November 2019

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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.
November is upon us! October was filled with many activities. Thank-you for your generosity in supporting our Thanksgiving food drive. I enjoy seeing the liturgy and entertainment put on by the host classes each month at our assemblies. Our next assembly will be for Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 11th. We welcome all parents and caregivers to this special event.

We continue to pursue academic excellence for all students and we provide opportunities in every classroom for students to attain their personal best.

November is a month that is particularly important to us as we celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Remembrance Day. We come together as a Catholic Community to celebrate and show respect for those men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Please support the Royal Canadian Legion by buying a poppy at the front office. We continue to pray for world peace. The feast of All Saints is a reminder to praise the men and women of faith who courageously lived the teachings of Jesus, and guide and inspire us in our faith daily.

November is shaping up to be a busy month. Progress Reports will be sent home on November 12th. Please check out the “Upcoming Dates” included in this Newsletter.

God Bless,
Connie Gale

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. We want to thank you for supporting our efforts at home in reinforcing with our children the 10 virtues which can be found in your child’s agenda. Please join us on Friday November 22 at 10:15 AM at St. Jerome School for our Virtue of Conscience Assembly. Thank you to our Grade 6 and 7 students in Mrs. Arruda’s class.

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PROGRESS REPORT

The Progress Report for students will be sent home on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. 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 14, 2019. 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 15, 2019 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 Thursday, December 5, 2019 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. All parents are welcome to attend.

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 Monday, November 11th. We will be honouring Remembrance Day at our school at 10:45 am in our gym led by our Youth Faith Ambassadors. Poppies have already been distributed to all students in preparation of Remembrance Day. We will be accepting small donations for the poppies, which will be sent to the Veteran’s Association. We welcome you to join us for this liturgy. All are welcome!!

SCHOOL HOURS

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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 18, 2019 to November 22, 2019. Students will have a chance to discuss safety and problem solving strategies in class. A presentation from MTCLife will kick off the week on Monday November 18, 2019 @ 10:00 am in our gym. All are welcome to attend.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Mississauga South Cross country meet. Lilianna, Sophie, Selena, Jackson, George, Kamil, Tristan, Jacob & Ellil. Special recognition goes to the following students who qualified to run at the Board meet. Sebastian who placed 5th, Julian who placed 12th and Aaron who placed 13th. All of you had fantastic races, way to go! Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Dufferin-Peel Board Cross Country Meet on October 29th. Way to go Sebastian! Julian & Aaron also compete at the board meet. All 3 boys showed great sportsmanship and represented St. Jerome! Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Mrs VanDeWeile-Kimura & Mrs. Kurpis for all your effort & dedication.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL CORNER**

Your School Council is pleased to offer Poinsettia Sales again this year. Be sure to return your orders no later than Friday November 8, 2019. We encourage payments online for the Poinsettia’s but note that cheques and cash are also accepted.

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 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

**YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS**

This initiative encourages Catholic elementary school students in grades 7and 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. Mrs. Berardi 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.
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. 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.

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.
FEEDER SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH PEEL REGIONAL POLICE

Peel Regional Police have assigned Cst. Gallucci as our School Resource Officer 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 RADIO FM99.9
- CFNY FM102.1/AM640
- NEWSTALK 1010 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. Please see attachment.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Our SCHOOLCASHONLINE Board Online Payment option is now up and running. Please take the time to click on the following link and register your children:

https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/

Please consider this payment option for all money transactions at school, such as, fieldtrips and order forms which 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!!!
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.dpcdsb.org

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**SACRAMENTAL DATES**

**Grade 2s:**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**
**Grade Two First Reconciliation**
10:30 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish

**Saturday February 1, Sunday February 2, Saturday February 8, And Sunday February 9 2020**
**First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment** at St. Martin Of Tours Parish at Any Mass

**Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM**
**Sunday May 2, 2020 at 10:30 AM**
**Saturday May 3, 2020 at 2:00 PM**
**Grade Two First Holy Communion**
at St. Martin of Tours Parish

**Grade 7s:**

**Saturday November 9, Sunday November 10, Saturday November 16 and Sunday November 17, 2019**
**Confirmation Rite of Enrolment**
at St. Martin of Tours Parish

**Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM**
**Sacrament of Reconciliation and Rehearsal**
at St. Martin of Tours Parish

**Monday April 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM**
**Grade 7 Confirmation** at St. Martin of Tours Parish
ST. JEROME DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2019

- **Friday November 1, 2019**  All Saints Day
- **Friday November 1, 2019**  Empathy Assembly in Gym @ 10:30 AM
- **Saturday November 2, 2019**  All Souls Day
- **Wednesday November 6, 2019**  Grade 8 students visiting St. Martins
- **Saturday November 9, 2019**  Grade 7 Confirmation Rite of Enrolment @ 5:00 PM
- **Sunday November 10, 2019**  Grade 7 Confirmation Rite of Enrolment @ 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
- **Monday November 11, 2019**  10:45 AM Remembrance Day Service at St. Jerome School **all parents are welcome**
- **Monday November 11, 2019**  *Remembrance Day*
- **Tuesday November 12, 2019**  Progress Reports sent home
- **Wednesday November 13, 2019**  6:30 PM School Council Meeting at St. Jerome School in the Library
- **Wednesday November 13, 2019**  Picture Retake Day
- **Wednesday November 13, 2019**  Take your Kids to Work Day
- **Thursday November 14, 2019**  Interview evening - Reporting to parents as needed
- **Friday November 15, 2019**  PA Day Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context **no school for students**
- **Saturday November 16, 2019**  Grade 7 Confirmation Rite of Enrolment @ 5:00 PM
- **Sunday November 17, 2019**  Grade 7 Confirmation Rite of Enrolment @ 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
- **Monday November 18 - Friday November 22, 2019**  Bullying Awareness Week
- **Monday November 18, 2019**  Anti-Bullying Presentation Kickoff in Gym @ 10:00 AM – All are welcome
- **Tuesday November 19, 2019**  Peel Police Presentation to JR/INT Classes in AM
- **Tuesday November 19, 2019**  DPCDSB 50th Anniversary Gala
- **Wednesday November 20, 2019**  Buddy Reading in Library
- **Thursday November 21, 2019**  Pink Day
- **Thursday November 21, 2019**  Anti-Bullying Movie Day
- **Friday November 22, 2019**  Virtue Assembly in Gym @ 10:15 AM – **All are welcome to attend**
- **Friday November 22, 2019**  Bullying Awareness Closing Liturgy @ 2:00 PM
- **Monday November 25, 2019**  Food Drive/Gift Baskets/ Mitten Tree Begins
- **Friday November 29, 2019**  Dental Screening for all Kindergartens & Grade 2’s