



## St. Albert of Jerusalem School

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## February 2007 Newsletter

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### Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m.

### P.A. Days:

Students do not attend school

Friday **February 16, 2007**

Friday **March 9, 2007**

Monday **May 14, 2007**

### Professional

#### Development Day

Please be aware of our next Professional Development Day on **Friday, February 16, 2007**. Students will not attend school on that day.

### St. Albert of Jerusalem Angels

Our students and teachers have been active, not only in the classroom, but in the gym, hallways and library. Some of the activities that students are currently involved in include:

- Chess for grades 2 to 8
- Grade 7 & 8 Basketball teams
- Library helpers
- Grade 6 to 8 house league soccer
- House league floor hockey
- School choir
- Speeches
- Grade 7 & 8 hockey Team
- Student Council

**Kiss 'n' Ride** is LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. We are very fortunate to have a small group of dedicated parents who help us out with our Kiss 'n' Ride program. Appreciation is extended especially for their willingness to help out on these **very cold January and February days!**

We would like to increase the numbers of parents/guardians who we can call on to help out – even if it is just one day a week or once every other week. This is a valuable program that assists us with the many students who are dropped off on a daily basis.

**Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out or just have a question about how you can get involved in our Kiss 'n' Ride.**

### JK/SK REGISTRATION

Registration for September 2007 Junior Kindergarten has been set for the evening of **Thursday March 1, 7:00-9:00 PM** and Friday March 2, from 9:00-11:00 AM and 1:00-3:00 PM. Parents are required to bring the following documents:

- ◆ child's original birth certificate
- ◆ child's original baptismal certificate
- ◆ child's immunization record
- ◆ parent's baptismal certificate
- ◆ Proof of residence

In addition to the documents, children must turn 4 years before the end of 2007 to be eligible for registration.

### Grade 8 Graduation Photos

The Grade 8 Graduation photos will be taken on February 20 and 21. Information packages have been distributed to the students.

### Grade 8 Curriculum Information

**Night** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School for parents and students will be hosted on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

### Absence Reporting

When your child is going to be absent, we ask that you call the school (905) 785-9298, and Press 2 **to leave a message in the Attendance mailbox.** Please spell your child's name and give the reason for the absence. We thank those who have been following this practice.

### Reporting to the Office

We ask that all visitors to the school report to the office. It is for the safety of all students that we must

enforce this rule.

### **Students Arriving Late**

A reminder to parents and guardians that the morning bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Students are expected to be in the playground or Kindergarten area **prior** to that time. The 8:30 a.m. bell is the signal for students to line up with their classmates. Any student who arrives after 8:30 a.m. is to go to the office for a late slip.

Parents / Guardians are reminded that you are not to walk your child(ren) to their classroom(s) when they are late for school. Please drop them off at the office. They will be given a late slip and sent to their classroom with either a buddy if they are in Kindergarten to grade 3 or on their own if they are in grades 4 to 8.

**A Reminder** to those students from Grades 1 to 8 who occasionally leave the school for lunch. Students must bring a note to school, signed by a parent/guardian. **They must sign out at the office, with their note, and sign in again upon their return.** No student may leave the school property during school hours without permission.

### **Cold and Flu Season**

Cold and flu season is back and so too are children's illnesses. Please use discretion in keeping your child home to recover. A sick child is not in a state to learn but is in a position to infect others. Remember, if your children are well enough to attend school, they are well enough to go outside at recess. If there is a medical reason why your child must remain indoors, we require a Doctor's note.

### **Winter Dress**

It is imperative that all students come to school ready to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please ensure that your children come to school prepared to go outdoors. Waterproof outerwear, hats, gloves and boots will keep them warm and dry. As well, all students must have indoor footwear. This is imperative in case of an emergency evacuation, since students will not have time to put on their boots if they have to evacuate the building.

### **Public Speaking for Grades 4-8**

Public Speaking Competitions for the junior and intermediate students will be held on Monday, **February 19, 2007**. The junior competition will begin at 8:50 a.m. The intermediate competition will begin at 12:40 p.m.

Prior to those dates and as part of the curriculum, all students are expected to prepare a speech for presentation to their classmates. A student from each classroom will be selected to represent their classmates in the gymnasium. One entrant from each division will be selected by a panel of judges to proceed to the Family of Schools Level competition scheduled **February 27<sup>th</sup>** at St. Simon Stock Catholic School. The intermediate competition is scheduled during the morning and the juniors will follow in the afternoon.

Currently all students are diligently preparing their speeches. **Good luck to all.**

### **Coming Soon!** **The Canadian Red Cross** **Babysitting Course**

We have the opportunity for our students to participate in a Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course for 11 years of age and up! This is a fun filled workshop that includes everything from diapering, first aid, safety tips, rights and responsibilities of everyone involved, physical capabilities of all ages of children, what makes a good babysitter, tips for SAFELY finding babysitting jobs and much more! This course has valuable information for children that stay at home alone. Maximum class size is 30 so permission forms will be accepted on a first-come basis. This course will be offered at St. Albert of Jerusalem School on Wednesday April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 9, and 16, 2007 from 11:30am - 12:30pm (lunch program). The cost is \$35.00 per student. **Permission forms will be sent home** with all grade 6,7,8 students on March 5, 2007 and must be returned to us on or before Tuesday March 27, 2007.

### **An Invitation!**

Spend an evening with **Dr. Marla Shapiro**, Media Personality, Breast Cancer thriver and Author – "Life in the Balance". CCCSC is proud to invite Dufferin-Peel Catholic Parents to an evening with "Dr. Marla" or "Canada's Doctor" as she is known. She will share her story with vigour, enthusiasm, strength and humour. The session will be interactive and motivational. Dr. Marla will provide insights and suggestions to balance work/life and parenting, staying ahead of the "stress game". Her compelling approach and compassion as a speaker will be evident as she shares advice and information that everyone can use in their daily lives. Book signing to follow. This event takes place on **Thursday February 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Mississauga Convention Centre.**

If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office.

### **CHECK IT OUT!**

Check out the new plaque on the wall of St. Albert! A plaque has been awarded to St. Albert for ten years of participation in the Terry Fox Run. This year we raised \$704.00 for cancer research! Thank you to parents who volunteered and all the students and staff for your participation!

### **HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION**

Peel Health is pleased to continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B and Meningitis C for grade 7 students. A consent form signed by a parent/legal guardian is required. The clinic will be held on **Thursday February 22, 2007.**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the students will participate in an Ash Wednesday liturgy. They will receive ashes, reflect on readings and pray together as a faith community in preparation for Lent and the Easter season. We will have a Liturgy at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

## Student Council News

### Spirit Week 2007

St. Albert of Jerusalem School will be celebrating SPIRIT WEEK this year from Monday February 12th to Thursday February 15th. Student council is excited to announce the following theme days:

- Monday:** **Pyjama Day/Crazy Hair Day** - students come to school as though they just got out of bed in appropriate pyjamas and crazy hair.
- Tuesday:** **Toonie Tuesday, Hawaiian Day** - students can dress like they are on vacation in Hawaii (shorts, bright colors, floral prints, grass skirts, leis, etc).
- Wednesday:** **Sports Gear Day** - students can wear their favorite sports hats and jerseys. There will also be a dance for intermediate students for \$3.
- Thursday:** **Multicultural Day/Flag Day** - students dress in way that reflects their cultural background, or wear red and white.
- Friday:** **PA Day - No school**

\*All students are asked to bring a Toonie during Spirit Week. All money donated will go to the Wells of Hope Foundation.

#### Wells of Hope

St. Albert of Jerusalem Elementary School is raising money this winter for Wells of Hope. The money raised will assist the Wells of Hope foundation in building a well to bring water to small villages in Guatemala. You may have heard about this project from other schools in our community who have also made a commitment to raising money for the same cause.

For more information please visit [www.wellsofhope.com](http://www.wellsofhope.com) or [www.warehouseofhope.com](http://www.warehouseofhope.com). More information will follow as the event nears.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Blue Spruce in the Library

This year the Primary students will be taking part in the Ontario Library Association's (OLA) Blue Spruce program. Classes will be reading 10 different books, all by Canadian authors, and then each student has the opportunity to vote on their favourite book in early April. Provincial results are tabulated at the OLA and a winner is announced in late April. Students will participate and complete various activities associated with the books throughout the term. Should you have any comments or questions, please contact Mr. Juchimenko.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**St. Albert's Family Event and Skate with the Ice Dogs** is on Sunday, February 11, 2007. This year not only do we get to watch the game but we get to go skating before the game!!!!

**Our next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm.**

**Grade 8 Fundraiser!** This year the Grade 8 class will be going on a trip to Montreal and Ottawa. In order to help pay for part of their trip, they will be selling Potato Chips on Mondays and Fridays. All students are invited to buy the chips for \$1.00. Thank you for your support.

### **March Break Dates**

**Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>**