and from school
- Talk to your parents about a plan on where to get help, if necessary, when going to and from school
- When approached by a stranger, walk or run to a place of safety such as home or back to school
- Play a “what if” game with your parents to come up with ideas of what you would do if, for some reason, you are afraid on the way to and from school
- Cross the street at a stop sign or with street lights
- Do not cross between parked cars/buses

Dates to Remember Mark your Calendar



April 30 –May 6	Catholic Education Week
May 4	Grades 4-8 Music Through the Ages Presentation 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
May 10	Catholic School Council 6:30 p.m.
May 12	PA Day -no school
May 17-18	Aussie X
May 22	Victoria Day - no school
May 26	School BBQ
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:

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!

Internet Safety

- Get involved! Learn and follow what your children are doing online
- Use filtering software to protect your child from potentially harmful sites and programs
- Have computers in common rooms where they can be easily supervised
- Limit the amount of time that your child spends online
- Your child should not be communicating in online chat rooms
- Pictures should not be taken and/or received online
- Inform your child about the negative effects an online profile (like a Facebook profile) can have on their life

For more information regarding Internet Safety, visit one of the following websites: www.kidsintheknow.ca, www.cybertip.ca, www.mediaawarness.ca, www.nsteens.org, www.peelpolice.on.ca, www.opp.ca