



St. Jerome School

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From the Principal's desk...

St. Jerome students off to a great start this year! Students are “Fall”ing into great study habits and making great efforts to achieve academic success.

This week the world celebrates World Teachers’ Day on **Thursday, October 5th**. World Teachers’ Day represents a significant effort to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development across the globe. On behalf of the staff, may I thank you for your support in this regard.

It is often said that teaching is more a calling than a profession, and I can certainly testify to that. This type of career has got to be your passion or at least you must have a sense of purpose should you decide to become a teacher. I believe that this is however not limited to those in education – I would hope that any profession one would choose is because of a deep passion and a keen interest in their chosen field, otherwise you would run the serious risk of possibly not being fulfilled, lack motivation in the work place or even just enjoy what you do.

I have no doubt that many of our staff love what they do and are incredibly passionate about it. Inspiring, motivating and encouraging young adults to fulfil their maximum potential is an incredible responsibility one cannot take lightly.

Yours in Education,

Treena Fontaine,
Principal





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Snack Program Begins...

Our snack program begins on Monday, October 2nd. Your child will be given a healthy snack each day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and those parents who have made generous contributions to our program to date. If you are interested and available to help by preparing snacks, please contact the school at 705-567-5800.

MASS

On October 10th, we will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** at 9:45 a.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Students will be bussed to and from Church on this day.

School Picture Retakes

If you are unhappy with your child's picture, please check off the bottom of the order sheet in the box for retakes and return this form to school. It is also advisable that you either call the school or write clearly in your child's agenda your desire to have their photo retaken. Retakes will take place on November 3rd in the morning.

Fire Prevention Week



Fire Prevention Week takes place from October 8th to the 14th. Students have been given guidelines to creating a fire escape

plan with their families. Plans will be collected at school on Friday, October 13th and participating students will be entered to win a chance at being "Fire Chief" for a day.

Important Dates

Fresh from the Farm - Due October 11th

MacMillan's - Due October 20th

Campbell's Soup Labels

Campbell's removed the Labels for Education logo in 2016 and there is still a limited number of products which contain these labels on the shelf through 2018. Only product labels with the Labels for Education logo will be accepted. Thank you to our families who have collected for us over the years.

Pop Can Tabs

Our school continues to collect aluminum pop can tabs. These are turned in to our local Legion, Branch 87 who sell them off to help fund building maintenance. We are happy to be a community partner with them.

Halloween Day / Activities

On Monday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween with some special activities. Students are asked to wear orange and black. **No costumes please!** Catholic School Council will be preparing a hot dog lunch on October 31st. Hot Dogs can be purchased for \$2.00 each. Please complete the order form.

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Bus Eligibility

With the addition of our grade 4 students this year, we were faced with many new changes to eligibility for bussing for many of our students. Please see below information regarding walking distances for our students depending on their grade.

Information is available online at www.netribus.ca

Here are the walking distances for students of District School Board Ontario North East, Northeastern Catholic District School Board, and Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario.

Tri-Board Walking Distances

Eligible students who reside, or whose caregiver resides, more than the following distances by public road or publicly owned and maintained access route from the designated school may be provided with transportation:

	JK/SK	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Distance	All are bused	0.8 km	0.8 km	0.8 km	1.6 km
Distance to a stop	0.3 km or less	0.5 km	0.5 km	0.5 km	0.5 km

HOW DISTANCES ARE CALCULATED

All distances mentioned will be the shortest distance by public road or publicly owned and maintained access route between home and school and shall be measured from where the laneway or driveway joins the public road.

Rider Use Policy

Please be reminded that in February 2017 this policy was implemented for our bus riders. Although many of you like picking your child up from school, we ask that you let your child take the bus and avoid losing school bus privileges.

OP02: School Bus Rider Usage Policy

1.0 Purpose:

The purpose of the School Bus Rider Usage Policy is to manage the use of transportation services in a fiscally responsible manner as to ensure that transportation grant spending is properly managed and used for students who need and rely on transportation services.

2.0 Definitions:

2.1 "School Bus Rider" is a student who has been assigned to a school bus route in the transportation management database by North East Tri-Board Student Transportation Staff.

2.2 "Regular use of a school bus" is a school bus rider who uses their assigned school bus at or more than 70% of the available school days in any given month. For example, in a month of 19 school days, a school bus rider who is regularly using the school bus would be on the bus for at least 14 of the 19 school days.

2.3 "Excusable Reason" is a reason as to why the student does not regularly use the school bus. The legitimacy of an excusable reason will be determined by the Transportation Manager or their designate. Such reasons may include after school activities, sport or job related activity to which the school bus time makes it impractical to attend on time, or other legitimate reason.

2.4 "Notice of Use Report" is a report prepared by a school bus operator which will identify school bus riders who are not regularly using a school bus.

2.5 "Loss of School Bus Use Notice" is a letter addressed to the parent/guardian of a school bus rider, and/or to a school bus rider, indicating that the school bus rider has not been regularly using the school bus and directions on how to complete a Loss of School Bus Use Response.

2.6 "Loss of School Bus Response" is a form where a parent/guardian or school bus rider may indicate an Excusable Reason Notice or provide indication that they will start to regularly use the school bus.

2.7 "Excusable Reason Notice" is a section of the Loss of School Bus Response form where a response as to why a school bus rider has not been regularly using a school bus.

2.8 "Loss of Transportation Assignment Notice" is a letter indicating that a student has lost the use of their assigned school bus. The letter indicates the date at which the loss will take effect, as well as the process of how to re-establish their transportation assignments.