



Living and Learning in Faith

February 2018

## St. Jerome Catholic School

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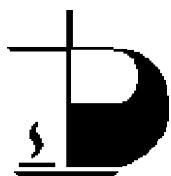
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[www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM](http://www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM)



## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

### LENTEN SEASON

Lent is a special time when you can share the concepts of prayer and giving with your children. Take family time each day to offer devotional prayers. Consider as a family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process. Carve out time in your day for your own special prayer time. This may involve early rising or time spent away from a favorite hobby or activity.

Lent is a good time to think about the blessings we have. It may be a good time to give up something we enjoy as a reminder of the true meaning of Jesus' sacrifice. We can also think of a Lenten Promise we wish to make and strive to do good to others as Jesus did to the many people He met along His journey.

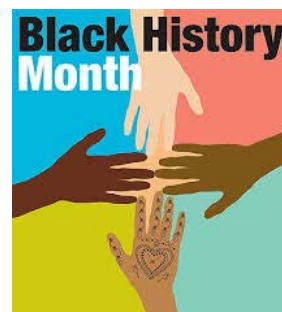
At a time of reflection, celebration and anticipation, we thank you for your continued support.

Please join us as we begin our Lenten Journey with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in our school gym at 10:30 AM.

We would like to wish our students, staff and families a very safe and enjoyable Family Day.



God Bless,  
L. Calabrese, Principal



You, the one  
From whom on different  
paths  
All of us have come.  
To whom on different  
paths  
All of us are going.  
Make strong in our  
hearts what unites us.  
Build bridges across all  
that divides us;  
United make us rejoice in  
our diversity.  
At one in our witness to  
your peace,  
A rainbow of your glory.

Amen

## THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of February we will focus on the virtue of **RESPECT**.

**PEOPLE OF RESPECT...**

- SEE GOD'S PRESENCE IN THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
- WELCOME OTHERS WITH SMILES AND FRIENDLY GREETINGS
- ALWAYS DISPLAY GOOD MANNERS
- SAY 'EXCUSE ME', 'PLEASE' AND 'THANK YOU'
- AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO SWEAR OR GESTURE INAPPROPRIATELY
- LOOK FOR WAYS TO ENCOURAGE AND PRAISE OTHERS
- TALK KINDLY ABOUT OTHERS AND AVOID GOSSIP

**RESPECT**



God has given us the virtues of friends and companions to keep us company and to help us along the way.

Every person in our lives carries the Spirit of God – and so every person is our brother or sister through Jesus Christ.

As brothers and sisters who share one Holy Spirit, we are all valuable to God. We all deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity, and thoughtfulness which are different ways of saying **respect**.

Respect should come first and foremost from ourselves. We have to respect ourselves and then we will be able to respect others. We should also be able to expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet – our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at respecting ourselves as well as respecting those around us.

### **A respectful person ...**

- treats himself/herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy
- uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures
- says “excuse me”, “please”, “pardon me”
- avoids gossip

Let us pray this month, for the grace and courage to be people of respect –so that everyone we meet will feel like we are their brother and sister in Christ.

We want to thank you for supporting our efforts at home in reinforcing with our children the virtues. As a school, we learn and grow together with Jesus. We look forward to seeing students demonstrate the virtue of respect.

## PRAYER TO ST. VALENTINE

We are thankful for the gift of love,  
and for the gift of knowing  
that you are watching over us  
in everything that we do.  
Your power of healing and love for others has shown us  
the true meaning of loving others, ourselves and most of all, God.  
The first blooms of crocus flowers in spring  
symbolize a celebration of new life,  
a new beginning and a new person in all of us.  
Your continuous blessings of hope, strength, courage and love will  
strengthen and enrich our faith in you.  
Carry us on your wings of love and sweet flowing grace.  
Inspire us to help others and dedicate our lives  
into service for others.  
Guide us through life and through all obstacles and difficulties.  
Let us not be tempted to do things against your will.  
Let peace and justice be in our hearts and let helping others be our mission.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ's name.  
St. Valentine pray for us.  
Amen.



## ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH



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For all events and full schedule, please visit our website: <http://stmartinoftourschurch.blogspot.ca/>

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, February 9, 2018 will be a PA day, no school for students, for Reporting to Parents.

### MARCH BREAK

The March Break will be **Monday, March 12, 2018 to Friday, March 16, 2018**. Students and staff will return to school on **Monday, March 19, 2018 at 9:15 AM**.

### REPORT CARDS AND KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING



First term report cards for students in Grades 1 to 8 and the Communication of Learning for our Kindergarten students were sent home on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**. Along with the report card, you received a confirmation time for your report card conference. This conference will include the student, the teacher and the parents/guardians.

During this first conference, the teachers would like to see and speak with all parents and students in Kindergarten - Grade 8, in order to discuss the first term and also to make plans and set goals for the second term.

Interviews will take place on the evening of **Thursday, February 8, 2018** and during the **PA Day Friday, February 9, 2018**.

### SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE DAY

Once again all the students at St. Jerome will receive pancakes. This initiative is supported by the Catholic School Council. We thank them for their generosity in sponsoring and running this event. This year Shrove Tuesday is Tuesday, February 13th, 2018. Information was sent home on January 25. Thank you to the many volunteers who have submitted their names. If you would like to volunteer to help on Shrove Tuesday, please call the school.

### ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy and the distribution of ashes will be on **Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at 10:30 AM** at St. Jerome School in our gym. Please join us if your schedule permits.

### VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES AND ASH WEDNESDAY

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018. This is also the traditional day to celebrate Valentine's Day. All Valentine's Day activities at the school will take place on Tuesday, February 13th.

## 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:

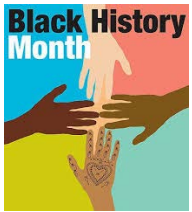
- Name(s) of student(s)
- Name of student's teacher(s)
- Grade of student(s)
- Reason for absence

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.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every year, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present. Canadians take this time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today. During Black History Month, Canadians can gain insight into the experiences of black Canadians and their vital role in the community. It is an opportunity for Canadians to recognize the significant contributions of individuals in areas such as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development and human rights. At St. Jerome Catholic School we will be celebrating Black History Month by recognizing the contributions of Black Canadians to our society through library and in class resources.

### FAMILY DAY



**Monday, February 19, 2018** is Family Day and there will be no school for students and staff. We hope that you enjoy the day with your family and loved ones.

### EQAO Primary & Junior Assessment Gr 3 & 6

Each year all grade three and grade six students in Ontario are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics for a period of five days. This year the dates for this assessment are: **May 22 to June 4, 2018**. Please keep this in mind when booking appointments/vacations.



### CHESS CLUB



The St. Jerome Chess Clubs have been meeting to learn and share their expertise in chess. We would like to thank our coaches, Mrs. Vermeiren and Mrs. Gorospe.

### BASKETBALL



The junior basketball season is well underway. Go Jaguars!  
Thank you to Mrs. Read and Mrs. Bugala for their time with the teams.

## 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 on file at the school office.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived at our school! It is going to take place at St. Jerome's library on February 5-9, 2018. A variety of quality books for all reading levels are available for purchase. Profits from the Book Fair help to provide resources for your child's school library. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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.**

### PALS



The PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) is a playground leadership program for schools and it encourages children to participate in activities during recess. The leaders are outside at lunch recess in the primary yard where they allow our primary students to participate in many fun, exciting and cooperative games. The PALS motto is, "There is always room for one more". There will be information for a call of volunteers from students in grades 4 to 6 to be trained with our Peel Health Nurse Sonia Seebachan and staff. We thank the

following staff who will be involved in the PALS program Mrs. Srutwa, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Metlin and Ms. Andriano

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

A special thanks to those who were able to join us for the CCCSC Parent Engagement Event at St. Joseph Secondary School on January 31st. Guest speaker, Dan Mc Gann, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, for the last 30 years, has been inspiring hope and change in adolescents and their families; to empower them to discover their own ability to overcome obstacles. In order to develop resilience in our children and teens, we should consider: **9 Things All Children Need**: structure, natural consequences, parent-child connections, lots of strong relationships, powerful identity, sense of control, sense of belonging and purpose, fair and just treatment (respect), safety and support. Taking the time to know our children and enjoying the simple moments in the present was well received. Learn more about it at danmcganntherapy.com.

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

Monday, April 23, 2018 Director's Webinar – Public Budget Consultation

**Next School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 6:30pm**  
All St. Jerome School Parents are invited to join us.





## 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.

## 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.

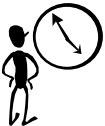
## MOVING



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.

## 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

## 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.

## BUSSING



### **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](http://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](http://businfo.stopr.ca).

**STOPR Telephone Contact Information:** 905-890-6000

## 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  
CFRB – (Bell Media)

CHUM AM1050  
CJCL AM590  
EZ ROCK FM97.3  
FM93.1  
CBC99.1  
CITY NEWS  
CTV

NEWS 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. Please see attached for more detailed information.

## KISS AND RIDE PROGRAM AND PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION



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.**

## 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 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 there will be a cost.** 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.

## **COLD WEATHER DRESS**



The cold weather is upon us. Please ensure that students dress accordingly. 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  $-25$  degrees Celsius, with the wind chill. As such, appropriate clothing is essential. Please note that students should have indoor shoes during the winter months. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

## **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.

## **REMINDERS AND RESOURCES: COLD AND FLU SEASON**

Cold and flu season is here. 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. 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.

Regional Health Unit Resources:

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

Also available on the Peel Health website, are the schedules of local Flu Clinics.

For more information, visit the health unit websites:

Peel Health website: <http://www.peelregion.ca/health>

## **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 with 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/>.

## **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](http://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.



## 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](http://www.dpcdsb.org) and link onto the Elementary site at St. Jerome Elementary School @ [www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM](http://www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM).

## 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

Students have been participating weekly in a fabulous Pizza Thursday Lunch. The dates are as follows:

**February 1, 8, 15, 22**

**March 1, 8, 22, 29**



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 help with the distribution of pizza.

## 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](http://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.

## 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](https://www.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 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 by using our water filling station.**



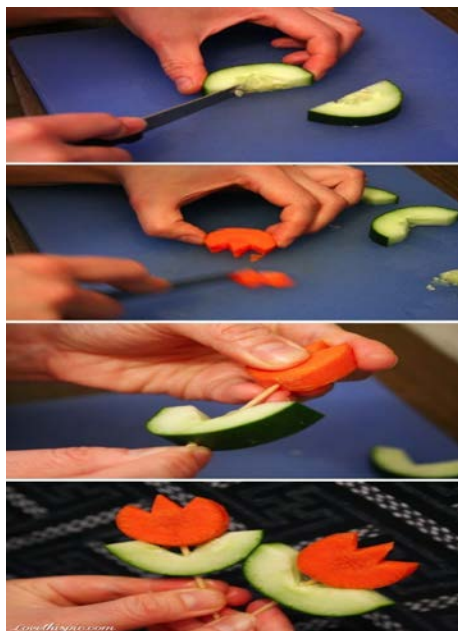
## **HEALTHY SCHOOL TEAM RECIPES:**

### **FRUIT POPS FOR BREAKFAST**



Just stick a skewer into a strawberry or slice of banana, dip it in your children’s favourite natural yogurt and then roll the pop in granola! While I store the pops in the refrigerator until serving, I’m sure they would be delicious frozen as well.

### **VEGGIE FLOWERS**



Using cucumber half slices, carrot half slices cut into a flower shape and keep it together with a toothpick.

## **IMMUNIZE ON TIME REPORT EVERY TIME**



Report all immunizations your child receives to Peel Public Health.

\*\*online at [www.immunizepeel.ca](http://www.immunizepeel.ca)

\*\* call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7000.

Student records are reviewed annually. Over an eleven week period, students with incomplete records receive **three letters mailed directly to** them to request immunization information. If parents/students DO NOT provide the required immunization information, the **student will be suspended from school by the third letter.**

PLEASE NOTE: Please send the above information to Peel Public Health, not to the school. Thank you

### **SACRAMENTAL DATES**

#### **Grade 2s:**



Saturday, April 14 2018 at 10:30 AM

Sunday April 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Saturday April 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM

**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

### **PARENT ENGAGEMENT WEBSITES**

Typing Specific Websites:

[www.typinggames.com](http://www.typinggames.com)

[www.freetypinggame.net](http://www.freetypinggame.net)

[www.sense-lang.org](http://www.sense-lang.org)

[www.typing.com/student](http://www.typing.com/student)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing)

[www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding\\_games.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html)

[www.typing-games.org/](http://www.typing-games.org/)

Math and Literacy Websites:

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com) educational games for kids

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) online educational games, books, and videos for kids of all ages

[www.mathgametime.com](http://www.mathgametime.com) math games

[www.arcademics.com](http://www.arcademics.com) academic skill builders

[www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) (allows 20 free questions a day)

<https://newsela.com/> high-interest reading items, free registration, reading level can be changed

<https://code.org/> variety of free coding activities

[http://gtm.com.blossom.arvixe.com/strict\\_kakooma](http://gtm.com.blossom.arvixe.com/strict_kakooma) links to Kakooma math games, just click on one of the icons and play the corresponding game

<http://m.tvokids.com/games/lettertreeabc> - "letter tree" game from TVO

<http://100wc.net> 100 word challenge

<http://gmttc.blogspot> Global Math Task Twitter Challenge

<http://education.microsoft.com> Skype in the Classroom

<http://iearn.org/circles> iEarn Learning Circles



## **ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **FEBRUARY**

- **Thursday February 1, 2018** AM/PM Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat at Queen of Apostle Renewal Center
- **Friday February 2, 2018** Term 2 Begins and Groundhog Day
- **Monday February 5, 2018** AM/PM Mrs. Read Grade 5/6 Excursion to Silvercreek
- **Tuesday February 5- Thursday February 9, 2018** Book Fair in the Library
- **Tuesday February 6, 2018** Term 1 report cards sent home
- **Thursday February 8, 2018** 9:30 AM Grades 4 – 8 Speech Competition at St. Jerome School in the gym
- **Thursday February 8, 2018** Interview evening with Parents
- **Friday February 9, 2018** PA Day Reporting Day, no school for students
- **Monday February 12, 2018** AM/PM Intermediate Boys Soccer Tournament at Brampton Soccer Center
- **Tuesday February 13, 2018** Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day and Valentine's Day Activities!
- **Wednesday February 14, 2018** 10:30 AM Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St. Jerome School in the Gym...all are welcome
- **Wednesday February 14, 2018** Valentine's Day
- **Monday February 19, 2018** Family Day No School
- **Tuesday February 20, 2018** Grade 4 Peel Police Presentation – Safe On-Line Surfing with Officer Jess
- **Tuesday February 20, 2018** Grade 7 and 8 Peel Police Presentation – Digital Leadership/Social Media with Officer Jess
- **Friday February 23, 2018** Mississauga South Public Speaking Competition at St. Margaret of Scotland
- **Sunday February 25, 2018** The Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest
- **Monday February 26, 2018** **Snow Date** Mississauga South Public Speaking Competition at St. Margaret of Scotland
- **Tuesday February 27, 2018** Scientist in the School Grade 5
- **Wednesday February 28, 2018** Pink Shirt Day
- **Wednesday February 28, 2018** Scientist in the School Grade 4 – Rocks and Minerals

## MARCH

- **Tuesday March 6, 2018** 10:00 AM Lenten/Easter Mass at St. Jerome School
- **Tuesday March 6, 2018** AM/PM Chess Tournament at St. Valentine School
- **Thursday March 8, 2018 Snow Date** AM/PM Chess Tournament at St. Valentine School
- **Friday March 9, 2018** Grade 7 Confirmandi to meet with Bishop Boissenault at St. Martin of Tours Parish
- **Monday March 12, 2018 –Friday March 16, 2018** **March Break No School**
- **Monday March 19, 2018** School Resumes
- **Friday March 30, 2018** Good Friday

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Trustee Presentation Invitation
- Summer Literacy Camp FDK Year 2 – Grade 5
- Student e-Portfolios