



St. Jerome Journal

January 2011

Message from the Principal

On behalf of the St. Jerome staff, I would like to wish you all a Happy New year and welcome everyone back.

We are also excited to welcome some new families into our school community. I would like to thank you for your generosity shown during Advent; we were able to collect four large boxes of canned goods for our local food bank.

The rest of the school year will be busy with many activities and of course report cards. Please keep our grade 3 students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the sacraments of First Communion.

Wishing you all blessings of health and happiness for 2011!



A New Year Prayer

Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequaled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.

Amen.

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January's virtue is Courage.

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, Many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the virtue for January is COURAGE. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, "Do not be afraid; I am with You" "Be not afraid!" is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation. (Lk 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen. (Mt 28:5) Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles. (Jn 6:20) It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith. This month at St. Jerome School, we will demonstrate our courage to live our faith by doing the right thing.

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2010-11 school year will be held at all Northeastern Catholic District School Board elementary schools on: Monday, January 17th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m
Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2011



Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age
- original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Health Card

Please spread the word...

Fund-raising

Our **Christmas Basket Draw** fund-raiser was successful in raising \$ 462.91 towards our student funds. Thank you for your continued support...

Subway Lunch

As part of our Healthy Foods awareness program we are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, January 26th. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.



Cold Weather Dress

A reminder to all parents that students should come to come prepared to play outside in snowy and cold weather. A hat, mitts, snow pants and boots are required for all students. Should the temperature fall below -20° with the wind chill, students will remain inside.



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School Improvement Plan

As part of our goal to improve student achievement Grade 1 to 3 classes will be working on identifying learning goals and co-constructing success criteria for some units of study. Research has demonstrated that when students can state the learning goal and criteria for reaching that goal, that they are more fully engaged in their learning, leading to improved success at school. Please feel free to discuss learning goals and success criteria with your child's teacher.

Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence

The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence is celebrating its fifth year recognizing outstanding educators and support staff. The awards are a great way to say thank you to the people who have made a difference in your children's lives. Nominations are open until January 31, 2011. Find out more at www.ontario.ca/teachingawards or www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards.



Interested in making a bit of extra money? Needed - Lunchtime Supervisors!!

Work from 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. Perform supervisory duties in the lunchroom and in the school yard. Work is available on a weekly basis or once or twice a week. If you are interested, please call the office at 567-5800 for further details.

Volunteers

We are also in need of a few more volunteers for our snack program and hot dog days. If you can donate an hour once or twice a month please call the school and let us know.



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