Advent

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year-old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate and the consummation of which we anticipate.

Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life. Prayers and our attendance and participation at Mass enrich our waiting for Jesus. May God bless you all in this Holy Season.

An Advent Reflection

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom of power of your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God’s own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace; peace in the world, peace in the home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father’s joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

O God, as light comes from the candles of our Advent wreath, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming. Amen.
ADMINISTRATOR’S MESSAGE

The season of Advent is upon us. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. The word, “Advent” means “coming”. During this season, we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus when He comes. Of course, He does not come just once a year. He comes when we are in trouble, when we rejoice, when we pray, when we celebrate, when we love one another in His name. We take this time every year to practice being ready – so that we can receive Jesus every day of our lives.

Life is a constant Advent Season. We are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, and to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience. The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But, by choosing to live our lives according, to the example of Mary, we will hear God’s call to wait patiently for the emergence of the light of hope that can shatter our darkness, liberate us from our fears and reassure us that we are never alone or abandoned. May this Advent season be the time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives. May God bless all of us this holy season!

At this time of the year we are also planning for the waiting season of Advent leading to Christmas and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent began on Sunday, December 3, 2017. As a community we will gather together on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 to celebrate our Advent Mass. The mass will be held at St. Jerome School at 1:30 pm. The celebration will focus on the sacred aspects of this special season in the Church calendar.

“Many hands make for light work.” At this time we would like to thank our School Council who continues to work very hard to support our children and our community.

At a time of reflection, remembrance and anticipation, we thank you for your continued support and consideration.

On behalf of the entire St. Jerome Staff we wish you and your families a very joyous, blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year! We’ll see you all in 2018!

God bless,
L. Calabrese, Principal

THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of December we will focus on the virtue of hope.

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life.

We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore, God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us.

Year after year, we are reminded that God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together.

When we look at the world through the eyes of God, we see it becoming more and more like the reign of God that Jesus describes.

People of hope...
• keep up a positive attitude
• can bounce back from tough situations
• set and stick to their goals
• see the good in others even when they make mistakes
• work to include others
• let others know that they are good people

Let us pray this month, for the grace and courage to be people of hope – people who can see, participate in and contribute to God’s goodness emerging around us.

People of Hope...
• Expect the best to happen for everyone
• Hold on to their dreams
• Always count on God to help them in tough situations
• Trust that things will work out in God’s way
• Look for something good to come out of problems
• Are looking forward to life’s blessings
• Set and stick to their own goals
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For all events and full schedule, please visit our website: http://stmartinoftourschurch.blogspot.ca/

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - MITTEN TREE FOOD DRIVE AND CHRISTMAS HAMPER CAMPAIGN

Again this year we invite our students to bring in new mittens, gloves, hats, socks, and slippers for our Mitten Tree. We are also having our annual Christmas food drive at St. Jerome School in order to meet the growing needs of our local community. Please place dry goods or tins in the boxes in front of our altar. Thank you for your ongoing compassion and generosity and for encouraging our children to understand the meaning of giving to all those in need. All proceeds will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be included in their Christmas hampers. Items will be picked up Wednesday, December 13, 2017. We thank you in advance for your generous contributions. A very special THANK YOU as well to all the families that contribute to our class collections to help make Christmas a little merrier for families in need. This year we are again sponsoring families in need. Please refer to the letter send home on November 30, 2017 which can also be found on our website.

ST. JEROME SCHOOL ADVENT MASS

Our Advent Mass will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 1:30 pm at St. Jerome School. We want to invite all parents who are able to share in this spiritual celebration. It is truly a wonderful way to capture the “true meaning” of Christmas with your family.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The school will be closed for the Christmas Holidays beginning Monday, December 25, 2017 until Friday, January 5, 2018. School resumes Monday, January 8, 2018 at 9:15 am. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF MERCIFUL REDEEMER

St. Jerome School is collecting gift cards for the needy families of our community. Please consider donating gift cards from local stores this Christmas by December 13th, 2017. All donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Once again please refer to the letter sent home on November 30, 2017 which can also be found on our website for more details.

P.A. DAY JANUARY 22, 2018

There will be no school for students on Monday, January 22nd, 2018. It is a PA Day and teachers will be involved in Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress.
### SCHOOL HOURS

- **9:00** Supervision in the yard
- **9:15** School Entry
- **11:15 – 11:30** Morning Recess
- **12:15 – 1:15** Lunch
- **2:40 – 2:55** Afternoon Recess
- **3:45** Dismissal

Please note that **supervision** in the playground begins at **9:00 AM**. Please do not leave your children unattended in the school grounds before the teachers begin their duty. Morning announcements begin at 11:05 a.m. in order to allow for a 2 hour uninterrupted Literacy block of time.

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance line is: **905-273-3836 (Press #1)**. Please call to register an absence. **You can call 24hrs a day including weekends if you know your child will be absent from school.** An answering machine is available to take information.

Please provide the following information:
- Name(s) of student(s)
- Name of student’s teacher(s)
- Grade of student(s)
- Reason for absence

If an absence is not reported, our policy is to call home to verify student absenteeism. A parent or guardian must sign out students at the office who leave early.

**All students are expected to attend school regularly and punctually. There has been an increase of students coming to school after 9:15am. This is particularly disruptive to the school, the class, and the individual child who is late. It is most difficult for a child to be fully engaged in a lesson when the lesson has already begun without them.**

All students who arrive after 9:15 am or 1:15 pm must obtain a late slip from the office. This measure is to ensure the safety of your child.

We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure.

### COLD WEATHER DRESS

- In anticipation of the weather getting progressively colder, we ask that students begin preparing for outdoor play. This includes proper gloves, hats, scarves, jackets, coats and boots. Board Guidelines indicate that students will generally be outside for lunch and recess when temperatures do not fall below −20 degrees Celsius, with the wind chill. As such, appropriate clothing is essential. Please note that students should have indoor shoes during the winter months. We also suggest sending spare clothes for younger students. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

### SCHOOL WIDE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

Our Youth Faith Ambassadors have organized for our students activities for our Spirit Week, December 18-22, 2017. As this year is the year of GRACE we are using this theme to engage all of our students in activities that encourage community and Christmas spirit. Each morning we will be running our annual **Name That Christmas Carol Contest.**

**G Monday Dec 18: Grab your Favourite Christmas Sweater Day and wear it today!**

**R Tuesday Dec. 19: Red Day. Wear anything red today!**

**A Wednesday Dec 20: Awesome Christmas Hat or Accessory Day! Bring your Christmas hat and wear it today!**

**C Thursday Dec. 21: Create something beautiful today. Mrs. Read’s class will be demonstrating and teaching everyone a beautiful Christmas craft today!**

**E Friday Dec. 22: Everyone wear your Pajamas over your clothes to school today! We will gather in the gym in the morning for our Annual Christmas carol singing led by our St. Jerome Junior and Senior choirs.**
CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights, and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial arrangements between parents that may affect your child during school hours. Please ensure that a copy of the Court Order is filed at the school office.

FROM THE LIBRARY

We were very lucky to have Kenneth Oppel, children's author loved across the country for his imaginative novels, at our school on Tuesday November 7th. He has written a book appealing to just about every type of person, for every style of reader to fall in love with. He was born and spent most of his childhood in British Columbia as well as Nova Scotia. At 12, Mr. Oppel decided that he wanted to pursue his talent of writing and become an author. Over two summers, he wrote a comedic story about a boy obsessed with videogames, and one thing led to another. Eventually, world renowned author, Roald Dahl read and introduced the story to his agent, leading to its publication in 1985, giving his career a kick start. Mr. Oppel studied at the University of Toronto going on to write books loved all over the world and selling over 1 million copies of his Silverwing Trilogy world-wide. He has won countless awards for his work and we were so honoured to have him at our school to give us a little bit of insight and inspiration. Thank you Mr. Oppel! Julia from Mrs. Danton’s Class

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Students will have the opportunity to take field trips and participate in a number of extra-curricular activities. Permission forms will be sent home to be filled out, signed and promptly returned to school.

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE ON A TRIP OR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THEIR PARENT /GUARDIAN. VERBAL CONSENT OVER THE TELEPHONE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

No exceptions will be allowed. Teachers give ample notice for trip consent forms. We encourage parents to support these educational opportunities by volunteering to assist and supervise these excursions. For the safety of your child, excursions lacking appropriate adult supervision will be cancelled.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Public Webcasts

Learn about the Board’s Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC) and Multi-year Strategic Plan

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is holding two public webcasts on December 7 to share information with parents/guardians and other community stakeholders about the board’s Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC) and Multi-year Strategic Plan.

The two webcasts will be broadcast on December 7 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Parents/guardians and other community stakeholders are invited to register and log in to watch:

1:00 p.m. Webcast
https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1557577/BB5B60F3D58EC304F1DCA452086F7641

7:00 p.m. Webcast
https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1557578/269337E9CC2457F52BE341EE78892A19

Viewers can submit questions/comments online while the broadcast is underway. If the question can be addressed immediately, we will do so. However, it will be our intent to post questions and responses on the Board website following the webcasts.

The Board’s CBILC document is available on the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org. Follow the links in the Public Webcasts Button on the main Board webpage. We look forward to having you join us on December 7. Please note that our St. Jerome School Council Meeting will begin at 6:30PM on Thursday December 7, 2017 followed by the webcast at 7:00PM.
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

If you would like to help with any of the special events, or would like to have input on the various initiatives that are being planned for this year, please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm. All St. Jerome School parents are invited to join us. Please mark down our School Council Meeting dates for the remainder of the school year:

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Wednesday, April 11, 2018

ALLERGIES

We would like to inform you that St. Jerome School is an allergen aware school. We have a number of students in our school who have severe allergic life threatening reactions to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils, any peanut/nut by-products and dairy products. As in the past, we are asking you to not put any child at risk, therefore, are requesting that PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, PEANUT OILS, ANY PEANUT/NUT AND COCONUT BY-PRODUCTS NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL. WE ASK THAT YOU READ THE LABELS OF ALL FOOD ITEMS SENT TO SCHOOL. A letter was sent home the first day of school which addressed this concern. We are asking parents not to send food items to school when celebrating your child’s birthday since there are many alternatives such as pencils, stickers, etc.

STORAGE/ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication, please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible.

NO CHILD WITHOUT MEDIC ALERT PROGRAM

The No Child Without program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 to 14. If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. For further information pick up a brochure at the school office, or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. If your child is already part of the program but his/her medical condition or contact information has changed, call 1-866-479-3220 Ext.1.

BUSSING and COURTESY SEAT POLICY

STOPR (Student Transportation of Peel Region)

Stopr is providing bus transportation services for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. The STOPR website address is www.stopr.ca. This website provides access to up to date information regarding delayed buses and bus cancellations due to inclement weather. To check for eligibility for transportation, please access the following website: businfo.stopr.ca.

STOPR Telephone Contact Information:
905-890-6000

Thank you to all parents who completed and followed the school board process for the Courtesy Seat Bus Request. We were able to accommodate all requests received for this year. Please remember that this process must be conducted annually for students not normally eligible to ride the bus.
TRANSPORTATION

A decision to cancel school transportation and/or close schools, due to inclement weather is usually made by 6:00 AM. Only the Director of Education has the authority to cancel transportation and/or close schools.

INCLEMENT WEATHER, SCHOOL CLOSURES AND BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio and television stations:

- VIRGIN RADIOFM99.9
- CFNY FM102.1/AM640
- NEWSTALK1010 AM
- FM Z103.5
- CHIN FM100.7/AM1540
- GLOBAL NEWS
- CHUM AM1050
- CJCL AM590
- EZ ROCK FM97.3
- FM93.1
- CBC99.1
- CTV
- CFTR AM680
- CHFI FM98.1
- CJBC (FR) AM860
- FM Q107
- CITYPULSE
- BREAKFAST TELEVISION

The message usually takes the following form; “All buses for the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board have been cancelled.” This means that buses are cancelled for the entire day. Parents who drive their children to school in the morning must arrange to pick them up at the end of the day.

USE OF SCHOOL PHONES

Students will only be permitted to use the school phone in cases of emergency. An emergency is considered to be an illness or injury. Calling home because it is raining, or for forgotten shoes, wanting to go to a friend’s house or other minor issues, are not considered emergencies.

MOVING?

If you are planning to move out of the St. Jerome school area or change address within our boundaries, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Please keep us informed of any address, phone number or medical changes for your children. It is of the utmost importance that our records be up to date. If your child should get sick or hurt, we must have accurate contact information.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering at St. Jerome Catholic School for 2017/2018? During the school year, volunteers support programs and activities at the school. We appreciate and rely on parents who can devote a small portion of their time to help. You may pick up a volunteer form and a Criminal Reference Check Form at the school office and it is of NO COST to you until January 1st, 2018.

People who volunteer in schools and attend trips are required to have completed Criminal Reference Checks, which can be picked up from our school office and taken to Police Headquarters listed on the form. Once the form is completed, your volunteer service can begin. We look forward to working with you for the betterment of all students at St. Jerome School.

AFTER HOURS SCHOOL ACCESS

When school closes at 3:45 p.m. students should be leaving with all the homework and books that they may need for the evening. We strongly encourage students to do this. We strongly encourage students to be responsible citizens.
The “Kiss and Ride” program takes place before school. A reminder to the St. Jerome community that our driveway is one-way.

We have reserved for cars to drop off and pick up students the area by the side of the school next to the park. We ask that when you enter the kiss and ride area you follow the arrows on the asphalt. The yellow arrow lane is a drive through while the white arrow lane beside the asphalt is the drop off lane. Please then follow the arrow signs on the ground to exit. You enter on the side of the building by the park for Kiss and Ride. All students are to exit the car on the asphalt side only for their safety.

Kiss and Ride is just like the one at the Go Station. You stop, let your child out and then drive away. Please DO NOT leave your car in the Kiss and Ride. THERE IS NO STOPPING IN THE DRIVE THROUGH LANE (the lane with the arrows.) This area is the only area where students are let off and picked up in the school area. Please do not stop in front of the school to drop off your children as this is the bus zone and a fire route. If you need to walk your child to the playground please park your car in a designated parking spot.

We would also like to remind parents that schoolyard supervision does not begin until 9:00 AM. Students should not be arriving before this time, as the playground is not supervised. Parents should not be in the supervised yard during school hours. Thank you for keeping our students safe. If you need to pick up your child and it is recess please come to the office to sign them out.

LOST AND FOUND

We often find lost items at St. Jerome School. Items like shoes, socks, hats, jackets, gloves etc. are collected and placed in the ‘lost and found’ box. Please look through it to see if any items belong to you. Please remind your children to bring all personal items home and to continually check the list and found box regularly for any missing items.

PEDICULOSIS

Head Lice is a common problem which occurs at some time in most schools at least once every year. Head lice are parasites which have been common among human beings for centuries. They are not connected in any way with dirt or neglect. If a case is found in our schools, we shall inform parents of the students in that classroom in a letter. We have had a number of cases so we ask that you also check your own children regularly. If you find them to be infested, please notify the office. For more information go to the following link: http://www.peelregion.ca/health/topics/headlice/.

SCHOOL WEB SITE

We have updated our school website. This site will be continually updated and has information for parents regarding school calendar information, newsletters and school updates. Visit www.dpcdsb.org and link onto the Elementary site at St. Jerome Elementary School @ www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Parents and guardians of Dufferin-Peel Catholic students can stay up-to-date with the latest board news and information by joining the Dufferin-Peel Online Community Bulletin Board and Twitter. You will receive the latest news and information, including news releases, school activities and events, board meeting highlights, school and bus cancellations, plus useful tips for parents and students. Visit www.dpcdsb.org.

DPCDSB is on Twitter! For the latest Board news and information, follow us @DPCDSBSchools.
ST. MARTIN SECONDARY SCHOOL

As part of our partnership with St. Martin Secondary School we will, from time to time, provide you with information about important dates or events. It is our hope that through the sharing of this information we can strengthen our ties to our Secondary School and to assist the administration and staff of St. Martin Secondary School in keeping parents and the community informed of events that are occurring at the high school. The link to the Secondary site at St. Martin Secondary School is www.dpcdsb.org/MARTN. There will also be a link on our website in order for you to connect to St. Martin Secondary School’s website.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

In the unforeseen event that we should have an emergency at our school, we will evacuate to:

Huron Park Recreation Center
830 Paisley Blvd. West
Mississauga, Ont.
L5C 4P1
905-615-4820

Safety regulations and Board Policy require us to have this contingency plan in place. In the event of an evacuation to the high school, your child will remain at Huron Park Recreation Center until we are able to contact you and make arrangements for pick up.

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Thursday Luncheons have begun. Students can participate weekly in a fabulous Pizza lunch, by Ginos. The dates are as follows:

December 7, 14, 21

We would like to thank Ms. Andriano, Mrs. Srutwa and Mrs. Vritsios for organizing our Pizza Thursday Luncheons for our students of St. Jerome School. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the distribution of pizza. The letter for our second round of Pizza Lunch was sent home on December 4, 2017. Please consider using the school cash online payment option. Please see below for instructions.

NEW!!- SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Our school is now offering School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees - everything from field trips to pizza lunches.

School Cash Online allows parents to pay school related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools. Teachers and office staff are then able to focus their time on helping students, and not counting cash. As well, your child is not responsible to carry money to school.

School Cash Online shows all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. You can then view and choose to purchase these fees online through two different payment methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed of upcoming events and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

Register today!! – a simple task that takes less than two minutes – by visiting dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com or visiting our website at https://www.dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/

We will slowly be implementing this payment option as fieldtrip and order forms are sent home. Once registered, you will be able to log in and make your payments online, avoiding the task of sending cash and cheques to school. REGISTER TODAY!!!
HEALTHY EATING AND ECOSCHOOLS

At St. Jerome Catholic School, we will be promoting Healthy Eating throughout the school year by encouraging our students to bring in healthy snacks and lunches. Students will be able to participate in activities in their classrooms and projects that encourage healthy eating. We are also encouraging our students to pack a “Litterless Lunch” using reusable containers to pack their lunch and snacks and to try to use refillable water bottles and to use our filling station.

FEEDER SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH PEEL REGIONAL POLICE

Peel Regional Police have assigned Cst. Peers to liaise between school administrators and St. Jerome students. The officers have direct knowledge of the community safety issues where the school is located and the surrounding area. The Constable will be a strong resource for our school community working towards a Safe School Environment for our young citizens.

The goals of the program are to:
- Increase positive relationships between St. Jerome students, school staff, administrators and the Peel Regional Police.
- Provide greater communication between the St. Jerome community and the Peel Regional Police.
- Increased awareness of crime prevention and detection towards our common goal of a Safe School Environment

We welcome our relationship with the Peel Regional Police Officers to St. Jerome School and look forward to working together.

EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION MEETING

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s), who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2017 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Philip School
345 Fairview Road West
Mississauga - L5B 3W5
905-306-8420
Wednesday, January, 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

At the present time, the above mentioned school is the designated centre for the St. Jerome School area. Applications will be accepted at the center until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORMS

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board strongly encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment: 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or 2) apply online at www.insuremykids.com. If you have any questions please phone 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children. These forms were sent out the first day of school. If you did not receive one, please ask your child or call the school.
**REGISTRATION FOR FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 2018-2019**

The following dates are for Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. One evening has been set aside for Kindergarten registration as well as four consecutive days. A snow date for evening registration has also been determined.

**Evening Registration:** Monday, January 15, 2018 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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For more information about registration and the Kindergarten program, call St. Jerome School 905-273 3836 or visit [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org).

The following documents are required for registration:

- proof of age of the child (birth certificate or passport)
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or baptismal certificate from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. If the child has not been baptized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or has been baptized in an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their own baptismal certificate.
- updated immunization records (Immunization Card, Peel Health Form or Letter of Exemption)
- proof of Canadian citizenship (Birth Certificate/Passport) or permanent resident status
- proof of home address (two of the following: property tax bill, current utility bill, real estate document or Government of Canada issued forms)
- emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property, if applicable (residents of Caledon and Dufferin County)
- proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an Application For the Direction of School Support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement available at the school)

Admissions are open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least 4 years of age by December 31, 2018.

**2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

This year, parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. [Online registration](http://www.dpcdsb.org) will begin on January 8, 2018 at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org). The Online Registration Form should be completed prior to in-person school meetings where documentation will be received on January 15* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and January 17-19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If parents/guardians wish to register in-person, they may do so during these specified dates and times.

For more information about registration and the Kindergarten program, call St. Jerome Catholic School at 905-273-3836 or visit [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org).

**PARENT EVENING TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF STUDENTS WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES INTO KINDERGARTEN**

On Thursday, January 25, 2018 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board’s Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning and information session. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who are entering Kindergarten in September 2018. The meeting will be
WHAT: Information Session to Support the Transition of Students with Differing Abilities into Kindergarten 2018

WHEN: Thursday, January 25, 2018
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
*Snow Date: January 29, 2018

WHERE: Catholic Education Centre – Room 301 (Third Floor)
40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga (Hurontario & Matheson)

This year, parents/guardians have the option to register for Kindergarten online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. Online registration will begin on January 8, 2018 at www.dpcdsb.org. The Online Registration Form should be completed prior to in-person school meetings where documentation will be received on January 15* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and January 17-19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If parents/guardians wish to register in-person, they may do so during these specified dates and times.

For more information, families should contact their local Catholic school, visit the board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE ST. JAMES CATHOLIC GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE WILL TAKE PLACE JANUARY 23-26, 2018

The St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre located in the Port Credit area of Mississauga will be holding Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-19 school year on January 23* from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on January 24-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *A snow date has been designated on January 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre is a regional elementary school open to all Dufferin-Peel Catholic students. The school provides diverse and specialized learning opportunities with a global focus for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Admissions are open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least 4 years of age by December 31, 2018.

Parents interested in applying for Kindergarten at St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre must register online at www.dpcdsb.org for their home school starting on January 8, 2018 before registering for St. James.

Please note that student transportation is not provided for Regional programs.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.
INDOOR FOOTWEAR REQUESTED

Please ensure that students keep a pair of running shoes or other appropriate footwear at school so that their feet remain dry and clean at all times. As well, because so many areas of our schoolyard can be quite muddy at certain times of the year, this would really help in keeping mud and dirt out of the classroom.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

Again this year, several of our students participated in the annual Remembrance Day Poster, Poem, and Essay contest. The winners were invited to our local legion branch on November 26th for the awards ceremony. Congratulations to the following students from Mrs. Danton’s Grade 7/8 and for their amazing achievements:

**Intermediate Division – Mrs. Danton’s Class**
- Rebecca L. placed 1st in the Poetry contest
- Richmond D. placed 1st in the Poster contest and 3rd in the Poetry contest
- Joshua B. placed 3rd in the Poster contest

**Junior Division – Mrs. Read’s Class**
- Amelie H. placed 1st in the Essay contest and 3rd in the Poster contest
- Francine S. placed 2nd in the Essay contest and 3rd in the Poetry contest

REMINDERS AND RESOURCES FOR COLD AND FLU SEASON

As cold and flu season approaches, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board continues to be vigilant in ensuring that our schools are clean and that our school communities are educated regarding good hand hygiene and cough etiquette. These practices are promoted on an ongoing basis, but as the prevalence of colds and flu increases, our Board increases the cleaning of contact surfaces, as well as reminds schools to review cold and flu prevention with students and staff. Many resources are utilized from our regional health units.

A reminder, as well, that communicable diseases can be contracted in public places throughout the year. For example, cold-related viruses, such as Enterovirus, are transferred from person to person through hand contact. Cold and flu viruses typically peak from December through February, but can start as early as October.

Please assist us by reviewing good hand washing procedures, as well as other preventative measures, as outlined in the various Peel Health and Wellington Dufferin Guelph (WDG) resources available to you through their websites. As always, children who are unwell, should be kept at home.

**Flu Clinics:** Also available on the Peel Health and WDG websites, are the schedules of local Flu Clinics. For more information, visit the health unit websites:

- Peel Health website: [http://www.peelregion.ca/health](http://www.peelregion.ca/health)
- Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health website: [www.wdgpublichealth.ca](http://www.wdgpublichealth.ca)

Direct links to the above information can be found in the Parent Section of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board website at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org)
SACRAMENTAL DATES

Grade 2s:

Saturday January 20, Sunday January 21, Saturday January 27 and Sunday January 28, 2018
First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment at St. Martin Of Tours Parish at Any Mass

Grade Two First Holy Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish

Grade 7s:

Friday, March 9, 2018
Confirmandi to meet with Bishop Boissenault
10:30 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Sacrament of Reconciliation and Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours

Thursday, April 12, 2018
Grade 7 Confirmation
7:00 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish

ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- Friday December 1, 2017 Grade 4 Peel Police Presentation – Safe On-Line Surfing with Officer Jess
- Friday December 1, 2017 Grade 7 and 8 Peel Police Presentation – Digital Leadership/Social Media with Officer Jess
- Monday December 4, 2017 Grade 6 Scientist in the School Presentation
- Tuesday December 5, 2017 Grade 5 Scientist in the School Presentation
- Wednesday December 6, 2017 1:30 PM Advent/Christmas Mass at St. Jerome School in the gym all parents welcome
- Thursday December 7, 2017 6:30 PM School Council Meeting and 7:00 PM Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Webcasts at St. Jerome School in the library
- Friday December 8, 2017 Youth Faith Ambassador Rally at Blessed Trinity
- Monday December 18 – Friday December 22, 2017 Christmas GRACE Spirit Week and Name that Christmas Carol Contest
- Monday December 18, 2017 Grab your favourite Christmas Sweater and wear it today!
- Tuesday December 19, 2017 Red Day! Wear anything red today!
- Wednesday December 20, 2017 Awesome Christmas Hat and Accessory Day!
- Wednesday December 20, 2017 11:00 AM Primary Christmas Concert at St. Jerome School all parents are welcome...more info to follow
- Wednesday December 20, 2017 Christmas Cookie Sale…more information to follow shortly
- Thursday December 21, 2017 create something beautiful today! The students from Mrs. Read’s class will be demonstrating and teaching everyone a beautiful Christmas craft.
- Friday December 22, 2017 everyone wear your pajamas over your clothes today!
- Monday December 25, 2017-January 5, 2018 Christmas Break School is Closed

JANUARY

- Monday January 8, 2018 School Resumes
- Monday January 15, 2018 Hearing and Vision Screening Clinic…more information to follow shortly
- Monday January 15, 2018 7:00 PM Kindergarten Registration
- Tuesday January 16, 2018 Snow Date 7:00 PM Kindergarten Registration
- Wednesday January 17 – Friday January 19, 2018 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Kindergarten Registration
• **Saturday January 20, 2018** 5:00 PM Rite of Enrolment Grade First Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish
• **Sunday January 21, 2018** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM Rite of Enrolment Grade First Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish
• **Monday January 22, 2018** PA Day Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress, no school for students
• **Wednesday January 24, 2018** Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
• **Saturday January 27, 2018** 5:00 PM Rite of Enrolment Grade First Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish
• **Sunday January 28, 2018** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM Rite of Enrolment Grade First Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish
• **Wednesday January 31, 2018** 7:00 PM Mississauga South School Council Winter Event at St. Joseph Secondary School

**ATTACHMENTS:**

• Christmas Message from Trustee B. Iannicca
• 2017-2018 Bus Cancellations/School Closing Due to Bad Weather
• 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration
• Eye See...Eye Learn Program
• Student e-Portfolio November Parent Newsletter
• Student e-Portfolio December Parent Newsletter