



St. Jerome Journal

September 2012

To Welcome You

In order to welcome you, to prepare our earth, to believe in you, great Lord,

Nothing extraordinary need be done.

I need only a heart that is pure and free of deception;

I need only have an attitude that is kind and free of malice;

I need only put on my lips a smile and words of joy;

I need only open my hands in order to give and share;

I need only be attentive and faithful to your Word;

I need only love, without keeping track of my kindness.

I need only listen to your call, Lord, and change my life.

You may come, Lord: the earth and its peoples are changing the colours of life for you.

Gospel Prayers by C. Singer



School Hours

Please note the following:

8:30 a.m. School Office Opens

8:40 a.m. Warning Bell

8:45 a.m. Instruction Begins

10:05 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Morning Recess

11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Recess

3:15 p.m. Dismissal

4:00 p.m. School Office Closes



We have many students arriving late. Late arrivals are very disruptive to class routines and result in missing valuable instructional time. If you are bringing your child to school, please arrive before 8:40 a.m. Thank you!

Faith

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we focused this month on the virtue of Faith. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe." John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world. We welcome, Michael Buhler, our Board Pastoral Care Worker, to our school on Sept. 28th. Mr. Buhler will be visiting classes and talking about the virtue of Faith. This month St. Jerome School will practice the virtue of faithfulness by participating in the Terry Fox Walk.



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School Safety Reminder



Parents are welcomed to the school throughout the year, however, for the safety of all children, parents and visitors must use only the front door for entry and must sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge each and every time you visit the building. Visitors are not entitled to go to the classrooms as this is a disruption to student programming. Since the hallways are busy during pick up times, siblings and parents are asked to meet your child, at the back of the school. Messages and deliveries (keys, lunches, etc.) are handled through the office. Please remember: to most students in the school, you are a stranger.

Student Absences

Student safe arrival at school is paramount. If your child is absent, please call the school to notify. If your child is late for school, they must check into the office before proceeding to class. Children must be signed out at the office by an adult.

Special Arrangements

If there is a change in your child's normal routine at the end of the day, please notify the office by 2:30 p.m. with any special instructions. This will avoid any confusion and ensure that the message is properly relayed. Should your child have an appointment that requires him/her to leave throughout the day, we ask that you send a note to school or call the office, indicating when the child will be picked-up and when they are expected to return.



School Agendas

The students from Grades JK to 3 have received agendas. They serve as a tool for home-school communication. To help alleviate the cost, we are requesting a \$5.00 donation be made per agenda.

Catholic School Council Elections

Nomination ballots are available at the office. The School Council meets a minimum of four times throughout the year and supports the school in promoting student achievement. We hope many parents will volunteer their time, as it is an excellent forum to communicate your ideas and concerns. The first meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 7:00 p.m.



No Nuts Please!

It is important that all parents be aware that there are children in our school with severe life threatening food allergies to peanuts and nuts (anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to encourage you to choose to send foods with your child to school that are free from peanuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



We are on the web: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca/>

Volunteers...

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present the school administration with an original copy of a vulnerable sector check. An application can be picked-up at the office. If you provided us with a copy in the past, you are asked to sign an offence declaration form which can also be completed at the office. Please fill out the volunteer form attached. We appreciate your help and involvement!

French Immersion Resource

Visit: www.FSLHomeworkToolbox.ca , A French as a Second Language (FSL) resource for parents and students in Ontario. This website offers general tips for learning in French, strategies for reading and writing, tips for completing homework, learning skills and work habits...

Terry Fox Walk

St. Jerome is hosting its very own Terry Fox Walk on Thursday, Sept. 27th. Students from grade 1 to 3 will be walking back from our school Mass at Holy Name Parish. Our JK and SK students will be bused from the church and will go for a walk around the block upon their arrival. You are welcome to join us!

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