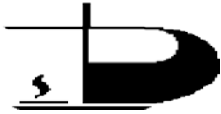


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MARIAN PRAYER FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia,
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
Has risen, as he foretold, alleluia;
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his
mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Principal's Greetings

As we begin the month of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 6th to May 11th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to celebrate the true blessing we have in a publically-funded Catholic education system. It is important that we stop to be thankful for the opportunity to celebrate our faith as a school community and recognize our truly distinct nature as a Catholic Education system. I invite all families to access the resources for Catholic Education Week posted on the OCSTA website, www.goodnewsforall.ca, and use this year's theme of "Renewing the Promise" to connect directly with the school and our students' classrooms. On May 2nd, 3rd & 4th we will gather as a faith community for our Marian celebrations as we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God during the month of May. Since our last newsletter, much has been accomplished by the St. Jude community of students, staff, parents and parish; the upcoming months will be very busy. Many of our students have celebrated milestones in their faith development, as our Grade 2's recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and our Grade 7's received the Sacrament of Confirmation. My sincere thanks goes out to all the students, teaching staff, parents and Fr. Jim and his parish team who continue to be with our children every step of the way. At the school, we also look forward to Journey in to Learning evening, Track and Field Day and other events. As a staff, we are preparing for the upcoming year's school organization. If parents would like to share any information that may be pertinent to the upcoming year's class placements, we ask you to do so in writing prior to May 4th, 2018. Over the next month, students will continue to enjoy experiences such as class trips, sporting events, EQAO and many more activities. It is important that we also continue to focus on the academic goals we still need to achieve between now and the end of the school year. I wish all families continued blessings and thank you sincerely for your continued support.

D. Birkenbergs

REMINDER!

May 21st – Victoria Day

**NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS**

FAITH COMMUNITY



Youth Ministry at St. Francis Xavier Church

St. Francis Xavier Church offers wonderful Youth Ministries for school-aged children. Please contact the Church directly or visit: <http://www.sfxyouthministry.com/> for more information.

Pastoral Visits

Throughout the school year, Father Jim will be visiting our school and spending time with our students, especially those who are preparing to receive sacraments this year. We welcome him in to our faith community and thank him in advance for his presence with our students.


Virtue of the Month: ACCEPTANCE

In May, we celebrate the virtue of Acceptance.

PEOPLE OF ACCEPTANCE...

- ARE FRIENDLY AND OPEN TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE
- SENSE GOD'S PRESENCE IN PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, BELIEFS, GENDERS, CULTURES, AND/OR ABILITIES
- AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO JUDGE OR NEGATIVELY STEREOTYPE OTHERS
- LOOK FOR POSITIVE TRAITS IN OTHERS
- UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE WAY OF DOING THINGS
- STICK UP FOR THE DISADVANTAGED
- NOTICE WHO IS LEFT OUT AND INCLUDE THEM

ACCEPTANCE



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Daily Schedule

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please note the daily school schedule below. **Please be reminded supervision starts at 8:30am daily. Students should not be dropped-off at school earlier than 8:30am!** We appreciate your attention to this in the interest of student safety. For those using Kiss 'n' Ride, please adhere to all signage, stay alert for students crossing our driveways and proceed as per signage and direction.

8:30am - Supervision begins

8:45am - Classes begin

10:35 -10:50am - Morning Recess

11:30 -11:50am - Lunch

11:50am -12:30pm - Lunch Recess

1:50 -2:05pm - Afternoon Recess

3:15pm - Dismissal

Please ensure your son/daughter knows how he/she is to get home on a daily basis. Should the plan change, please send a note with your son/daughter to your child's teacher.

Arrival / Dismissal in the School Yard

Please refer to the entry/exit procedures letter within this newsletter for safe arrival and dismissal. As a reminder, for the safety and security of all students, parents and guardians are requested to wait on the edge of the paved area (behind the yellow line) during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. **Please ensure you do not crowd the exit doors to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of all students.** Please also be reminded that pets are prohibited on school property.

Respect for our Neighbours

Parents/Guardians please discuss with your son/daughter the importance of respecting our neighbour's properties. We want to ensure our students refrain from walking on to neighbouring properties and damaging gardens and décor. Please remind your children to use only sidewalks and to remain off neighbouring properties.

Kiss 'n' Ride

Parents and guardians are cautioned to please ensure that they follow all signs and directions posted for Kiss 'n' Ride. The safety of all students is of great importance to us. Please be respectful of the rules and patient when dropping your children off at school.

Agendas

All students (Gr. 1 to Gr. 8) will receive an agenda this year. This will serve as the primary communication tool between home and school. **Please take a moment to review the information in the agenda with your son/daughter, including our Catholic Code of Conduct.** On a daily basis, please review your son/daughter's agenda to stay apprised of upcoming classroom events and activities.

Student Absences and Arrival

We ask that parents continue to call to notify the school **each day** their child will be absent and/or late. Your phone call to the school saves us time trying to ensure your child is safe. Remember that you can call the school twenty-four hours a day to report your child's absence at 905-568-3720. **Students who are late must report to the office and sign in. School staff is on duty at 8:30 a.m. in the morning. There is no supervision for students before 8:30 a.m. and students should not be dropped off prior for safety reasons. Students should arrive by 8:40 a.m. each day to line up and enter the school with the rest of their class and avoid being late.**

Visitors to our School / Criminal Reference Checks (CRC)

All visitors and parents are asked to enter the building through the front door and report to the office. Please sign in and obtain a visitor's sticker if you plan to remain in the building, for any reason, during school hours. Please also be reminded ALL volunteers MUST have a valid CRC on file at the school. Each volunteer must sign an annual offence declaration if you are continuing to volunteer with the school. **Further information is available in the main office.**

Storage and Administration of Medication

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office. **Please note that all medication forms require a doctor's signature.**

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 the main office is aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

Pictures/Video at School Events

Pictures and videos are welcome to be taken at school events such as concerts or sporting events. Parents/Guardians are reminded that due to confidentiality and privacy laws, these photos cannot be posted on any social media sites (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, etc.) You are requested to please take pictures of your own child(ren) during events. Please refrain from photography during liturgical celebrations. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Textbooks / School Materials for Learning

Textbooks and other materials for learning (e.g., manipulatives) are provided to students to enhance the learning experience. Please be reminded these materials are the property of the school and each student is expected to maintain these materials in good condition. Teachers will track assigned materials to students. Replacement and/or repair costs will be the responsibility of the child's parents/guardians should any of these materials be damaged/lost.

Medical Alerts - Severe Allergies

This year we will continue to have students with severe life threatening food allergies. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to certain allergens and can result in death within minutes. **Although this may not affect your child directly, please send lunches and snacks to school with your children that are FREE of peanut, tree nut and shellfish products.** Please refer to the Allergy Aware letter in the opening package for further information. We ask that you **do not send** in food products for the whole class to celebrate birthdays or social occasions. A donation of stickers, pencils, book or a game to the classroom is a safe alternative to food products and will be enjoyed by the children just as an edible treat would. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions. We thank you for your co-operation and attention to this important health and safety matter.

WOW Butter

We have received many inquiries regarding WOW Butter. Please note that due to an inability to differentiate between WOW Butter and real Peanut Butter, **parents/guardians are requested to NOT send this product to school as a part of your son/daughter's lunch and/or daily snacks.** We thank you for your cooperation!

Head Injuries Procedures Change

As per Ministry of Education direction, our Board has a Concussion Protocol in place. ALL students who sustain a head injury during the school day, however minor, will receive a *Concussions Are Serious* pamphlet to take home. We ask parents/guardians to review this pamphlet and seek medical attention for your son/daughter if you feel it is required. As in previous years, all head injuries will be logged and reported to parents/guardians directly. We ask that you please inform the school as soon as possible if and when your son/daughter sustains a concussion as a result of a school incident or as a result of an activity outside of school. **Questions or concerns regarding this new policy should be directed to the Main Office.** Your cooperation and assistance in this regard are appreciated.

Toys & Personal Items for Students

We would like to remind parents/guardians that personal items such as toys, trading cards, dolls, action figures etc., can become a distraction in the learning environment. Please do not allow children to bring these items to school. Further, the school will not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items.

Footwear in the School & School Yard

For the safety of all students and to prevent injuries, students are asked to have a pair of BOTH **indoor and outdoor footwear. It is strongly recommended that this footwear be closed-toed (e.g., no sandals, flip-flops, etc.).**

School Organization 2018-2019

St. Jude School will begin preparing for the placement of students for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year in the near future. While all placements are tentative until the end of September 2018, we do recognize that parents/guardians may have preferences or special considerations for their child(ren). **For those parents/guardians who would like to have their input, please forward a letter directed to Mr. Birkenbergs (Principal) no later than May 4th, 2018.** Requests should outline the learning profile of your son/daughter and indicate the preferred learning environment for your child(ren). Please refrain from requesting a specific teacher for your child. We will do our best to consider each request, but please note that not all requests will be honoured.

Moving? Please let us know!

We understand that families may be leaving our St. Jude School community over the next few months. While it saddens us that you will be leaving, we wish your family many blessings in your future endeavors. We kindly request that you please let the office know as soon as possible if your family will be moving out of our school boundaries.

Student Accident Insurance

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information regarding cost-effective student accident insurance coverage. Although enrolment is voluntary, **the Board encourages parents to take advantage of this inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if your child(ren) participate in sports, excursions/field trips, other extra-curricular activities and/or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.** Further information regarding this insurance can be obtained by contacting Reliable Life Insurance at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437) or visiting www.insuremykids.com

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

As happens at times during the school year, students may be affected by Pediculosis. Affected students will be sent home and are not permitted to return to school until all lice are removed from the child's hair. For more information, please visit: <http://www.peelregion.ca/health/topics/headlice/>.

Warmer Weather Attire

As the warmer weather approaches, please be reminded that all clothing must be modest and appropriate for a Catholic Learning environment. Please ensure the following:

- Shoulders & mid-ribs must be covered at all times
- Items of clothing are in good condition (no rips or sheer areas)
- Slogan/Image content is appropriate for ages 4-14 and promotes a positive community
- Shorts length should be mid-thigh at minimum

Please be aware that students whose attire is deemed not appropriate for school will be sent home to change in to more suitable clothing.

Emergency Procedures Drills

Each school within the DPCDSB is required to hold 9 emergency procedures drills over the course of the school year. These drills consist of three fire drill per term, 1 lockdown drill per term and 1 hold and secure/shelter in place drill per year. During these drills staff review all emergency procedures with students to ensure all children are safe in the event of a real emergency. During the months of May and June, our school will be participating in these drills. Should you have any questions regarding our emergency procedures or drills, please do not hesitate to speak with the main office.

EQAO for Grades 3 & 6 Students

From May 22nd to 25th, May 28th to June 1st and June 4th, 2018 all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be taking part in the **Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.** This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the **Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.** EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will write the test during the school day and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

BOARD INFORMATION**Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019**

Registration for Kindergarten is underway! Please come to the school office to register for next year. For more information about registration and the Kindergarten program, call 905-568-3720 or visit www.dpcdsb.org.

Transportation - STOPR

Transportation eligibility is determined via the DPCDSB transportation policy. Information regarding this policy as well as current route information is available through the STOPR website: www.stopr.ca. You may also contact STOPR via the following contact numbers:

- Transportation EAST: 905-890-6000
- Special Education Trans.: 905-890-6362

To determine if your son or daughter is eligible for transportation, please visit <https://businfo.stopr.ca/>.

DPCDSB Community Bulletin Board

A variety of community partners advertise programs for children through our Board. To move forward with our environmental stewardship goals, this information will now be available online via a Community Bulletin Board. Please check it out at: <http://www3.dpcdsb.org/parents/community-bulletin-board>.

DPCDSB is on Twitter! For the latest board news and information, follow [@DPCDSBSchools](https://twitter.com/DPCDSBSchools)



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: MAY 5 to MAY 11, 2018 – RENEWING THE PROMISE

Catholic schools are Catholic faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the 'together' that we grow. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community. Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2018 in ways that are appropriate to our students' age. For more information, please visit: www.goodnewsforall.ca.

RENEWING THE PROMISE & CHILD MENTAL HEALTH SPIRIT WEEK

Catholic Education week is on May 7-11 and the theme this year is "Renewing the Promise". The week combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. Children's Mental Health Awareness is on the same week. St. Jude wants to bring together our faith as well as promote awareness and wellness on May 7-11.

*Mental Health Mondays - "Renewing the Promise" - Wear green, as the ribbon for mental health is green to show support and remind everyone about promising to be a spiritual leader and being aware of the importance of positive mental health.

*You Count Tuesdays - "The Promise Within" - Everyone Counts Day. Wear a shirt or jersey with a number on it. God loves all creation equally.

*Praying and Caring Wednesdays - "Praying the Promise" - Wear your comfy PJs and slippers so you feel ready to pray as a class and do some quiet meditation. Today we recognize that "God has a plan for each one of us; reflect on the call of Christian "vocation" received in Baptism.

*Band Together with Kindness Thursdays - "Living the Promise" - Wear a t shirt or other article of clothing with positive messages to show that we are banded together in our faith and in kindness.

*Friendship Fridays - "Proclaiming the Promise" - Be a buddy not a bully. Remember when we are helpful and kind to others, we are being like Jesus. Today, dress like a buddy or you class can dress in the same colour.

DPDCSB SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS 2018

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer summer programs for elementary students. Literacy Camp for students in Year 2 Kindergarten to Grade 5 and Summer School for Grade 6, 7 and 8 students will be offered once again in 2018. Also, a transition program "Get Ready" will be offered for all students entering Grade 9. Information about these programs will be shared by the school to families of students whom the school is recommending attendance. In the interim, please refer to the DPDCSB Adult and Continuing Education website at: <http://www.dpdcsb.org/CEC/Programs/Summer+Learning/> for further information.

ST. JUDE JAGUARS PLACE AT THE FSL SPEAKING COMPETITION!

Félicitations to our French Immersion students Luke S. (grade 6) and Tanisha P. (grade 7) who competed in the French speech competition at the board level. Both students placed in the top 3 for their age group. We are all very proud of your accomplishments and hard work. Bravo!

ST. JUDE JAGUARS GIVE SOAP FOR HOPE!

A great big thank you goes out to our St Jude Community! Our families helped support our student's "Faith in Action" Lenten initiative called "Soap for Hope" (which ended April 9th). We were so pleased that they exceeded their goal of 600 bars in just 5 short days. The final count was 953 bars of soap! Incredible! When we work together, we can accomplish great things! The soap was donated to Dr. Simone's charity and they too were extremely pleased with our generosity and success. Dr. Andrew Simone is the co-founder of *Canadian Food for Children (CFFC)*, a registered, non-profit charitable organization (located in Mississauga) which collects food, clothing, soap and emergency supplies for poverty-stricken children and families around the world. Thank you again for your continued support as we reach out to help those in need!

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Recently our students in Grade 2 received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and our Grade 7 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Both celebrations were held at St. Francis Xavier Parish Church. We congratulate students and families on these milestones in our faith and sincerely hope that the blessings they have received will continue to serve them well throughout their lives.

ST. JUDE'S GOT TALENT SHOW!

On May 17th, St. Jude School will host its annual Talent Show featuring the artistic, musical and athletic talents of many of our students. We look forward to this wonderful event. We also sincerely appreciate the tireless efforts of our Catholic School Council volunteers in preparation for the talent show.

TRACK & FIELD DAY – MAY 18TH, GR. 4-8

On May 18th, Grade 4 to 8 students at St. Jude School will participate in a school-wide Track & Field day. As an extension of our Health & Physical Education programs, all students in Grades 4 to 8 will have an opportunity to try 3 events. We look forward to a fun-filled day for our students.

SCHOOL EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

***Marian Celebrations – May 2nd, 3rd & 4th**

During May, the month of Mary, we will gather as a faith community to celebrate Mary's love for us with our Marian celebrations facilitated by our Rosary Apostolates. **Please review the schedule below for families to attend. All are welcome!**

- Kindergarten to Grade 3: May 4th @ 9:00am
- Grades 4 to 8: May 4th @ 10:50am

***St. Jude's Got Talent Show – May 17th**

St. Jude School's annual Talent Show will be held on Thursday, May 17th. Information regarding ticket sales and the event will come home shortly.

***Track & Field Day (Grades 4-8 students) – May 18th**

All students in Grades 4-8 will participate in a school-wide Track & Field Day on May 18th.

***Victoria Day – May 21st**

May 21st is Victoria Day. There are no classes scheduled for students. We wish all families in our community a safe and healthy long weekend.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting of the Catholic School Council will be held on **Wednesday, May 23rd @ 6:30pm**. All parents/guardians are encouraged and welcome to attend!

CSC Volunteers

Throughout the school year, Catholic School Council seeks parents/guardians to assist with various special events. If you are able to volunteer with our council, please indicate your name, telephone number, e-mail address and availability in writing to your child's teacher. This information will be passed on to our council for future use. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

Consider a CSC Position for 2018-2019

Our Catholic School Council is always seeking new volunteers for our team! Please consider getting involved for the 2018-2019 school year. Formal nomination forms will be released in September 2018, however now is a great time to get your feet wet! Speak to a current Catholic School Council member or better yet, come out and join us for our May and June CSC meetings. We'd love to have your input!!!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 5th to May 11th – Catholic Education Week: Renewing the Promise

MAY

- 1st – DPCDSB Staff Appreciation Day
- 4th – Marian Celebrations
- 9th – Grade 8 Shadow Day @ St. Francis Xavier S.S.
- 10th – Junior Achievement (Gr. 7 & 8) / Journey in to Learning Evening @ 6:30pm
- 10th – St. Jude's Got Talent Show @ 6:30pm
- 18th – Track & Field Day (Gr. 4-8)
- 21st – Victoria Day
- 22nd to 25th, 28th to 31st – EQAO (Gr. 3 & 6)
- 23rd – Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

JUNE

- 1st & 4th – EQAO (Gr. 3 & 6)
- 7th – St. Jude hosts Provincial Election Polling Station
- 11th – P.A. Day
- 15th – Year-end Mass
- 26th – Term 2 Reports sent home
- 27th – Grade 8 Graduation @ 7:00pm
- 29th – Last Day of School for 2017-2018

Pizza Days every Tuesday / Milk Days every day (unless otherwise indicated)

Please visit our website to stay up-to-date with current school events and information:

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/JUDEE>