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A PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

Principal's Greetings

As we enter June and anticipate the end of the 2017-2018 school year, our thoughts drift toward summer's more relaxed pace. May was quite a busy month here at the school, with many events. June promises to be just as busy with many co-curricular events dotting the calendar.

With the end of the school year approaching, we will be saying goodbye to several staff members: Brenda Carter, Karen Coulas, Laura De Buono, Anita Gonzalez, Estrella Perot and Megan Stoncius. I wish to personally thank each of them for their efforts with our students and I know that their presence will be missed. We certainly wish them well in their continued educational journeys.

During this month of June, many exciting and long-awaited events will be occurring for our students. Field Trips, our Year-end Mass, a ShareLife fundraiser and Graduation events are eagerly anticipated and present a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the tremendous accomplishments of our students. We commend them for their efforts both academically and spiritually throughout this year and look forward to their continued growth and maturation in the future. To our Grade 8 students who leave our school for the final time at the end of this month, we wish you continued success and know that you are well-prepared for the next stage in your educational journey. May Jesus' light continue to be a source of strength for you as you move forward in your life.

On behalf of all of the staff here at St. Jude School, I would like to wish all families a peaceful, relaxing and joyous summer! May God continue to bless you, your family and your loved ones with faith, hope and love.

D. Birkenbergs

REMINDER!

June 11th – P.A. 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: FAIRNESS

In June, we celebrate the virtue of Fairness.

PEOPLE OF FAIRNESS...

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

FAIRNESS

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 has begun preparing for the placement of students for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year in the near future. All placements are tentative until the end of September 2018.

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.

BOARD INFORMATION**School Year Calendar for 2018-2019**

The school year calendar for DPCDSB has been approved by the Ministry of Education and is available within this newsletter and on the board website for your convenience at: <http://www3.dpcdsb.org/Schools/School-Year-Calendar>

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 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 DPCDSB Adult and Continuing Education website at: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/summer-learning/summer-learning> for further information.

Ready Set Read - Summer Reading Club

Please refer to the insert within this newsletter for information about this program in partnership with the City of Mississauga Library System.

LINC Classes - English Classes for Newcomers to Canada

Please refer to the insert within this newsletter for information about this program.

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



Year-End Mass - June 15th

On Friday, June 15th @ 9:15am, our school community will gather as a community of believers to celebrate a year-end Mass in our school gymnasium. All parents/guardians are invited to join us on this special occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and give thanks for the blessings we have received.

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.

Fundraiser for ShareLife

On June 5th our school will host a fundraiser for ShareLife in cooperation with Peel Regional Police. We sincerely appreciate your support of this worthy cause!

Facility Improvements @ St. Jude

Over the course of this summer, several facility upgrades will be made to our school. Projects include: building automation system upgrades, paving and Kindergarten Yard upgrades. Please refer to the insert within this newsletter for more information.

Youth Faith Ambassadors Celebrate Catholic Education Week

The Youth Faith Ambassadors of St. Jude put on an amazing Catholic Education Assembly, which had the full participation of staff and students. If you haven't done so already, please check out the hand-painted mural that hangs in the atrium. The mural is made up of all the beautiful individuals of this school, from our early learners to administrators and symbolizes our promise to renew our faith in God and to be the light for others.

Environmental Stewardship in Action

Students from Mrs. De Buono's class helped raise awareness regarding plastic consumption by participating in Environmental Defence Canada's initiative to encourage the government to implement a plastic waste program in Ontario. A part of this initiative, Environmental Defence Canada was encouraging everyone to drop off their water bottles to specific locations throughout the GTA and in return they would receive 10 cents per bottle. As a class and school community, we collected 635 water bottles, which is \$63.50. Thank you to all the families who helped contribute to our collection.

Intermediate Basketball Teams - CONGRATS!

Congratulations to our Intermediate Basketball Teams who had a great season this year! Both teams participated in the mini-pod tournaments, placing second and qualifying for the Family Tournament. Each team demonstrated true sportsmanship, heart and determination!! Our athletes represented St. Jude so well and your coaches are very proud of you all!

FROM THE LIBRARY...

BOOK RETURNS: As we are nearing the end of the school year, we must also end book exchange in the library. The last week for taking books out is **June 8th, 2018**. Please keep track of your books so you don't lose them. The last day to return ALL library books is **June 15th, 2018**. After that date, the book will be considered lost. If your child has lost a book, a note will be going home indicating the cost of its replacement.

SCHOOL EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES***P.A. Day - June 11th**

Monday, June 11th is a P.A. Day. There are no classes scheduled for students. Educators will be involved in evaluation and reporting activities.

***Volunteer Appreciation - June 14th**

A volunteer appreciation event will be held on June 14th. More information to follow!

***Year-End Mass - June 15th @ 9:15am**

Our Year-end Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 15th @ 9:15am. The mass will be held in our school gymnasium. **All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!**

***Last Day of Classes - June 29th**

The last day of classes for the 2017-2018 school year is Friday, June 29th, 2018.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting of the Catholic School Council will be held in September 2018 and will serve as our elections meeting for the 2018-2019 school year. More information will follow in September. **Catholic School Council and St. Jude School sincerely appreciate the efforts of all CSC members and volunteers. Thank you for your continued 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 for more information.

CSC Fundraising Initiatives

Catholic School Council would like to sincerely thank all members of their community for their tremendous support of our fundraisers throughout this school year! Combined with our pizza and chocolate fundraisers, we are happy to report that with your support we have been able to provide many wonderful experiences and resources for our students and staff! Highlights include:

- \$4200 spent to install an Interactive White Board in a classroom for September 2018
- \$1800 put forward to order new equipment for Physical Education classes
- \$500 spent for student recognition items such as token gifts recognizing the receipt of Sacraments for Grades 2 and 7 students

With your continued support we will continue to enhance the teaching and learning here at St. Jude School.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

JUNE

- 1st & 4th – EQAO (Gr. 3 & 6)
- 5th – ShareLife Fundraiser
- 6th – French Immersion Program Transition Day (AM)
- 7th – St. Jude School hosts Provincial Election Polling Station (all day)
- 11th – P.A. Day
- 14th – Volunteer Social
- 15th – Year-end Mass @ 9:15am (Gym)
- 26th – Term 2 Reports distributed
- 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)

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 4th – First Day of Classes for 2018-2019 (Information for September start-up to be included in June reports)
- 14th – P.A. Day
- 19th – Open House @ 6:30pm

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

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

**Looking for Summer Programs???
Please check out the 2018 DPCDSB Summer Programs information within this newsletter!**