



Living and Learning in Faith

June 2018

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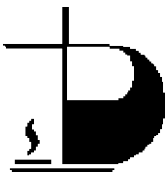
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End of the School Year Prayer



O God of all beginnings and endings,
 We praise and thank You for the gift of this school year.
 It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
 With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
 The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
 The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and Holy days,
 The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
 All have come forth from Your hand.
 Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
 Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
 Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
 And bless us, according to Your will.
 Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
 And guide us each day as You have done this past year.
 Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
 May we continue to grow
 In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
 All the days of our lives.

Amen.

Farewells and Welcomes:

We wish to congratulate Mrs. Danton and Ms. Lavorato who will be retiring at the end of this year after a blessed and fruitful career at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. After proudly serving the Board for many years, they will begin a new chapter in their lives. It has truly been a great privilege working alongside such dedicated, talented and devoted teachers who always demonstrated great care for the students, staff and the school. On behalf of the St. Jerome Community, we thank Mrs. Danton and Ms. Lavorato for their years of dedicated service and we extend our warmest wishes for good health, prosperity and happiness as they journey into their next stage of life. God bless you and your families. You will be missed dearly.

We would also like to thank some staff members who are not returning in September as their journey takes them to other schools. Thank you to Mrs. Vritsios, who has been the foundation of our school, she will be moving to St. Francis Xavier Secondary School as the Head Secretary. Thank you to Mrs. Agyemang, Mrs. D'Souza and Mrs. Francis as they journey to other schools. We would like to thank them for their dedication, compassion and commitment to our students and school. Their presence here will be missed and we wish them well in their new school. Thank you also to Mrs. Teply, Mrs. Fernandez, Mr. Sergautis, Mr. Block and Ms. Savonarota. We wish them great success in their future endeavours with Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

Welcome back to Mrs. Goegan and Mrs. Berardi who will be returning from maternity leave in September. Welcome to Mr. Lapp our new Child and Youth Worker who will be joining St. Jerome this upcoming September. We look forward to him sharing his experience and knowledge in Catholic Education and we trust that he will receive a very warm welcome by all.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire St. Jerome Staff, we wish all of you a very safe and happy summer holiday. This school year has been an extremely successful one.

I am blessed to have the opportunity to work in such a wonderful school. It has been a privilege working with such a dedicated and talented administrative assistant, Mrs. Vritsios, who always put children first. She is the foundation that makes our school run so efficiently. We want to thank Mr. Voci, Ms. Louro, and Mr. Alves for maintaining our school as a beautiful and welcoming place to come to everyday. We are blessed with gifted teaching and support staff who display their professionalism and God-given talents day in and day out. It is their commitment that enables Catholic education to thrive at its very best. All of our teachers at St. Jerome Catholic School do such a great job with our students, and put in many extra hours attending workshops to ensure that we provide quality education for all of our children. They devote a great deal of volunteer time to extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, academic competitions, special events, Masses, and trips. Our teachers certainly make this an active, positive and Christian community! On behalf of the entire community, three cheers to our staff for all of your hard work and dedication!

Our students participated in many aspects of school life including athletics, clubs and celebrations. They bring a vitality and vigor for learning and life that make it all worthwhile. In the end, our Catholic Community serves our students and we are blessed to have had the opportunity to work with you and your children this year. We look forward to this again next year. To those families leaving the St. Jerome Catholic School Community, best wishes for continued success in your new school communities.

Thank you to our parent community for your support throughout the year. Your children are a gift from God and it has been our pleasure to have the opportunity to work with you in building our Catholic Community here at St. Jerome Catholic School. We would like to thank our many volunteers for sharing their talents and time to enrich the lives of our students. In the summer, give a moment to consider becoming involved with our Catholic School Council. Nominations for Council will be held in early September so please consider nominating yourself, or someone else, to become more involved with our wonderful school community. We are also in need of volunteers for our Kiss N' Ride Program, Reading Program, Pizza Days, Fundraiser, etc.

Please become a volunteer in order to enrich our students with your many talents. A special thank you to our School Council Executive Members Mrs. Brodie, Mr. Preyra, Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Preyra, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. MacIntosh, Mrs. Bernardo, Mrs. Srutwa and Ms. Andriano.

We bid a fond farewell to our Grade 8 Graduates. It has been an important year for all of them and we hope that their stay with us has been a positive learning experience and we wish them tremendous success in their future endeavors in high school, and beyond. May God grace them with happiness and success. We also wish the Grades 5, 6 and 7 students in our gifted program much success at St. Mark School.

We wish to thank Mrs. Finegan-Downey, our Superintendent, for her dedication and hard work with our school and the entire Mississauga South Family of Schools. Thank you also to our trustee **Mr. Iannicca** for his dedication and support to St. Jerome Catholic School and for representing so well, the system of Catholic Education that we all hold so dear.

As we complete our year end activities, let us now put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May each of us help to make our home a place of relaxation, joy, peace, good health and safety. We ask for blessings for our classmates, colleagues and friends who will move on to new endeavours. May God guide our steps during the next two months and strengthen our hearts until we gather once again in September.

To the St. Jerome Catholic School Community, we wish you good health, happiness and a safe summer and look forward to seeing you **Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 9:15 AM** for another exciting and adventurous year filled with learning, discovery and fun!

May God continue to bless you and your families.

L. Calabrese
Principal

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ JUNE 8, 2018



We had our annual family BBQ on Friday June 8, 2018 and wish to thank our entire school community for making it a huge success. We would like to thank

Mrs. Preyra and Mrs. Carey for their leadership and hard work. Thank you to the many volunteers! A special thank you to Mr. Iannicca, our trustee who also attended our BBQ. We thank him for his continued support.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

THANK YOU TO...



- Our lunch hour supervisors who diligently fulfill their duties at the school. You are truly appreciated!
- All the students who helped over the year.... the lunchtime helpers, office helpers, washroom monitors, recycling team, library helpers, milk and cookie delivery helpers, and teacher helpers. We appreciate the time, effort and enthusiasm that you have shared.
- Our crossing guard and bus drivers for their continual hard work and dedication to ensure that all of our students are safe.

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We would like to thank the School Council for all of their support this year. Their fundraising initiatives have supported many programs in the school. Also, we value their input into a variety of educational issues. At this time of the year we would like to initiate plans for next year. Our elections will take place in the fall, however, we would like you to think now about joining the council for the coming school

year. If you are not sure what is involved, please ask one of the present Council members, or contact the administration for information. Everyone has something to contribute and offer to St Jerome Catholic School and we need you!

Many heartfelt thanks to our devoted School Council Members of 2017 – 2018:

School Council:

Chairperson: A. Brodie
Co-Chair: R. Preyra
Treasurer: D. Pike
Secretary: N. Carey
OAPCE Rep: C. MacIntosh
Parish Rep: C. Preyra
Parent Rep: H. Bernardo
Teacher Rep: H. Srutwa
Non Teacher Rep: I. Andriano
Principal: L. Calabrese

Thank you so much for all you have done in donating your time, effort and talents for our students.

OUR PARISH TEAM



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Joyson, Father Gijo and the Parish Team of St. Martin of Tours Church. They have been instrumental in the faith development of our children and have also played a key role in their preparation and receiving of the Sacraments. We truly appreciate all of their hard work and above all their dedication to the entire St. Jerome Catholic School Community!

SHARE LIFE

This year our school raised **\$1098.35** for Share Life through our school-wide efforts and staff initiatives. Weekly staff dress-down days also contributed to the Share Life Fund but these donations were made separately to the Board. We would like to thank our staff, parents and students for all your financial contributions.

NEW REGISTRATIONS

The school office will be open for new registrations from **Monday, August 27, 2018 – Friday, August 31, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND FIRST DAY BACK

The last day for students and staff will be **Friday, June 29, 2018**. School will resume on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. We look forward to everyone's return from the summer holiday.

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The 2018-2019 School Year Calendar was reviewed and has been approved by the Ministry of Education. Please find a copy attached to the newsletter.

TERM 2 REPORT CARDS & GROWING SUCCESS



Report cards go home Tuesday June 26th. There will be no formal interview process for this term. If you would like to discuss your child's report, please contact

your child's teacher.

STUDENT AGENDAS 2018 -2019

Student agendas for students in grades 1 – 8 have been ordered for September 2018. Students from Grades 1-8 will be using this agenda to help them organize and track assignments, homework reminders and special events. The student agenda is also an excellent tool to support parent/teacher communication.

Our agenda also contains our school's behaviour and discipline code and the board's homework policy. In September, the agendas will be sent home with our students. We would like to thank our School Council for their continued support in purchasing the agendas for our students.

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 AM 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 are still a number of students coming to school after 9:15 am. 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 sign in at the office. This measure is to ensure the safety of your child. We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure.

THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH FAIRNESS

A graphic with a grey background. On the right side, the word "FAIRNESS" is written vertically in large, bold, red letters. On the left side, the text "PEOPLE OF FAIRNESS..." is written in black. Below this text is a list of bullet points. At the bottom, there is a black and white photograph of a person's hand holding a pair of scales of justice. The scales have the text "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?" written on them.

PEOPLE OF FAIRNESS...

- TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
- REFUSE TO BEND THE TRUTH OR TWIST RULES FOR PERSONAL GAIN
- LISTEN FOR GOD'S ADVICE BEFORE FORMING OPINIONS
- THINK "W.W.J.D." WHEN FACED WITH MORAL CHOICES
- SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
- KNOW THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN POSSESSIONS OR POPULARITY
- GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THOSE WHO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT
- WORK TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS
- CHEER ON THE SUCCESSES OF OTHERS

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

During the month of June we focus on the virtue of **fairness**.

When we spend a lot of time immersed in a variety of different media – TV, movie, magazine, radio we can sometimes forget that life is not a competition.

We are made by God to live together, to share and to help each other. You can't be a Christian alone. Christianity is all about living together in community – ideally, one big happy family. When the urge to be superior takes over a person's life, then fairness can go out the window.

Fairness, the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed, is not always about making things exactly equal. Some people need a bit more time, space, consideration, and support to have an equal chance to succeed. And they deserve that chance.

Jesus spent a major part of his time on earth teaching us about the preferential option for the poor and weak. He spent an extraordinary amount of time showing us how to follow God's rules. The sick, the lame, the blind, the sinners all need a fair chance – to overcome their disadvantages and disabilities in order to succeed.

In today's terms, that could be called good sportsmanship. A good sport makes sure the rules of the game give everyone an even chance to participate. Not everyone has to win. Everyone deserves a chance to be in the game.

A fair person ...

- listens to all sides before forming opinions
- shows good sportsmanship at all times
- knows that the same rules apply to everyone
- refuses to twist rules to avoid consequences
- works to bring about peaceful solutions to problems
- cheers on the successes of others
- can balance their own rights and responsibilities with those of others

Let us pray this month for the grace and courage to be people of fairness – the desire to live by the rules of God's kingdom everyday of our lives. We want to thank you for supporting our efforts at home in reinforcing with our children the monthly virtues.

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As we break for the summer, it is important that the children continue to be exposed to our Catholic Community through experiences at the parish.

The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. 'Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church.' [CIC, can. 1246 # 1]

Throughout the school year, students experience the mystery of Jesus Christ through celebrations, liturgies and mass. We encourage all of our families to maintain these traditions and obligations throughout the summer break.

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.

SCHOOL SPORTS / CLUBS

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS AND BOYS
BASEBALL TEAMS**

Baseball season is here! We've had sunny weather making for great practices and happy coaches! We had our tournaments on Tuesday June 5th, 2018 and Thursday June 7th, 2018. We are very proud of both our teams for their tremendous success. Way to go Jaguars! Thank you Mr. Block for your dedication and time in coaching both teams.

TRACK AND FIELD

On June 4th, St. Jerome Catholic School held their annual school track and field meet to select the team that will represent St. Jerome at the Mississauga South Track and Field meet on June 14th. This year's Jaguar track team will be made up of 24 students from Grade 5-8. The top 2 finishers in each event will go on to represent St. Jerome School at the Board Track and Field Meet on June 21st. GO JAGUARS GO! Thank you to Mrs. Srutwa, Ms. Andriano and Mr. Sergautis, Mrs. Kurpis and Mr. Block.

ECO CLUB

Thank you to the ECO team at St. Jerome Catholic School for their hard work this year in keeping us up to date on all recycling news and ensuring that we continued to reduce, reuse and recycle. We want to thank them for helping us to divert waste from landfills from the waste we collect at the school. Great work!

LITTERLESS LUNCHES



We are also encouraging our students to pack a "Litter less Lunch" and to try to use **refillable water bottles and use our water filling station.**

HEALTHY EATING AND ECOSCHOOLS



At St. Jerome Catholic School, we are promoting Healthy Eating throughout the school year by encouraging our students to bring in healthy snacks and lunches. Students are encouraged to participate in activities in their classrooms and projects that encourage healthy eating.

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 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 issue for each particular class. **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.

MEDICATION

Student medications (ie: epipens, puffers, etc.) that are in the office will be sent home at the end of the school day on June 29th and updated medication (ie: epipens, puffers, etc.) will need to be returned in September.

STOPR TRANSPORTATION



If your home address will be changing during the summer, please notify Mrs. Vritsios prior to June 15, 2018 so she can make changes in our system. Address changes received after June 30 will not be reflected in the planned bus routes to commence in September and may result in transportation services not being available for your child during the first weeks of school. Parents will be responsible for their children getting to and from school until appropriate transportation service is arranged. The distance criteria for transportation eligibility is:

- 1.0 kilometer Kindergarten and Grade 1
- 1.6 kilometers for Grades 2 - 4

2.0 kilometers for Grades 5 – 8

Courtesy transportation will not be offered prior to October 2018. Courtesy ridership offered this school year does not extend to 2018-2019.

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

Please read the transportation information attached.

BUSSING and COURTESY SEAT POLICY

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

Parents are reminded that they can access information about buses online at GEOQUERY: www.stopr.ca or <https://businfo.stopr.ca>. You will need your child's OEN number. This number appears on the right hand side of your child's report cards. This is a secure number and should not be shared with others.

Geoquery Website - <http://businfo.stopr.ca>

This website also allows parents to login and find their child's transportation information by following these instructions:

- type in the website address: businfo.stopr.ca
- click "student login"
- enter your child's OEN number, street/house number, school and grade
- click "login"

This will automatically display the child's transportation information, if they are eligible. This capability for "student login" will be available for parents starting the second last week of August until the end of June each year. This feature will be

locked down during the summer for route planning purposes.

Additional features of this website are, School Information, Which School Do I Attend and Transportation Eligibility and Delays and Cancellations.

STOPR Website: www.stopr.ca

The items available on this website include:

- "About Us" – background information on Student Transportation of Peel Region
- "Policies and Procedures" – STOPR procedures and Peel and Dufferin-Peel Transportation Policies
- "FAQ" – frequently asked questions in regards to student transportation
- "School Forms" – the forms that go with the STOPR procedures
- "Operators" – a list of all the school bus operators in Peel Region and their telephone numbers
- "Links" – Ministry of Transportation links ie: booster seat legislation
- "Contact Us" – STOPR contact telephone numbers by area
- "Inclement Weather" – updates on a daily basis for inclement weather cancellations
- "Which School Do I Attend" – a direct link to our Geoquery website
- "Am I Eligible for Transportation" – a direct link to our Geoquery website
- "Your Child's Busing Information" - a direct link to the student login on our Geoquery website

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS



Interested in volunteering at St. Jerome Catholic School for 2018-2019? 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 Criminal Reference Check Form at the school office.**

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 Catholic School.

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.

LOST AND FOUND



Once again we have a large amount of lost articles in the Lost and Found box. Please take a moment to check for lost items. Some of these items are in excellent condition and are valuable. Anything remaining unclaimed will be donated to a charitable organization at the end of June. ***Please check the lost and found box the week of June 18th when we will have all the items on tables in the front lobby.***

PEDICULOSIS

Head Lice is a common problem which occurs at some time in most schools. 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.dpcdsb.org and link onto the Elementary site at St. Jerome Elementary School @ www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM. A special thank you to Mrs. Sisti for overseeing this site.

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.

PIZZA DAYS



Students have been participating weekly in a fabulous Pizza lunch, by Gino's Pizza. The dates remaining are as follows:

June 14, 21, 28

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL LITERACY CAMP-2018



Summer Literacy Camp: Kindergarten Year 2 to Grade 5
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board offers summer literacy camps for students in Kindergarten Year 2 to grade 5, during the month of July. This is a fee-for-service program. No transportation is provided. Dates and times are July 9 – July 27, 9:00 am to 12 noon.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR GRADE 6, 7 AND 8 STUDENTS

Summer School for Grade 6, 7 and 8 students for Literacy and Mathematics will take place in the month of July, specifically, July 3 – July 20, 2018, between the hours of 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

More information can be obtained from your child's classroom teacher or on the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board website at <http://www3.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/summer-learning>

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (PLASP)

PLASP Child Care Services operates Before and After School Programs at this school.

The Before School Program operates from 7:30 a.m. until school start. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The **After School Program** runs from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

Fee assistance is available.

Visit www.plasp.com and register your child online.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY:



Library News:

We are approaching that time of year again when all of the library books should be returned to the school library. Overdue notices and letters have been going home with the students. The expectation is that lost books are paid for. Any books that are outstanding in a student's account will stay on their record until the book has been located or paid for. Please help your child to locate any lost or misplaced library books.

All Library books are due to the school Library on Thursday June 21, 2018. Thank you for your cooperation!

YEAR END SCHOOL MASS

The staff and students of St. Jerome Catholic School celebrated our year end School Mass on **Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 10:00am at St. Martin of Tours Parish.** We want to thank Father Joyson for his inspiring message. Thank you to our Youth Faith Ambassadors under the leadership of Mrs. Danton, Mrs. Srutwa, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Metlin. We also want to thank our choir under the leadership of Ms. Lavorato.

WEATHER DRESS CODE



As the weather gets progressively warmer (we hope) we remind students to dress appropriately. We would like our students to be neat, clean and comfortable for learning. Students are expected to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to the school environment.

Sleeveless tops are permitted as long as they have two fingers of material on the shoulder but not short tops, halter, tank or spaghetti strap. Short shorts and skirts and clothing of a suggestive nature or displaying offensive wording or images are not allowed.

In keeping with the Board's Mission Statement and Catholic teachings, each school is committed to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste.

Also, please be aware of the reports given on TV and radio regarding the harmful effects of the UV rays from the sun. Remember to dress your children appropriately to ensure protection. Make sure that

they put on sun block, wear a hat, sunglasses and wear light coloured clothing!

Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

HEAT STRESS



Sun Safety

As the summer approaches and the thermometer goes up, our thoughts turn to fun in the sun, our gardens, sports and other outdoor activities. However, too much heavy work or play

during hot weather can lead to disorders such as heat stroke. Use the following tips to stay healthy when working and playing during hot weather:

- ✓ Drink cool water. Anyone in a hot environment should drink cool water in small amounts frequently—one cup every 20 minutes. Avoid alcohol, coffee, tea and caffeinated soft drinks, which cause dehydration.
- ✓ Dress appropriately. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and change clothing if it gets completely saturated. Use sunscreen and wear a hat when working outdoors. Avoid getting sunburn.
- ✓ Work/play in ventilated areas. Good airflow increases evaporation of sweat, which cools the skin.
- ✓ Know the signs and take prompt action. Get emergency medical attention immediately if someone has one or more of the following symptoms: mental confusion or loss of consciousness, flushed face, hot, dry skin or has stopped sweating.

FIRE DRILL AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

Throughout the year school personnel reviews safety procedures with students on a number of topics. Emergency evacuation drills are conducted to ensure that everyone is aware of the procedures to follow in order to exit the building safely. In the event of an unforeseen emergency situation students and staff will evacuate to Huron Park Recreation Center.

Should a high risk incident involving weapons occur in the school or near the school that could endanger

the lives or the safety of students and staff at the school, the emergency lockdown or hold and secure procedures will be initiated.

GRADE 3 and GRADE 6 EQAO

All Grades 3 and 6 students in Ontario recently participated in the Education Quality and Accountability Office Provincial Assessments that took place **between May 22 and June 4, 2018.**

Results of these assessments will be used to define school goals and refine improvement strategies. Results will be available at the school in the fall 2018.

We want to congratulate our grade 3 and 6 students for persevering and trying their best!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: 2018 - 2019

We are continuing to accept Year 1 and 2 Kindergarten registrations for the 2018 – 2019 school year. If you have not registered your child, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Junior Kindergarten– Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2018.

Senior Kindergarten – Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2018.

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering the child:

- Proof of age/Birth Certificate
- Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the child
- Updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status
- Proof of address (utility bill, tax assessment, etc.)

Year-End Newsletter from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees traditionally sends a year-end newsletter to the DPCDSB community and we are pleased to provide you with a link to this year's newsletter.

In keeping with the Board of Trustees' Strategic Goal of *Sacredness of Our Environment*, this is an electronic document. The document has been posted to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

(DPCDSB) website at www.dpcdsb.org. It can be accessed through a linked [Trustee Newsletter](#) chicklet on the left side of the webpage, as well a link on each school's main webpage. The Year-End Trustee Newsletter can also be found on the [Trustees webpage](#).

We encourage you to take a few moments and browse the document which provides a snapshot of some of the issues, events and activities that have taken place over the past school year.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION



The Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Ceremony will be held at St. Martin of Tours Parish on **Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM**. The Graduation Luncheon will be held at 12:00 PM at the Renaissance by the Creek. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with the students and community.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Wednesday June 13, 2018 St. Jerome Catholic School staff had our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. Thank you to all that do so much for our students and staff. A very special thank you to Mrs. Sisti, and Mrs. Srutwa for organizing the Volunteer Appreciation. Thank you once again for your dedication.



SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 **FIRST DAY PROCEDURES**

Class Lists

Tentative class lists for September 2018 are in the process of being developed in collaboration with teachers, support staff and administration. In making class placements we also consider individual student needs, learning styles, peer combinations, class placement history, and where possible, gender balance. **Class lists will be announced on the first day of school**. Please do not call the school prior to September 4, 2018 as class placements and staffing are very tentative and are changed to reflect enrollment. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018.

First Day of School- September 4, 2018

On the first day of school, students will make their way to the designated areas where they will be met by the classroom teachers. **SIGNS will be posted for each GRADE levels**. School begins at 9:15 and teachers will be on supervision beginning at 9:00 a.m.
-Grade 1-3 students will meet at the Primary doors
-Grade 4-6 students will meet at the portables
-Grade 7-8 students will meet in the Intermediate doors.

Teachers will have their class lists and will be at the designated areas and take turns announcing their class list. Once completed, the teacher & class will proceed to their classroom. For latecomers, support staff will be available to direct students to their teacher and classroom.

In the case of inclement weather, students will proceed to the following areas:

- Gr. 1 –3 in the Library**
- Gr. 4 –8 in the Gym**

Teachers will be standing under the GRADE Level signs and will take turns announcing their class list. Once completed, the teacher & class will proceed to their classroom.

Kindergarten students will congregate in the Kindergarten gated area & wait for Kindergarten teachers. In the case of inclement weather, they will all proceed to Mrs. Malatesta's classroom.

MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIRS

St. Jerome Catholic School Council – Community Update
THANK YOU for your GENEROSITY!

By participating in School Council Fundraising initiatives like: the poinsettia and the St. Jerome Catholic School Annual Family BBQ we have been able to provide the following items, programs and services for the students, teachers, and staff of St. Jerome Catholic School. Your continued contribution to our school is unsurpassed and amazing. Thank you so very much!

- Artists in the School
- Shrove Tuesday
- Technology
- Grade 2 and 7 Sacramental Recognition
- Grade 8 Graduation Awards
- PRO Parent Engagement Speaker
- Student Agendas
- Literacy and Numeracy Materials
- X Movement – X Power and Aussie X Presentations

We hope for your continued support in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.

We truly hope that your child has enjoyed the school year here at St. Jerome Catholic School! We congratulate the grade 8s as they transition to the next step of their educational journey. We bid our grade 5, 6 and 7 students in the gifted program much luck and success at St Mark School.

To all the St. Jerome families, thank you once again and we hope that you have a fantastic summer. See you in September 2018!

St. Jerome School Council 2017-2018

ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER



JUNE

- **Friday June 1, 2018** Grade 4 Mrs. Vermeiren Excursion to Mountsburg
- **Monday June 4, 2018** AM/PM St. Jerome School Track and Field Day Grades 4 -8
- **Monday June 4, 2018 – Thursday June 7, 2018** Grade 6 R.A.I.D. Program by Peel Police at St. Jerome School
- **Tuesday June 5, 2018** 10:00 AM Year end school mass at St. Martin of Tours Parish in honour of our Volunteers
- **Tuesday June 5, 2018** AM/PM Intermediate Girls Baseball Tournament
- **Thursday June 7, 2018** AM/PM Intermediate Boys Baseball Tournament
- **Friday June 8, 2018** 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM St. Jerome Annual Family BBQ Fundraiser
- **Monday June 11, 2018** PA Day No School for students
- **Tuesday June 12, 2018** Dental Screening Kindergarten Year 1 and 2, Grade 2 and 4
- **Tuesday June 12, 2018 – Thursday June 14, 2018** X Movement Program – Aussie X Program at St. Jerome School
- **Wednesday June 13, 2018** 8:30 AM Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the Library
- **Thursday June 14, 2018** AM/PM Mississauga South Family Track and Field Meet at St. Marcellinus Secondary School
- **Friday June 15, 2018** AM Grade 5, 6 and 7 Gifted Orientation Day at St. Mark School
- **Friday June 15, 2018** AM/PM Primary Division Grades 1, 2, 3 at African Lion Safari
- **Friday June 15, 2018** AM/PM Kindergarten Year 1 and 2 Excursion to Downey Farms
- **Monday June 18, 2018** AM/PM Grade 5 Excursion to Kortright Center
- **Thursday, June 21, 2018** AM/PM Board Track and Field Meet at St. Marcellinus
- **Monday June 15, 2018** 12:00 PM Grade 8 Graduation Luncheon at Renaissance by the Creek
- **Monday June 25, 2018** 6:30 PM Grade 8 Graduation at St. Martin of Tours Parish
- **Tuesday June 26 2018** Term Two Report Cards Sent Home
- **Wednesday June 27, 2018** AM Primary Fun Day Grades 1 – 3
- **Friday June 29, 2018** 10:00 AM Year End Assembly at St. Jerome School Gym
- **Friday June 29, 2018** Last Day of Classes...Have a safe and fun summer!

SEPTEMBER

- **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**...First Day of classes
- **Friday, September 14, 2018**...PA Day

ATTACHMENTS:

- Trustee Year End Message
- STOPR 2018-2019 Start Up Transportation Information
- 2018-2019 School Year Calendar
- Student e-Portfolio May
- Student e-Portfolio June
- Ready Set Read! Summer Reading Club
- Summer Programs