



# St. Jerome Journal

October 2015

## *A Prayer of Faith*

Gracious God we gather to celebrate Faith.

Help us to build a strong commitment to you O God.

Allow us to celebrate our faith in You together as a Catholic community.

Even though we can't see You, we know that You are with us in many shapes, sizes and forms.

Give us the opportunity today to share ways in which we live and practice our faith, and help us to grow and find new ways in which we can explore this everlasting relationship.

Teach us to be trustworthy, guide us to live in Your image and show us how to be devoted disciples.

We ask this in your name,

Amen.

## *Developing Character through Faith*

The goal of this virtue is:

- To help our students grow in Faith and to further develop their relationship with Christ and others.
- To build confidence needed in our students for them to be able to profess their faith in others.
- To teach our children empathy and the need to see Christ in those around them, especially the needy.
- To inspire and influence students to think of God and others in their daily activity.
- Making God the Father and Jesus a part of our daily life.
- Behaving in a way that demonstrates a love for Christ and others.

### ***Building Faith in Our Homes and Schools***

The home is the first place where children grow and learn. It is where they develop their initial social skills, are taught important values like sharing and taking care of one another. Home is where children are introduced to God and faith. Parents and guardians are the models that children will emulate. We can foster faith development in our children by:

#### ***Serving others:***

Finding a way to be involved in the lives of others is a great way to spend time together and grow spiritually.

#### ***Focusing on Understanding:***

The Bible is an excellent building block for our children to grow in faith; however, hearing God's words is not enough. Concentrate your time on helping children really understand God's words, its relevance today and how to apply it.

#### ***Attend Mass Together and Pray Together as a Family:***

Encourage your children to attend the children's Mass since they have activities that are age appropriate.

## ***Student Absences***

Student safe arrival at school is paramount. If your child is absent, please call the school at 705-567-5800 to notify. This procedure helps to ensure the safe arrival of all students. 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.

## ***Student Pick-Ups***

If you are picking your child up from school, you must call the school **by 2:30 p.m.** to advise us of this change to their regular routine. You are asked to report to the teacher on duty at the back of the school and sign your child out. You **are not** permitted to walk into the school yard to get your child. We must be able to account for every student that leaves the school.

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## **School starts at 8:45 a.m.!**

Please be reminded that school begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. We are trying to teach the students to be responsible and be ready to begin their day of learning on time. Please support this goal by ensuring your child arrives on time before the final bell at 8:45 a.m. Together we are working to set a standard of behavior that will serve your child well in the future. Thank you for your support!

## **Parking**

We have been notified by the Town of Kirkland Lake that the new paved shoulders on the sides of Woods Street are designated no parking zones. There is a by-law in Kirkland Lake that does not allow parking on street shoulders. We have been advised that the by-law enforcement officer will be ticketing if parking on the street shoulders continues. We are asking that you park on the street on Woods or around the corner on Queen Street.



## **MacMillan's**

Our MacMillan Frozen Goods fundraiser has started. Please make sure that you have submitted your order form by Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year and we depend on the profit we make to support the many activities our students participate in. While we don't encourage door to door sales we hope that all friends and family will support this fundraiser.



Please ensure that cheques are made payable to St. Jerome School and that your orders are pre-paid. Orders will not be placed unless money has been received at the office.

## **Fresh from the Farm**



Orders for this fundraiser are due to the school office by Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Eat Right Ontario website for updates on Fresh from the Farm, Healthy Fundraising for Ontario Schools [www.eatrightontario.ca/en/freshfromthefarm](http://www.eatrightontario.ca/en/freshfromthefarm)

## **School Pictures & Retakes**

School pictures for the 2015-2016 school year will be taken by Lifetouch on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in the AM. Retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar!



**RETAKE PROCEDURES for Elementary Schools:** If a retake is requested, please **do not** send the retakes and the non-orders to Lifetouch. Instead, please keep them, and have the students provide them to the photographer on retake day. This will help the photographer, and make for a smoother retake day!

## **Catholic School Council**

Congratulations to our parent representatives who have shown interest in our council:

Mr. Wayne McGinnis	Mrs. Tania McGinnis	Ms. Renee Willmott
Mrs. Chantelle Burnside	Ms. Megan Connolly	Mrs. Julila Hemphill
Mrs. Francine Sanche	Mrs. Melissa Orth	

Our first meeting takes place on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to all parents, so feel free to join us!

## **Mass**

We have two Masses planned this month. The first takes place on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for the Feast of St. Jerome. The second will be on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. to celebrate Thanksgiving.

## **Halloween Day / Activities**

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Halloween with some special activities. Students are asked to wear orange and black. **No costumes please!**



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