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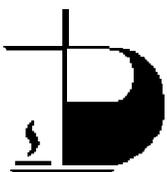
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MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has looked with favour on the lowliness of His servant.

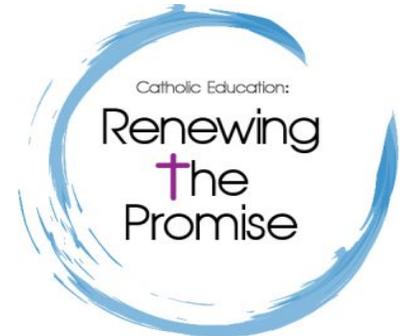
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and Holy is His name.

His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Luke 1, 46 – 53



Catholic Education Week will be the week of May 6 - May 11, 2018.

As always, Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday to highlight the parish-home-school partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education.

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2018 are as follows:

Monday: **Remembering the Promise**

Tuesday: **The Promise is Within You**

Wednesday: **Praying the Promise**

Thursday: **Living the Promise**

Friday: **Proclaiming the Promise**

There are several activities planned during this week for our school community. Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for specific class activities. We will begin the week with our Crowning of Mary Celebration on Monday May 7, 2018 at 1:40 PM in our school gym. All Parents are welcome to attend. Thursday May 10, 2018 we will have a guest speaker, Chris Vollum, who will speak to our Grades 4 - 8 students about Social Media Fitness during the day followed by a parent presentation at 6:30 PM in our school gym. We hope to see many parents attend this valuable presentation please see attached flyer. We also have a presentation by Loretta Penny on Friday May 11 and all parents are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day is a time of commemoration and celebration for Mom. It is a time of breakfast in bed, family gatherings and crayon scribbled "I Love You's". It is a time for a special dinner, some flowers, a visit or a phone call. We at St. Jerome School Catholic Elementary School wish all of our Mothers a most restful and enjoyable Mother's Day.

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

It has been a customary practice for Catholics to pay special tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. From all eternity, God knew that Mary would be the Mother of His Son. Since she was to be the Mother of Him who is God, in view of the redemption that Her Son would bring through His death and resurrection, God filled her with the fullness of His grace. She alone, of all human beings was born free from original sin. Mary listened to the call from God and did what was asked of her. She truly was the handmaiden of the Lord.

At her death she was taken body and soul to heaven. She is the first person to share in the resurrection of Christ. This privilege is called the "Assumption."

During the month of May, spend some time talking to your children about our Blessed Mother. Pray the rosary together as a family. Saints have acclaimed its effectiveness and Popes have recognized it as a rich source of divine blessing. We will be honouring Mother Mary at our school on Monday, May 7th, 2018 at our Crowning of Mary Celebration at 1:40 PM in our school gym. We would like to thank Mrs. Bugala, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Kurpis and Mrs. VanDeWiele-Kimura for all of their hard work and dedication with their students to making this liturgy special and reflective.

We would also like to say Happy Mother's Day to all of our special mothers, grandmothers and aunts in the St. Jerome Community. We wish you a day filled with love, happiness and family. May God continue to bless all of our mothers.

We ask that you please review this month's newsletter as we have again included important information about class placements for September 2018. Please keep in mind that due to our continued decline in enrolment and Ministry mandates, we are limited in our placement options and the number of combined classes.

If you are moving out of the area, please let the office know immediately because we will soon be in the process of planning our classes for the following school year.

Please read in our newsletter information about our upcoming **St. Jerome School Annual BBQ Fundraiser on Friday June 8, 2018 from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM.** We hope to see all of our families at the BBQ.

We would also like to inform our community that **we will not be changing our school start and end time for the 2018-2019** school year. Please see the newsletter for more details.

Please join us on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at St. Jerome School in the gym for an evening with guest speaker **Chris Vollum** who will be speaking to our parents about **Social Media Fitness** and our children. Our Grades 4 to 8 students will have the opportunity to hear Chris Vollum speak during the day. Information was sent home about this event and if you have not returned your RSVP please return it to your child's teacher. For more information please see the attachment.

We would like to thank all of the parents and family members for your support and commitment to Catholic Education and hope to see you at the many events throughout the week.

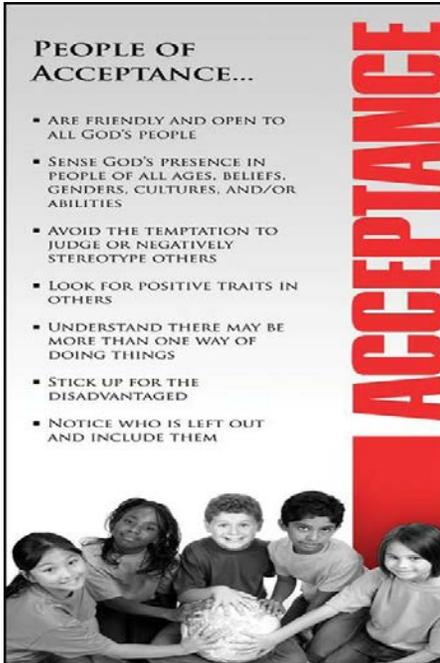
Happy Mother's Day,

L. Calabrese
Principal

THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of May we will focus on the virtue of **Acceptance**.

One of the great wonders of the world we live in is that no two people are exactly alike. We may share biological families or national identity or cultural and ethnic identity, but we are all very unique and distinct creations. God breaks the mold every time! And that is a fantastic fact of life!



Sometimes differences are scary – especially if we haven't learned about or don't understand how people are different. Differences can be a challenging fact of life and can make us afraid. The virtue of acceptance describes our ability to look at the attitudes and actions of those around us and then just stop and consider without judging them. The virtue of acceptance means that we look beyond what we see – a person's skin colour, ethnic background, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation and see a person created and loved by God.

As a loving Father, God teaches us to treat each other with dignity and respect. This is the way we build God's kingdom here on earth.

An accepting person ...

- is friendly and open to all God's people, regardless of age, beliefs, gender, culture or ability
- sees positive traits in others even when disagreeing with them
- avoids judging or stereotyping others
- understands that there may be more than one way to do things
- sticks up for the "underdog"

Let us pray this month for the grace and courage to be people of acceptance – to have the strength to trust that God is at work in everyone's life despite any misgivings we may have.

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

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.

UPCOMING PA DAY

Monday June 11, 2018 will be our final PA Day of the school year. There will be no school for students.

2018-2019 BELL TIME REVISION PROPOSAL (START/END SCHOOL TIME) – SEPTEMBER 2018...THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO OUR SCHOOL TIMES 9:15 AM to 3:45 PM

Thank you very much for returning the survey and for your feedback. Our request to adjust bell times, for St Jerome, was reviewed by the school board transportation department. They acknowledge that the removal of the Gifted program from our school but have identified that the routing for the 2 remaining regular service buses will be negatively impacted by the proposed bell times. As this will generate additional transportation cost, STOPR administration is not able to accommodate the revised bell times. Therefore there will be **no change to our start and end time for the 2018-2019 school year**. Our **start time** will continue to be **9:15 AM** and our **end time** will continue to be **3:45 PM**. Once again thank you for your continued support.

JOURNEY INTO LEARNING INFORMATION EVENING FOR NEW KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

All parents who registered their child for Kindergarten for **September 2018** are invited to attend with their child a **“Journey Into Learning”** information evening **at St. Jerome School on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM**. The children have an opportunity to experience some worthwhile activities and to take home a bag of useful supplies to practice these activities. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers for making this evening a wonderful experience for our September Kindergarten students.

CROWNING OF MARY



On Monday, May 7, 2018 of Catholic Education Week, our primary students will participate in the Crowning of Mary Liturgy. Our Primary students have been preparing very hard with their teachers by practicing their readings and songs. We look forward to the celebration and hope that you have an opportunity to join us at **1:40 PM on Monday, May 7, 2018** in the St. Jerome School gym. Thank you to Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bugala, Mrs. VanDeWiele-Kimura, Mrs. Kurpis, Mrs. Malatesta, Mrs. Vukosa and Ms. Kameda.

MISSISSAUGA SOUTH JOE SAX FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, students from our school will participate in the Mississauga South Joe Sax Festival gathering at Iona Secondary School. Students will compete in various fun filled activities and are given opportunities to make some new friends and develop team building skills. Thank you to Mrs. Srutwa, Ms. Andriano and Mrs. Metlin for all of their efforts in helping to organize this event.

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 six days. This year the dates for this assessment are: **May 22 to June 4, 2018**. **The Grade 6 students will write May 23-25. Grade 3 students will write May 28-May 31.** Please keep this in mind when booking appointments / vacations.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS AND GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAMS



The Grade 7 and 8 Softball season has begun. The teams have been practicing and preparing for the tournaments. Thank you to our coach Mr. Block

St. Jerome School Council's 2018 Major Fundraiser

St. Jerome School Annual BBQ Friday June 8, 2018

The annual St. Jerome School BBQ is one of the highlights of your child's school year. Our BBQ not only provides an opportunity for the members of the St. Jerome community to spend time together for an evening of food, games and fun, it also is an important fundraiser, which helps subsidize special events and purchases that enhance the social and academic lives of our children.

In past years funds from the BBQ have been used for the very popular Aussie X program, school outings, special speakers, and the purchase of much needed technology, among other things.

The event is made possible by the tireless efforts of members of the St. Jerome School Council along with parents, teachers and students. **This year we could really use your help.** The BBQ will take place on **Friday June 8th, 2018 from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM.**

If you, your company or other contacts are able to sponsor one of our activities, make a donation of a new, unused item towards our silent auction table or volunteer to help in any way, we would greatly appreciate it! We would ask that all donations be brought to the school by **Friday, May 11, 2018.**

Thank you for your support, it means so much!



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.

BLESSINGS IN A BOX AT ST. JEROME SCHOOL

Teachers, Parents, and fellow students,

I am Paulo. I'm a grade 5 student at St. Jerome School. This year, my class organized the Blessings in a Box Charity drive. You may have already heard about Blessings in a Box from your children or from the various announcements over the collection period.

Blessings in a Box is a charity drive that has been running at St Jerome School for 4 years. Each student fills shoeboxes with various items such as school supplies, hygiene items and small toys. Each Box is intended to be presented to a similar child in a developing country. Our class, Mrs. Read's Grade 5/6 class collected the boxes and at the end of the campaign, volunteers delivered the boxes to the Canadian Food for Children warehouse where they were immediately packed in shipping containers.

Canadian Food for Children is a charity run by Dr. Andrew Simone. Dr. Simone, a former dermatologist and social justice worker, founded CFFC because many Sub-Saharan Countries were experiencing drought. Mother Teresa, asked him if he could send food. Dr. Simone agreed. After it was sent, Dr. Simone decided to continue and founded CFFC. CFFC sends food to many developing countries experiencing food shortages. St Jerome School sends our Blessings in a Box to the CFFC warehouse, where they are shipped by boat to various countries.

Over the course of 4 years, Mrs. Read's class has collected over 600 boxes through Blessings in a Box, thus helping at least 600 children in developing countries across the world. This year alone, we collected 206 boxes! This was our largest annual collection, and surpassed last year by 30 boxes.

We thank all the students, teachers and parents for their immense generosity this year. Also, a thank you to Mrs. Read's class for running the drive this year.

Paulo

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.

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 IN 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". The PALS program is well under way at St. Jerome School, implemented by some of our students, supported by Mrs. Srutwa, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Metlin and Ms. Andriano, who have been trained to work with our primary students. We thank the PALS leaders for their dedication and commitment to the program.

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 for our final meeting which will be on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018.**

Next School Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2018. @ 6:30pm



All St. Jerome School Parents are invited to join us in the library.

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.**

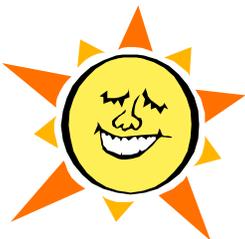
YEAR END SCHOOL MASS

The staff and students of St. Jerome School will be celebrating our year end School Mass on **Tuesday, June 1, 2018 at 10:00am at St. Martin of Tours Parish.** If you are available, please meet us at St. Martin of Tours Parish. We will be taking the bus to church. **This mass will be in honour of our volunteers.**

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

It is imperative that all students come to school ready to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Weather is especially unpredictable in the spring. Please ensure that your children come to school dressed according to the day's weather forecast. As well, all students should have indoor footwear at school. This is essential in case of an emergency evacuation. The students will not have time to change their footwear. We also recommend that students keep extra clothing such as socks and pants at school in case their original clothing gets wet.

WEATHER DRESS CODE



As we prepare for the warmer weather we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in place, especially our older students, regarding appropriate dress. Sleeveless tops are permitted as long as they have two fingers of material on the shoulder 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.

VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL OFFENCE DECLARATION

Volunteers, please pick up your Annual Criminal Offence Declaration form at the school. If you have provided us with a valid Criminal Reference check, then every year thereafter you must complete a declaration. If there is a break in service for a volunteer for a year and over, then the process of obtaining a new CRC begins all over again.

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

STOPR TRANSPORTATION

If your home address will be changing during the summer, please notify Mrs. Vrtsios 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.

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.

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.

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. At the end of the school year, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

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.

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 your child's hair to be infested with lice or eggs, 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. 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 and link onto the Elementary site at St. Jerome Elementary School @ www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM.

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.

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018 we will be having a Lockdown Drill in the afternoon. At this time no one will be permitted in or out of the building until the drill is completed.

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.

PIZZA DAYS



Students have been participating weekly in a fabulous Pizza Thursday Lunch. The remaining dates for this session are as follows: **May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31/ June 7, 14, 21.**

We would like to thank Ms. Andriano, Mrs. Srutwa and Mrs. Vritsios for organizing our Pizza Thursday Luncheons for our students of St. Jerome School. Thank you to our parent volunteers who 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. There will also be a link on our website in order for you to connect to St. Martin Secondary School's website.

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

HEALTHY EATING AND ECOSCHOOLS ECO SCHOOLS UPDATE



We are definitely trying our best as we work towards keeping our environment clean. Thanks to Mrs. Read and Mrs. Bugala for the many activities that were planned during Earth Week.

HEALTHY SCHOOL TEAM RECIPES:



Ingredients:

- 1 piece string cheese. (You can also use just half of one, sliced lengthwise).
- 8-10 green grapes, sliced in half
- 3 strawberries
- 1 baby carrot

Directions:

To make this guy, simply place a piece of string cheese in the center of the plate. Next, slice your green grapes in half and lie them on the plate as the outline of the butterfly's two wings. Slice strawberries and fill in the outline formed by the grapes. Next, slice two round slices from the end of a baby carrot. Slice two thin sticks, and slice a tiny bit off each stick. Arrange antennae as shown, place two tiny carrot bits on the string cheese for eyes. Enjoy!

<http://www.creativekidsnacks.cm/2013/03/04/butterfly/>



To make your own butterfly pancakes:

- 1) Prepare your pancake recipe.
- 2) Pour your pancake batter into circle shapes on the griddle and cook as usual.
- 3) When finished, cut the circles in half
- 4) Place the rounded edges of two half circles together to form the wings.

5) Attach blueberries to make the abdomen using your favorite edible glue. We like peanut butter! Honey, syrup, or whipped cream could also work.

5) Add your clementine antennae.

<http://nateandrachael.com/healthy-butterfly-pancakes/>

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



The Staff at St. Jerome School will meet over the upcoming months to discuss class placements for students for September 2018. When determining placement, some of the criteria we consider are: academic ability, individual work habits, study skills, maturity, and date of birth, social factors, student needs and gender.

Due to our size, we are limited in our placement options and the number of combined classes.

We appreciate your input concerning any special needs your child (ren) may have. With this in mind, we ask that if you have feedback for us, please provide it to us in writing. We ask that you submit your feedback to the principal by **Thursday, May 10, 2018.**

Parents are asked to include the child's strengths, needs and a description of their learning style and any other intangibles that you feel are pertinent, including the type of learning environment that your child would experience the most success.

Please do not make specific requests for teachers as teaching assignments are tentative and may change between now and September.

When we meet to consider your input and the input of the teachers, a decision can then be made on accommodating any parental feedback. It is not always possible, given the variables that go into devising a class, to accommodate all parental requests. Hence, we ask for your understanding and flexibility.

Please rest assured that our decisions are made only after careful deliberation and consideration of all the facts for the individual good of the child and the common good of the school community.

The hard cap of 20 students per primary class is out of our control. **All primary classes at St. Jerome School cannot exceed 20 students.** The School Board's Planning Department must take direction from the Ministry of Education who has the final say as to the number of students in the class and the configuration of these classes. This decision will have an affect across our school when configuring the makeup of our classes, as will be the case in all schools in the province. **Please note we continue to decline in enrolment and as such, combined classes at St. Jerome School will continue to be a reality for the upcoming school year.** Until we finalize our enrolment in September, all class arrangements are tentative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

GRADUATION MASS



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 Renaissance by the Creek.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT WEBSITES

Typing Specific sites:

www.typinggames.com

www.freetypinggame.net

www.sense-lang.org

www.typing.com/student

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing

www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html

www.typing-games.org/

Other sites include:

www.abcya.com educational games for kids

www.funbrain.com online educational games, books, and videos for kids of all ages

www.mathgametime.com math games

www.arcademics.com academic skill builders

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 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

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to our Grade 2 students from Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bugala and Mrs. VanDeWiele-Kimura's classes who celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion at St. Martin of Tours Parish.

We would also like to congratulate our Grade 7 students from Mrs. Danton Mrs. Arruda and Mrs. Gorospe's classes who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Martin of Tours Parish.

ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER



May 6- May 11, 2018 Catholic Education Week

May

- **Monday May 7, 2018** 1:40 PM Living Rosary and the Crowning of Mary by our Primary Division FDK – Grade 3 at St. Jerome School...**all parents are welcome**
- **Tuesday May 8, 2018** Joe Sax Festival at Iona Catholic Secondary School
- **Tuesday May 8, 2018** 11:30 AM Grade 4 Mrs. Vermeiren Prayer Jars (students create a jar with religious symbols and write prayer ideas on popsicle sticks)...**parents are welcome**
- **Wednesday May 9, 2018** 10:00 AM Grade 5/6 Mrs. Ladner and Grade 6/7 Mrs. Arruda A Window Into God's Love (Stained Glass Religious Art with reflection and prayer to follow)...**parents are welcome**
- **Wednesday May 9, 2018** 2:00 PM Grade 5 Mrs. Lavorato Body Mind Heart and Soul Presentation (Physed/Health Activity) in the gym...**parents are welcome**
- **Wednesday May 9, 2018** 2:00 PM Grade 7/8 Mrs. Danton and Grade 8 Ms. Lucchetta Celebrating God's Gifts through Art (a display of unique art pieces created by the students in the style of their chosen artist)...**parents are welcome**
- **Wednesday May 9, 2018** 2:00 PM Grade 7 Mr. Sergautis Faith Sows Wonder (reflection between the connection of faith and wonder students explored form, line and colour in an ecologically themed art assignment)...**parents are welcome**
- **Thursday May 10, 2018** 10:00 AM Grades 4 – 6 Social Media Fitness Presentation by Chris Vollum at St. Jerome School
- **Thursday May 10, 2018** 1:30 PM Grades 7 & 8 Social Media Fitness Presentation by Chris Vollum at St. Jerome School
- **Thursday May 10, 2018** 6:30 PM Social Media Fitness Parent Presentation by Chris Vollum at St. Jerome School...**all parents are welcome**...please see attached flyer
- **Friday May 11, 2018** Loretta Penny Presentations: 10:00 AM FDK – Grade 3 Oceans Alive Presentation and 1:30 Grades 4-8 Water is Life Presentation at St. Jerome School in the gym...**all parents are welcome**
- **Friday May 11, 2018** 10:00 AM Grade 5/6 Mrs. Read Creating a Media Campaign Protecting our Natural Resource Water (gallery walk of student's media campaigns addressing the importance of protecting and conserving our natural resource water)...**parents are welcome**
- **Tuesday May 15, 2018** AM/PM Forest of Reading Excursion Queen's Quay Toronto Mrs. Sisti and Mrs. Danton
- **Wednesday May 16, 2018** AM/PM Forest of Reading Excursion Queen's Quay Toronto Mrs. Read and Mrs. Sisti
- **Wednesday May 16, 2018** 6:30 PM Catholic School Council Meeting at St. Jerome School in the Library
- **Thursday May 17, 2018** 6:30 PM Journey Into Learning Evening for new Kindergarten parents and students for September 2018 at St. Jerome School
- **Friday May 18, 2018** AM/PM Jump 4 Heart Event at St. Jerome School...please remember to collect pledges
- **Monday May 21, 2018** Victoria Day No School
- **Tuesday May 22, 2018** PM Lockdown Drill
- **Tuesday May 22, 2018 - Monday June 4, 2018** EQAO Testing for Gr. 3 & 6 students. Gr. 6 test days are May 23-25. Grade 3 test days are May 28 - 31.
- **Thursday May 25, 2018** Jump 4 Heart Final Envelope Collection

June

- **Friday June 1, 2018** Grade 4 Mrs. Vermeiren Excursion to Mountsbourg
- **Monday June 4, 2018 – Thursday June 7, 2018** Grade 6 RAID 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
- **Friday June 8, 2018** 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM St. Jerome Annual BBQ Fundraiser
- **Monday June 11, 2018** PA Day No School for students
- **Tuesday June 12, 2018** Dental Screening Grade FDK, Grade 2 and 4
- **Tuesday June 12, 2018 – Thursday June 14, 2018** X Movement Program – Aussie X Program at St. Jerome School
- **Friday June 15, 2018** AM/PM Gifted Orientation Day at St. Mark School...more information to follow shortly
- **Monday June 25, 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
- **Friday June 29, 2018** Last Day of Classes

ATTACHMENTS:

- Trustee Message Regarding Transportation
- Social Media Fitness Parent Presentation Thursday May 10, 2018
- Summer Programs
- Are You Ticked Flyer
- Student e-Portfolio April