



Living and Learning in Faith

January 2018

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ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Welcome back to all of our staff and students. We hope that your Christmas holidays brought peace and tranquility to you and that you were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Another year has come upon us. Let us look to Jesus as an example of how to take on the opportunities of a new year. Jesus set the example by teaching right from wrong and by teaching that love for each other is paramount. Look to Him for guidance as we embark upon a new year.

Let us love one another more than we did last year.

Let us work harder to improve ourselves.

Let us bring Jesus' spirit into the lives of others.

Let the New Year spark a renewal for the love of learning, working hard and achieving to the best of one's ability.

To everyone in the St. Jerome community, it is our wish that the New Year brings you and your family peace, happiness and good health.

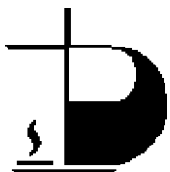
God Bless,

L. Calabrese
Principal

The Feast of the Epiphany

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2: 1- 12




THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of January we will focus on the virtue of **SELF - CONTROL**.

PEOPLE OF SELF-CONTROL...

- FOLLOW THEIR CONSCIENCE
- ARE PATIENT WITH THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- SHARE AND TAKE TURNS
- ARE ABLE TO USE PRAYER TO CALM THEMSELVES DOWN
- THINK BEFORE THEY REACT (W.W.J.D.*)
- LOOK FOR PEACEFUL WAYS TO SOLVE CONFLICT
- TRY TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYONE
- HAVE THE POWER TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

***WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?**



God has given us the ability to choose. We are able to control how we react to what happens around us.

We may feel pressure from inside or outside ourselves to react inappropriately to a situation. We've all "lost it" at one time or another. We are never proud of those moments. As soon as they happen, we make a promise that they will not happen again.

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing self-control.

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret.

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.

Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and learn.

A person with self-control...

- is patient
- knows how to wait his/her turn
- can calm himself/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.)
- works to include others
- can think things through and do what is best for everyone

Let us pray this month, for the grace and courage to be people of self-control – people who will resist the temptation to cause harm to ourselves or to others around us.

Thank you for supporting our efforts at home by 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 self-control.

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 DAYS

Monday, January 22, 2018 is a Professional Activity Day for staff. There will be **no school** for students. Staff will be involved in assessment and evaluation of pupil progress. **Friday, February 9, 2018** will be a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students and staff will be involved in 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**.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER CAMPAIGN, FOOD DRIVE AND MITTEN TREE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH



St. Jerome collected \$900.00 worth of gift cards for the needy families of our community. We raised a substantial amount of food through our December food drive. We also had many mittens and other clothing items on our tree. On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, thank you for all of your generosity.

ST. JEROME ADVENT MASS



Our Advent Mass was held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 1:30 PM at St. Jerome School**. It was truly a wonderful way to capture the “true meaning” of Christmas with our students and parents. We would like to thank Father Muthanattu for his spiritual guidance. Our Primary Division and Junior choir worked tirelessly to arrange the mass, and to organize all the details. The Primary Division and choir included: Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bugala, Mrs. Metlin, Mrs. VanDeWiele-Kimura, Mrs. Kurpis, Ms. Kimeda, Ms. Lavorato and Mrs. Teply.

One of our goals as a Catholic school community is to continuously strengthen our bond between school, parish and home, so thank you for coming together as a community to worship.

ST. JEROME PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Primary Christmas Concert was held on **Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM at St. Jerome School**. It was truly a memorable experience for all. The primary students and staff worked very diligently to organize, learn and perform their song and dance for our students as well as their families. The Primary Division included: Mrs. Malatesta, Mrs. Vukosa, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bugala, Mrs. Metlin, Mrs. VanDeWiele-Kimura, Mrs. Kurpis, Ms. Kimeda, and Mrs. Teply.

GRADES 1-8 REPORT CARDS AND KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING



First term report cards for students in Grades 1 to 8 and the Kindergarten Communication of Learning will be sent home on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**. Along with the report card or communication of learning, you will receive a confirmation time for your report card conference. This conference will include the student, the teacher and the parents/guardians. Conference request forms will be sent home shortly.

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**.

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.

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 is coming to our school! It is going to take place at St. Jerome's library on February 5-8, 2018. A variety of quality books for all reading levels will be available for purchase. Profits from the Book Fair helps to provide resources for your child's school library. Book Fair flyers and book buying dates and times will be sent home with your child(ren) by the end of January. Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! If you are able to volunteer at the Book Fair information will be coming home soon. Thank you!

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

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



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.

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. 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

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
NEWTALK1010 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.**

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.

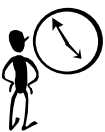
REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS



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 as of January 1st, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

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.dpccsb.org and link onto the Elementary site at St. Jerome Elementary School @ www.dpccsb.org/JEROM.

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.dpccsb.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

Students have been participating weekly in a fabulous Pizza Thursday Lunch. There will be 11 pizza lunches taking us from January 11. The dates are as follows:

January 11, 18, 25
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.

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!!!

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.

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:

Strawberry and Beet Popsicles

These gorgeous ice pops get their color from the combination of strawberries and beets. The strawberry flavor is definitely what you'll taste most, though this is a great way to introduce your kids to beets. Look for frozen beets or refrigerated cooked beets for even simpler prep!

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups strawberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 cup beets (cooked and cooled)
- 3/4 cup apple juice
- 1 tsp lemon juice or balsamic vinegar (trust me!)

Directions:

In a blender (preferably a high-speed blender), puree all ingredients until completely smooth. Pour into your favorite Popsicle mold and freeze 3-4 hours, or until completely firm. Makes 5-6 popsicles.

Fresh Fruit Slushies

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup ice cubes
- 1/2 cup fresh fruit (peeled, hulled, etc.)
- optional: pinch unrefined sea salt (for hydration)
- optional: 1 Tbsp. honey (depending on the sweetness of the fruit)
- optional: 1 - 3 Tbsp. water (depending on how much liquid is in the fruit)

Directions:

Combine all of the ingredients in a high powered blender.

Blend until ice is crushed but not completely pureed.

Serve immediately.

Notes: This makes one slushy.

Both Recipes taken from website www.superhealthykids.com

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.**

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

SNOW DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2018
(7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)



Day Registration: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, January 19, 2018 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

For more information about registration and the Kindergarten program, call St. Jerome School 905-273 3836 or visit 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. 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.

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 held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24021.

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)**

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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.

IMMUNIZE ON TIME REPORT EVERY TIME



Report all immunizations your child receives to Peel Public Health.

**online at 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 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

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

1. TVOkids.org – great website for kids to play games that support the curriculum. As well there is an area for kids to access homework help from K to 6 <http://www.tvokids.com/>
2. Mathies.ca – great website with lots of resources to support mathematics <http://mathies.ca/>
3. Mathclips.ca – interactive lessons for students to practice their math <http://mathclips.ca>
4. Teachontario.ca – website for parents where websites and apps have been curated <https://www.teachontario.ca/community/explore/parents-as-partners>
5. Estimation180.com – great opportunity to practice estimation <http://www.estimate180.com>
6. Khan Academy <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
7. Homeworkhelp.ilc.org – free online tutoring resource for students grade 7 to 10 in mathematics <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>



ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- **Monday January 8, 2018** School Resumes...Happy New Year
- **Wednesday, January 10, 2018** 6:00 PM David Wells Author and Catechist Parent Presentation at Mississauga Convention Center...Flyer was sent home in December
- **Monday January 15, 2018** AM/PM Hearing and Vision Screening Clinic
- **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
- **Wednesday January 17, 2018** 9:15 AM Grade 3 Scientist in the School
- **Saturday January 20, 2018** 5:00 PM Rite of Enrolment Grade 2 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 2 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 2 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 2 First Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish
- **Wednesday January 31, 2018** 7:00 PM Mississauga South School Council and Parent Winter Event at St. Joseph Secondary School...all are welcome

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 5-8, 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 more info coming shortly
- **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

- **Wednesday February 14, 2018** 10:30 AM Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St. Jerome School in the Gym
- **Wednesday February 14, 2018** Valentine's Day
- **Monday February 19, 2018** Family Day No School
- **Friday February 23, 2018** Mississauga South Public Speaking Competition at St. Margaret of Scotland
- **Monday February 26, 2018 Snow Date** Mississauga South Public Speaking Competition at St. Margaret of Scotland
- **Wednesday February 28, 2018** Pink Shirt Day

MARCH

- **Tuesday March 6, 2018** 10:00 AM Lenten/Easter Mass at St. Jerome School
- **Friday March 9, 2018** Grade 7Cinfirmanti to meet with Bishop Boissenault at St. Martin of Tours Parish
- **Monday March 12, 2018 –Friday March 16, 2018** **March Break**
- **Monday March 19, 2018** School Resumes
- **Friday March 30, 2018** Good Friday

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration
- 2017-2018 Bus Cancellations/School Closing Due to Bad Weather