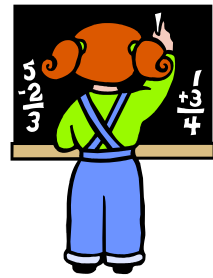


# St. Albert of Jerusalem School



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## September 2005 Newsletter

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**L. Scardicchio, Vice  
Principal**

**C. Bova, Vice Principal**

**E. Ainsworth, Secretary**

**F. McCulloch, Secretary**

**M. Prospero, Superintendent  
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**E. O'Toole, Trustee,  
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Church,  
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**Pastoral Team  
Fr. Leo Huard**

**Fr. Joyson George Pottackal  
Fr. Abraham Kulanjiyil  
Kate Watkiss, Pastoral  
Associate  
Julie Flynn, Pastoral  
Associate**

### **Masses**

**Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 a.m., 10:30  
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.**

**Next P.A. Day:  
Monday, September 19, 2005**

**Next Early Dismissal Day:  
To Be Advised**

People were bringing little children to Him in order that He might touch them: and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And He took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark10: 13 -16.

### **Principal's Remarks...**

Welcome back everyone! We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing summer vacation. On behalf of the staff, may I extend a warm welcome to you and the children as we begin this new 2005 – 2006 school year. School enrollment is now approximately 950. As the month of September progresses, we anticipate changes in enrolment across the divisions. We will endeavour to keep all informed of any necessary school reorganization.

You may have already noticed that the portables have been removed from the school site. The next step will be site inspections and the placement of construction fencing. This phase is in line with the anticipated completion date. Please note that all information and timelines regarding the completion of the addition will be addressed directly by board staff. The school will continue to provide updates through the school newsletter as they become available.

A special thank you to all staff and parent volunteers for the terrific job they did in preparing and facilitating the move to the Streetsville Campus. As you can imagine if you have ever had to pack for a move it was a daunting task. However, I am pleased to say that we have now settled into our new home and we look forward to working with your child over the coming academic year.

I would like to welcome Ms. Cathy Bova our new half time Vice Principal. Ms.

Bova will spend her time between St Albert of Jerusalem School and St Timothy School.

We strongly encourage you to

School Hours

8:30 • Entry Bell  
9:55 – 10:10 • Morning Recess  
11:00 • JK/SK AM Dismissal  
11:20 - 11:40 • Students eat lunch  
11:40 - 12:20 • Lunch Recess  
12:30 • JK/SK PM Classes Begin  
1:45 – 2:00 • Afternoon Recess  
3:00 • Dismissal

Welcome new and returning staff

Mrs. Ainsworth, Secretary  
Mrs. Almeida, 2E  
Mrs. Androulakis, 1E  
Mr. Angel, Custodian  
Mrs. Aquino, JK  
Mrs. Ashworth, ESL  
Mr. Baswick, Principal  
Mr. Bellizzi, 6B  
Mrs. Berger, ERW  
Miss Bova, VP  
Ms. Bradford, FSL  
Ms. Braun, SERT  
Ms. Brow, SERT  
Mrs. Cameron, SERT  
Mrs. Campuzano, 5C  
Miss Catania, 2F  
Miss Cichello, 6A  
Mrs. Codner, Social Worker  
Mrs. Connolly, ERW  
Mr. DeBuck, SERC  
Miss DeMarco, 7D  
Ms. DeSouza, 2B  
Ms. DiIorio, 5A  
Miss Dillen, 3A  
Mrs. Dulhanty, SKAM  
Mrs. Dwyer, ERW  
Miss Esposito, 7B  
Miss Fletcher, 4C  
Mrs. Gal, 8C  
Miss Habre, 1D  
Ms. Havens, 1C  
Mrs. Hayhow, SERT  
Ms. Heffernan, ERW  
Mr. Juchimenko, Librarian  
Mrs. Jurys, ERW  
Mr. Kelenc, 8B  
Ms. Kontgen, 3C  
Mrs. Lawson, 2C  
Mr. Lebrun, 7C  
Mrs. Lomasney, 3E  
Miss Lossing, 4D  
Ms. MacAlanda, FSL  
Mrs. MacIntosh, 4B  
Mrs. MacNeill, SK

participate in your child's spiritual, physical and academic development. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

M. Baswick, Principal

Mrs. McCulloch, Secretary  
Mr. Melo, 5D  
Mrs. Mendes, JK/SK  
Mrs. Miniaci, 6,  
Mrs. Misiewicz, 1A  
Mr. Mondano, 8A  
Mrs. Muelli, CYW  
Mrs. Murphy, 2A  
Mr. Nigrello, Custodian  
Mr. Ocampo, Caretaker  
Mrs. Oliveira, 3D  
Mrs. Pandullo, 5B  
Mrs. Parker, 1B  
Ms. Paszkowiak, FSL  
Mrs. Pocrnic, Early Literacy  
Mrs. Polcz, Psychologist  
Mrs. Richards, FSL  
Mrs. Rigo, SERT  
Mr. Rybinski, 3B  
Mrs. Santi, Planning  
Mrs. Scardicchio, Vice Principal  
Ms. Sciuk, ERW  
Mr. Silva, Head Custodian  
Mr. Skjold-Pettersen, 4A  
Mrs. Smerdon, Speech & Language  
Mr. Sparkes, 7A  
Mrs. Zylstra, Vision Teacher

Parish Corner

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Sacraments are parish, not school events. Initial preparation is done by the schools through the religion program. Immediate preparation is the responsibility of the parents and the

parish. REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS TAKES PLACE AT MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH. Please see the attached schedule for dates and times.

Sharing The Faith

The staff looks forward to working with you in the development of the spiritual growth of our school community in collaboration with the pastoral team of St. John of The Cross Parish.

This is accomplished through:

- being Christian to one another in our interactions with students, parents and fellow staff members
- every aspect of the curriculum being taught in the light of the Gospel
- celebration of Eucharist at our school masses
- liturgies
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist, Gr. 2
- Sacrament of Confirmation Gr. 8
- Participation in charitable acts through word and deed.

School Mass

St Albert of Jerusalem School opening mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Parents are most welcome to attend. Please sign in at the office.

School Council Elections

We invite all parents to consider becoming a member of the School Council. Please note that our School Council will be comprised of parents, school staff, a student representative, as well as community and parish representatives.

School Council nomination notices are available at the school office as of Tuesday, September 6. A brief nominee biography is to be submitted by Friday, September 16th. A list of parent nominees with biographies will be sent home on Tuesday, September 20 in the event an election is necessary. If one is necessary, it will take place during the evening of our curriculum

presentations on Thursday, September 22. Results will be published in our October newsletter.

#### The First School Council Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

#### Kiss 'n Ride

We strongly encourage all students to travel to and from school by bus since Kiss 'n Ride is not available at the Streetsville Campus, during arrival (8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.) or dismissal (2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.). Please remember, as indicated in last year's updates, private vehicles will not be allowed onto school property during the above times. Thank you for your understanding.

#### School Messages

Mrs. Ainsworth and Mrs. McCulloch are our secretaries. They will be pleased to relay messages to staff. The doors of St. Albert of Jerusalem School are open to parents who wish to visit or confer with staff, however, an appointment is necessary, as the classroom teacher's first responsibility is the teaching of the class during the school day. Thank you for your support in keeping classroom interruptions to a minimum.

#### Visitors

For the safety of all children, visitors may only enter through the front doors and must sign in at the office in order to obtain a visitor's badge. Please remember to your child you are a parent, to the other children, you are a stranger.

#### Student Absenteeism

##### Attendance Verification Program

The purpose of the program is to assist you in your child's arrival to school. It is a parent responsibility to inform the school if your child(ren) will be late or not be attending school for the day. We have an answering machine so that you can call during the evening and early morning hours. If you do not contact the school by 9:00 a.m., we will attempt to contact you. Your co-operation in contacting the school, at 905 816-1970, before 8:30 a.m., is appreciated!

#### Curriculum Presentations and Family Pizza Night

In conjunction with the School Council we will be holding a Family Pizza Night with the annual Curriculum Presentations on Thursday September 22 in the evening. There will be two seatings for dinner with each followed by grade level presentations. Staff from the Special Education and French departments will also be included in order to provide information on their respective programs. More info from the School Council and school administration, with detailed schedules, will follow shortly.

#### Professional Activity Day

**The first P.A. day for this school year will be held on Monday, September 19.** There is no school for students on this day. Staff will be involved in school related activities.

#### Artists In The School

This highly successful program will run again this year. Please note that \$12.00 will be collected per pupil for our Artists In The School Program. We will be booking four presentations for the students throughout the year. In order to ensure the future viability of this program full participation is required. Your support is greatly appreciated by students and staff.

#### School Agendas For Grades 1 to 8

Student agendas were pre-ordered last spring for this school year on a cost-sharing basis between school council and parents. If you ordered an agenda your child should receive it the first week of school. Additional agendas for new registrants and those who missed the deadline have been ordered and are available for purchase (\$3.00 each) through the office on a first come first served basis as the quantity is limited. Agendas assist in teaching students organizational skills for life, including study/work habits. Please review the student agenda with your child. In particular, please refer to the beginning pages, which provide pertinent information on our school.

#### Family/Emergency Information

In the event that your child becomes ill at school or is injured in an accident, it is imperative that we contact you or a person designated by you as an alternate. Our information on file must

be accurate and current. A student data form will be sent home for you to look over. Please make the necessary additions, corrections, deletions, etc., and sign the. We ask that you return it to the school ASAP, even if no changes are required.

#### Behaviour Code

The Catholic Code of Conduct, / Safe Schools Act is available through the office if you wish to review this document. Assemblies will be held with all students regarding expectations and consequences.

#### Student Accident Insurance Program

One way to ensure your child has medical coverage is through an optional student accident insurance program for school related activities. Reliable Life Insurance Company forms will soon be available. Should you wish to purchase this insurance plan, please mail the form directly to the insurer and not the school or board. Please review the following:

"As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment:

- 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or
- 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children. "

#### Volunteers

Volunteers play an important part in the life of the school community. They help to enhance the learning opportunities available to students. They can make a difference in the academic life of a student. They assist students with reading, writing, academic drills and reinforcement,

educational games and in other activities that help to improve a specific needs area. Volunteers who are interested in sharing their time and talents with our students are asked to return the form to the school.

In accordance with Board policy, all new volunteers having direct and regular contact with students are required to provide a Criminal Reference Check. Returning volunteers will only need to sign a Criminal Offense Declaration Form. If interested please review and complete the attached volunteer application form and return to the office.

#### Life-Threatening Allergies

There are numerous students in our school who have life-threatening allergies. In some instances, the slightest exposure can induce a reaction that could have serious consequences including death. The response from the community in the past has been tremendous in co-operating with the school to provide the safest learning environment for these students. Your continued good will is greatly appreciated by the school and families whose children have life threatening allergies. We are sending letters home with the students whose classroom members have these allergies. Please check with your child, and in their backpack, for letters regarding the type of allergy and products to be avoided. Thank you in advance for your consideration and co-operation regarding the safety of the students in our school who have a life-threatening allergy.

#### Reorganization

Due to growth and/or transfers out that may occur, please remember that our class lists are tentative for the first month of school. Some classroom assignments due to lower enrolment have already taken place to reflect these required changes. Should further adjustment need to be made, be assured that we will take into consideration the needs of each student and keep you informed. There continue to be waiting lists for JK/SK am classes and as space becomes available adjustments will be made.

#### Student Sign Out

In the interest of student safety; all

visitors must report to the office; all students must sign out when leaving the building and sign in when they return; parents must report to the office when picking up their child during school hours and sign their child out. All students will remain at school for lunch, unless a parent or their designate, picks them up and follows the above procedure. No student will be permitted to leave school grounds for any reason, unless they are signed out and picked up.

#### Lunch Drop-Off

If you drop a lunch off at school for your child, please ensure that it is labeled with your child's name and room number. Lunches may be left on the lunch table in the front hall. In order to avoid classroom interruptions, students will not be called from class before 11:20 a.m.

#### Lost and Found

Found clothing is stored in the yellow bin in the front forum. Please stop by the office for a "visitor" sticker before you check the box.

#### Medication At School

School staff cannot dispense medication of any kind without the proper authorization and a properly labeled container, (i.e. prescriptions bottle or original over-the-counter container). Medication brought to school in baggies, film canisters, etc. pose a risk to other students and will be secured in the office and returned to the parent. Staff cannot modify or adjust any medication under any circumstances. Additionally, staff cannot medicate a child. Therefore the child must be able to take the medicine as prescribed on their own with staff supervision. Please drop by the office for an authorization form before your child brings medication to school.

#### Recess Breaks

Recess breaks serve a special purpose in the daily life of a school. Students are expected to go outside for fresh air and exercise. If your child is sick, he or she should be at home recuperating and not spreading their flu or cold virus, etc., throughout the classroom. Remember, there is no indoor supervision at recess as staff is occupied elsewhere or on duty outside.

#### Valuable Property At School

The school cannot assume responsibility for private property. Children are discouraged from bringing valuable items to school. If you wish for your child to have a cell phone while at school please provide the office with a signed permission note. However, students are reminded that cell phones must remain powered off while on school property and be stored in their backpacks out of sight.

#### Indoor Shoes

All students are required to have indoor shoes at school. Outdoor shoes are not allowed into the classroom, so we may keep the children's work environment clean. In the event of sudden evacuation, (i.e. fire alarms) students will not have time to put their outdoor shoes on to leave the school as this impedes the timely and efficient evacuation protocol. Going outside in stocking feet in inclement weather is not advisable.

#### Special Services Support

The responsibility for student programming rests primarily with the teacher. However, when there are concerns regarding the learning needs of a student, the teacher may choose to consult the school's Special Services Team.

Should you have concerns about your child's progress, you are invited to, first, speak with his or her classroom teacher. If you want to express your concerns further, please contact the administrator in charge of your child's level as listed below:

Primary Division  
(JK, SK, Gr 1 to 3)  
/Special Education/  
Mrs. Scardicchio

Junior Division  
(Gr 4, 5, 6)  
Miss Bova

Intermediate Divisions  
(Gr 7 & 8)  
Mr. Baswick

#### Safety of Pupils

Emergency response procedures in the

event of a fire, bomb threat, serious accident/injury or an intruder have been established and are revised on an ongoing basis. All students and staff will participate in practicing emergency procedures.