



# St. Jerome Journal

September 2011

## 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*



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## School Hours

*Our school hours have changed. 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

## Faith

*As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are focusing 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. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.*



## 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

A nomination ballot is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. 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 allow their names to stand for election, as it is an excellent forum to communicate your ideas and concerns. The first meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 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/>

## **Bus Transportation**

Bus transportation is provided by the North East Tri-Board Student Transportation Office along with McLellan's, Stock and Willard Transportation for the students in our area.

Distances:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Distance to a stop</b>
JK /K	All are bussed	0.3 km or less to a stop
Grade 1, 2, 3	0.8 km	0.5 km or less to a stop



## **Volunteers...**

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present the school administration with an original copy of a valid criminal record 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](http://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...

## **September School Focus**

This month we are working on establishing routines and a safe and caring environment for your child. JK & SK students are being introduced to social skills to help them communicate their feelings and needs. Grade 1 to 3 are looking at the issue of Bullying and what we can all do to prevent Bullying at our school.

## **Book Fair**

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> on our school stage. Classes will be visiting the fair sometime during these days therefore, you can send an allowance with your child. Or feel free to visit the fair anytime.



## **Terry Fox Walk**

St. Jerome is hosting it's very own Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Students from grade 1 to 3 will be walking back from our school Mass at Holy Name Parish. While our JK and SK students will be bussed from the church and will go for a walk around the block upon their arrival.

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