



November 2017

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REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

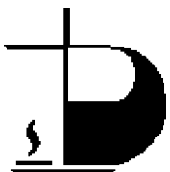
Loving God,
Have mercy on your people,
And open our hearts to peace and love.
Reward all who have died for their country,
And grant that Canada and all nations
May continue to work for peace and justice.
Bless us in your service,
And help us to follow Jesus Christ,
Who is our Saviour and our Lord
For ever and ever.
Amen

We Must Remember

We wear a poppy
On Remembrance Day,
And at eleven
We stand and pray.
Wreaths are put
Upon a grave.
As we remember
Our soldiers brave.



**LEST WE
FORGET**



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

The recurring theme throughout November is one of “remembrance”. All Hallowed Eve gives way to All Saints Day and All Souls Day. It is a month of endings and of new beginnings. We pause and reflect on those who we have known, loved and respected and who now are deceased. This month is also a good time to reflect on peace within ourselves and with others. At this time, it is good to remind ourselves to be role models in what we say and what we do. We pray for peace and an end to conflicts that exist in our world today. On **Friday, November 10th, 2017 at 10:00 AM** we will have our **Remembrance Day Liturgy** in the gym as we honour those women and men who have fought and continue to fight and protect our freedom. **All of our students will receive a poppy to wear to our liturgy and we ask that you please send in a donation to your child's teacher.** All parents are invited to attend our liturgy.

In the front foyer, on the altar, there is a “Book of Life”. Students, staff and parents are asked to write the names of loved ones who have passed away. During the month of November we will keep our loved ones in our prayers.

Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017. There will be an opportunity for some **parents, students and teachers to meet together at progress conferences on the evening of Thursday, November 16th, 2017** to review the beginning of term 1 and plan for the future. **Friday, November 17, 2017 is a PA Day,** there will be no school for students.

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

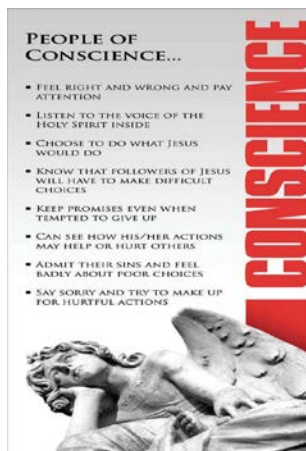
During this time of reflection, remembrance and anticipation, we thank you for your continued support.

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

God bless,

L. Calabrese
Principal

THE VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: Conscience



During the month of November, we will focus on the virtue of **Conscience**.

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well formed.

A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.

A person of conscience...

- chooses to do the “right thing” and feels good about it
- can see how his/her actions may help or hurt others
- admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly about poor choices
- says “sorry” and tries to make up for mistakes
- keeps promises even when tempted to give up
- chooses to do what Jesus would do
- knows that followers of Jesus will have to make difficult choices

Let us pray this month, for the grace and strength to be people of conscience – people who know the good and decent way to act and then choose to act that way.

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PROGRESS REPORT

The Progress Report for students will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017**. This report shows a student's development of the learning skills and work habits, and general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum. Along with the progress report, you may receive a confirmation time for your progress report conference. These conferences include the student, the teacher and the parents/guardians. **Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 16, 2017**. During the first conference, the teachers / parents may have only requested to see and speak with some of the parents and students in their class in order to discuss their child's progress and also to make plans and set goals for the remainder of the first term. A Term 1 Report Card will be sent home in February and interviews will be conducted for all students at that time.

PA DAY

Friday, November 17, 2017 is a PA Day and there will be **no school** for our students

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVENT MASS



Our **Advent Mass** will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 1:30 PM at St. Jerome Catholic School**. We invite all parents to share in this spiritual celebration. It is truly a wonderful way to capture the "true meaning" of Christmas with your family. Please record the date on your calendars.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



On November 11th, Canadians all across the country pause in a silent moment of remembrance of the men and women who served our country during wartime. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War, the Second World War, and the Korean War. Everybody stands in silence as they remember the more than 100,000 brave Canadians who were killed. They gave their lives and their future so that we may live in peace. World War One Armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. That is why November 11th is called Remembrance Day. Our school will pay tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom on **Friday, November 10th**. We will be honouring Remembrance Day at our school at **10:00 am** in our gym led by our Youth Faith Ambassadors. **Poppies will be distributed to all students on November 10th and we will be accepting a small donation for the poppies which will be sent to the Veteran's Association.** We welcome you to join us for this liturgy.

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. All students who arrive after 9:15a.m. or 1:15 p.m. 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.

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

This year's Bullying Awareness Week is from November 20, 2017 to November 24, 2017. Students will have a chance to discuss safety and problem solving strategies in class.

CATHOLIC BOARD IMPROVEMENT LEARNING CYCLE

The Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle (CBILC), 2017-2018, is the system's yearly response to the Board of Trustees' *Strategic System Plan, 2014-2019*. It identifies proposed actions by staff throughout the system in order to achieve the priorities articulated by trustees in their multi-year plan.

The document also serves as a summary of the system's actions to date in response to the Strategic System Plan, 2014-2019, in preparation for a comprehensive review of the plan's progress over time.

Parents/Guardians and other stakeholders are invited to view the CBILC on the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org.

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.

LOCKDOWN



As mandated by the Ministry of Education, we will have our practice lockdown procedure **Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9:45 AM**. Lockdown procedures are part of our systematic safety plan that includes fire drills and visitor security protocols. A lockdown could occur in the event of a dangerous situation occurring in or around the school.

A call will be made over the P.A. system indicating that a practice lockdown procedure is taking place. All staff and students then will follow the emergency procedures established for this drill which could include getting low to the ground, moving away from windows and doors, closing doors and turning off lights. Students are warned ahead of time to reduce any anxiety of what may occur in a drill of this type. Please feel free to discuss this drill with your child. Please review with your children the letter that will be sent home.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK – NOVEMBER 6TH TO 10TH

The first week in November has been declared Treaties Recognition Week by the province of Ontario. This week was introduced to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Many schools will be participating in various workshops throughout this week to learn more about the importance of treaties and how we are all treaty people. For more information and resources to support Treaties Recognition Week, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>. Please see attached for more information.

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.**

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, November 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM.**

Please mark down our School Council Meeting dates for the remainder of the school year:
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Wednesday, April 12, 2018



YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS

This initiative encourages Catholic elementary school students in grades 7 and 8 to live out our baptismal call to become Fully Alive in the Lord Jesus Christ through care for themselves and others. The Role of the Youth Faith Ambassador is to become active Christians through the knowledge of God's word, increasing their own faith development and improving their communities through service. Several students from these grades volunteered to represent their school under the leadership of Mrs. Srutwa, Mrs. Danton, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Metlin. The students will share their experience as ambassadors and will discuss and create opportunities for becoming active witnesses in our school and community.



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 coconut 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. **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.**

USE OF SCHOOL PHONES

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



MOVING?

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

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



BUSSING and COURTESY SEAT POLICY



STOPR (Student Transportation of Peel Region)

Stopr is providing bus transportation services for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. The STOPR website address is www.stopr.ca. This website provides access to up to date

information regarding delayed buses and bus cancellations due to inclement weather. To check for eligibility for transportation, please access the following website: businfo.stopr.ca.

STOPR Telephone Contact Information:

905-890-6000

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

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS



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

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

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.

STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

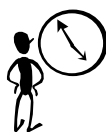
Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication, please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible.



NO CHILD WITHOUT MEDIC ALERT PROGRAM

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

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.

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.**

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. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors have displayed all the lost items in the front foyer for students and parents to review. Any items that are not claimed will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society.



COLD WEATHER DRESS

In anticipation of the weather getting progressively colder, we ask that students begin preparing for outdoor play. This includes proper gloves, hats, scarves, jackets, coats, snow pants and boots. Board Guidelines indicate that students will generally be outside for lunch and recess when temperatures do not fall below –20 degrees Celsius, with the wind chill. As such, appropriate clothing is essential. Please note that students should have indoor shoes during the winter months. **It is also a good idea to keep a spare pair of socks in your child’s backpack.** Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.



PEDICULOSIS

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

UNITED WAY and SHARELIFE

All staff has contributed to the United Way and ShareLife. The funds will allow staff to dress down on Fridays. We are very pleased to be participating in such a worthy cause.



SCHOOL WEB SITE

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

SIGN UP TODAY!

Parents and guardians of Dufferin-Peel Catholic students can stay up-to-date with the latest board news and information by following Dufferin-Peel on Twitter. You will receive the latest news and information, including news releases, school activities and events, board meeting highlights, school and bus cancellations, plus useful tips for parents and students.



DPCDSB is on Twitter! For the latest board news and information, follow us @DPCDSBSchools.

ST. MARTIN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

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

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

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

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Thursday Luncheons have begun. Starting Thursday, October 5, 2017, students can participate weekly in a fabulous Pizza lunch, by Ginos. The dates are as follows:

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 7, 14, 21



We would like to thank Ms. Andriano, Mrs. Srutwa and Mrs. Vrtsios for organizing our Pizza Thursday Luncheons for our students of St. Jerome School. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the distribution of pizza.

HEALTHY EATING AND ECOSCHOOLS



Our St. Jerome Eco Team has been working hard to keep our Gold Status! There are many ways our students and families can help with our initiatives. Regular use of recyclable containers for lunch and snacks, and reusable water bottles that can be refilled at school are some ways to be green! Boomerang lunches, taking home waste (banana peels, apple cores) reduce our school waste.

We are also encouraging our students to pack a “**Litterless Lunch**” and to try to use **refillable water bottles**.



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 [dpdsb.schoolcashionline.com](https://www.dpdsb.schoolcashionline.com) or visiting our website at <https://www.dpdsb.schoolcashionline.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!!!

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION MEETING

Year 2 Kindergarten parent(s)/guardian(s), who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September 2017 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

French Immersion centres	Session location	Date and time
Divine Mercy St Elizabeth Seton St Margaret of Scotland	Divine Mercy	Monday, November 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.
St. Gregory St. Pio of Pietrelcina	St. Gregory	Wednesday, November 29, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Providence St. Angela Merici St. Joachim	St. Angela Merici	Thursday, November 23, 2017 7:00 p.m.

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

Parent Evening to Support the Transition of Students with Differing Abilities into Kindergarten

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – CEC Room 301, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
(Snow Date: Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:00 pm – 8:30 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.

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.

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

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

CFTR AM680
CHFI FM98.1
CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Q107
CITYPULSE
BREAKFAST TELEVISION

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

REMINDERS AND RESOURCES FOR COLD AND FLU SEASON



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

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

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 and Wellington Dufferin Guelph (WDG) resources available to you through their websites. As always, children who are unwell, should be kept at home.

Flu Clinics: Also available on the Peel Health and WDG websites, are the schedules of local Flu Clinics.

For more information, visit the health unit websites: Peel Health website: <http://www.peelregion.ca/health>
Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health website: www.wdgpublichealth.ca

Direct links to the above information can be found in the Parent Section of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board website at www.dpccdsb.org

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Grade 2s:



Saturday January 20, Sunday January 21, Saturday January 27 and Sunday January 28 2018

First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment at St. Martin Of Tours Parish at Any Mass

Saturday, November 25, 2017

Grade Two First Reconciliation

10:30 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish

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:



Saturday, October 21, Sunday, October 22, Saturday October 28, Sunday October 29 2017

Rite of Enrolment at St. Martin of Tours Parish at Any Mass

Friday, March 9, 2018

Confirmandi to meet with Bishop Boissenault

10:30 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Grade 7 Confirmation

7:00 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish

ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER



November 2017

- **Wednesday November 1, 2017** All Saints Day
- **Wednesday November 1, 2017** Grade 8 students Visit St. Martin Secondary School
- **Thursday November 2, 2017** All Souls Day
- **Thursday November 2, 2017** 5:30pm Family Central Committee for Catholic School Council Chairs meeting @ St Francis Xavier Secondary School
- **Saturday November 4, 2017** School Council Executive Member Training Day @ St. Joseph S.S. 8:30-11:30am
- **Tuesday November 7, 2017** Picture Retake Day-for students who missed picture day
- **Tuesday, November 7, 2017** 9:30 am Kenneth Oppel Author Visit for Grades 4 – 8 at St. Jerome School in the gym
- **Wednesday November 8, 2017** Hep B, HPV clinics at St. Jerome School
- **Wednesday November 8, 2017** 6:30 pm SAC Meeting at St. Jerome in the Library
- **Friday, November 10, 2017** 10:00 am Remembrance Day Liturgy at St. Jerome School in the gym **all parents welcome**
- **Saturday November 11, 2017** Remembrance Day
- **Tuesday November 14, 2017** Progress Reports sent home
- **Thursday November 16, 2017** Interview evening-Reporting to parents as needed
- **Friday November 17, 2017** PA Day Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context **no school for students**
- **Monday November 20, 2017** Riverwood Excursion for Grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bugala and Mrs. VanDeWiele-Kimura
- **Monday, November 20, 2017** Grade 6 Peel Police Presentation - Internet Safety with Officer Jess
- **Monday November 20-Friday November 24 2017** Bulling Awareness Week
- **Wednesday November 22, 2017** 9:45 am Math Jam Presentation for grades FDK to 3
- **Saturday November 25, 2017** 10:30 am Grade 2 First Reconciliation at St. Martin of Tours Parish
- **Monday November 27, 2017** 9:45 am Lockdown Practice

December 2017

- **Friday December 1, 2017** Grade 4 Peel Police Presentation – Safe On-Line Surfing with Officer Jess
- **Friday December 1, 2017** Grade 7 and 8 Peel Police Presentation – Digital Leadership/Social Media with Officer Jess
- **Monday December 4, 2017** Grade 6 Scientist in the School Presentation
- **Tuesday December 5, 2017** Grade 5 Scientist in the School Presentation
- **Wednesday December 6, 2017** 1:30 pm Advent/Christmas Mass at St. Jerome School in the gym all parents welcome
- **Monday December 25, 2017-January 5, 2018** Christmas Break School is Closed

Attachments:

- Treaties Week Information
- Growing in Faith Growing in Christ Religion Program
- Student e-Portfolio
- French Immersion Information Meetings
- Extended French Information Meetings
- Personal Resiliency