



# St. Jerome Journal

September 2010

## *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*

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

10:25 a.m. - 10:40 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

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## *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. This month St. Jerome School will practice the virtue of faithfulness.

### *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*

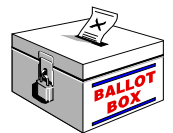
If there is a change in your child's normal routine at the end of the day, please notify the office by 2:30 p.m. with any special instructions. This will avoid any confusion and ensure that the message is properly relayed. Should your child have an appointment that requires him/her to leave throughout 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*

Elections for School Council for the 2010-2011 school year will be scheduled shortly. A nomination ballot has been sent home and elections will follow if necessary. 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.



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

## *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.



## *Bus Transportation*

*Bus transportation is provided by the North East Tri-Board Student Transportation Office along with McLellan's and G&M Transportation for the students in our area. Distances:*

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

## *Catholic Women's League Garage Sale*

Please join us for our parishes CWL Garage Sale which is taking place on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Holy Name Parish Upper Hall.

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