

St. Albert of Jerusalem School



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November 2005 Newsletter

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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:
Friday, November 25, 2005**

**Next Early Dismissal Day:
Wednesday, February 1, 2006**

Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the
poppies blow
Between the crosses, row
on row.
That mark our place; and
in the sky
The larks, still bravely
singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the
guns below.

We are the Dead. Short
days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw
sunsets glow,
Loved and were loved, and
we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with
the foe;
To you from failing hands
we throw
The Torch; be yours to
hold it high.

If ye break faith with us

who die
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow
In Flanders Fields

Dear Parents, Guardians and
Community Members,

November is a time of remembrance. A time to thank the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could enjoy the many freedoms and liberties that we enjoy today. We are all indebted to them each and every day as we go about our daily lives. November is also an important time in our Liturgical Calendar. It is a time to honour those who have demonstrated for us a commitment to our Catholic Faith. It is also the time to remember loved ones whose souls we are asked to pray for. As a Christ centred community, we have a broader responsibility to strive to improve not only our own lives but the lives of those around us as well. With mutual respect, understanding and a commitment to our Catholic Faith we endeavour to follow Christ's path to create an inclusive and just society which reflects God's love for all.

Sincerely, M. Baswick, Principal

The Remembrance Day Memorial
Our memorial will be held in the gymnasium on Remembrance Day, November 11th, at the following times:

Primary and morning

kindergarten students - 9:00 a.m.
Junior students – 10:30 a.m.
Intermediate and afternoon
kindergarten students - 1:00 p.m.
Parents are welcome to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is always in need of children's winter coats, snow-suits, boots, and snow pants. Consider cleaning out your closets or donating new winter apparel before the cold weather sets in. St Vincent de Paul may be reached through St John of The Cross Church at 905 821-1331. Donations may be dropped off at the church or here at the school.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to the community of St. Albert of Jerusalem School for your non-parishable food donations. Your generosity is truly appreciated by those less fortunate. Food collected is distributed through St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families within our community and throughout the GTA.

St Vincent de Paul and Eden Food Bank Fundraiser

On Tuesday November 22 the Mississauga North Family of Schools in conjunction with St Vincent DePaul and the Eden Food Bank will be holding a Toonie Tuesday in support of those less fortunate in our community. Funds raised through this charitable act will go directly to aiding those in our community . A large clear water bottle will be kept in the office, for students to place their toonies. Students are welcome to drop by to check on our progress. This is a first time for this initiative and we look forward to being able to assist in helping to provide for those less fortunate in our midst.

School News

School Expansion - Construction has begun! Mr. Baswick regularly visits the Rosehurst site to see first hand the progress being made. The building foundation footings were being poured the week of November 1 and the completion date continues to be in line with

the September 2006 return date. As a caution, please remind your children to stay away from the school property due to safety concerns and the danger present. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent Teacher Communication Survey

The Ontario government has passed legislation establishing performance appraisal standards and processes for boards to use in the evaluation of teachers throughout the province. Parental and student input will be taken into account in the performance appraisal of the teacher. A survey is attached with this newsletter. Parents are asked to comment on their satisfaction with the communication between the parents and the teacher about their children's learning and progress. The survey may be returned to the school office. At your request, your name will be removed from the survey before it is shared with the teacher but no unsigned surveys will be accepted. More information may be obtained from the school administrators.

Picture Retake Day has been scheduled for **November 22**. If you would like your child to have a retake taken, please indicate this in your child's agenda or send a note to school. Verbal instructions through children,, especially younger children, may not be shared with the teacher. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Pizza Lunch Days - Please understand that we cannot accept late orders due to the difficulties which arise with ordering deadlines. We cannot make changes due to the volume of orders and wherever possible, each child should submit the money to their own teacher. Please see the attached calendar for dates.

Is the bus late? - Buses are late sometimes due to unforeseeable circumstances, i.e. bus breakdown, weather, traffic problems. We at the school find out about these delays from three sources; 1. parents who call from the bus stop, 2. the Board's transportation

department, 3. the bus company. As soon as we have information regarding bus delays, we post the details on our main phone number, 905 816-1970, enter "3". We suggest you listen to this information first, and if it does not answer your question, enter "0" to speak to someone in the office. If you leave for work before your child's scheduled bus pick up time, we strongly urge you to have a plan in place for your child in the event that the bus is late, i.e., your child returns home and calls you to inform you of the situation or your child goes to a neighbour... etc.)

Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Assessment Results

Last spring, an assessment of reading, writing and mathematics was conducted in all of the Grade 3 and 6 classes of Ontario by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This test was just a "snapshot" of our children's performance with regards to the Ministry Curriculum guidelines. Individual results will be sent home to all grade 4 and 7 students once they are received. School and individual results will be released shortly.

Holy Name of Mary S. S.

Grade 9 Admission and
Registration for 2006-2007
Parent Information Night
Wednesday, November 23 or
Thursday November 24
7:00 p.m. H.N.M. Gymnasium

English as a Second Language

As we continue to focus on developing each child's English literacy skills, as a foundation for improved student achievement, teachers are continually assessing students' proficiency in reading and writing. Students, whose first language is not English and students who may use a variety of English and may require assistance in developing age appropriate literacy skills in standard English are entitled to a number of supports, including, where appropriate, assistance from the school's ESL (English as a Second Language) / ELD (English Literacy Development) Resource Teacher. All ESL/ELD students, as

indicated on the school's registration form, are monitored and provided with required accommodations or modifications. This support will be reflected on their report card. We are committed to improving student achievement for all of our students. We will continue to work with you and your child to provide the supports needed to ensure his/her success.

Grolier Online - Our school has subscribed to Grolier Online, a reference collection. Part of our subscription allows for remote access for our school community. You can sign up for your remote account to Grolier Online. Here's how it works:

1) Go to this web page and click the link "First Time Users - click here to get a user ID & Password" <http://auth.grolier.com/static/rs-pages/dpcdsb.html>

2) Answer the 4 questions and submit

3) Patrons 13 years of age and younger may need to wait for parental notification but patrons 14 and older get a one-time user name and password delivered to their e-mail box immediately (further instructions and tips for foolproof access are available)

The Online reference collection includes the following:

- Encyclopaedia Americana
- New Book of Knowledge
- Lands and People
- America the Beautiful
- Grolier Multimedia Encyclopaedia

About Homework - Homework can be difficult for many students. However, homework is an important part of the learning process for it: reinforces skills/concepts learned in class, allows time for research skills to be developed, builds good study habits, promotes self discipline, and gives parents an informal report on how well their child is coping with the curriculum. Parents can assist their child with homework by: providing a consistent quiet place to work,

offer to be the audience for oral reading and editing of written work, and assist with research of how or where they might go to find appropriate information. Homework done well provides the link to the next day's lessons. It is like building a tower, each block has to fit to the one previous in order to gain a solid structure.

Check your child's agenda daily to ensure you are up-to-date with current or pending assignments.

How to reach us – When calling the school, at our main number 905 816-1970, an automated service will respond. You will then have the following choices:

Press 1 – to call in your child's absence or late arrival (please do this prior to 8:30 a.m.) Give us your child's first and last name, spell their last name, give their teacher's name and the reason for the absence.

Press 2 – to leave a message for staff, please spell your name, give your day time phone number, and spell the name of the person you are trying to reach. We have a few staff members with very similar names and this will assist us in passing your message on to the right person.

Press 3 – for the latest bus information. We only update this option when we know of a bus problem.

Press 0 – to reach the office. If the office phone lines are busy, this option will revert back to the voice mail system. We check the messages frequently and will call you back as soon as possible

Health and Safety

Cold and Flu Season - Please use discretion in keeping your child home to recover if they are ill. A child who is coughing, wheezing, etc. is not in a state to learn and will only infect others. As well, please understand that if your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to go outside at recess. It

is impossible for supervision and safety to have some students inside and the others outside. Did you know that one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu or cold is to practice frequent hand washing. Please review with your child the importance of hand washing throughout the day.

Dressing for Cold Weather - Soon we will be experiencing cold weather and with winter on its way we need to prepare. It is imperative that students come prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please assist us in encouraging the children to dress appropriately for the weather.

Bus Transportation

Safe Crossing Procedures - Please remind your child of the following bus safety rules: Exit the bus carefully and walk 10 giant steps beyond the front bumper, look both ways and wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road. Always look both ways and NEVER reach under the bus for something. Always cross the road when the flashers and stop arm are activated.

Inclement Weather

When weather conditions are deteriorating, parents are asked to listen to the local radio stations for announcements of transportation services being withdrawn and/or possible school closures.

Announcements can be heard on CFRB, CHUM, CKFM, CHFI, CHIN, CFNY, CHAY, CKHW, CFTR, CJCL, CJMR, CBC & BREAKFAST T.V. The message usually takes the following form:

"All buses for the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board have been cancelled"

or to indicate school closure:
"The schools and offices of both Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board are closed."

Students dropped off by parents must be picked up by parents or have other arrangements in place for their return trip home. If buses are cancelled in the morning there will be no buses in the afternoon even though the weather might improve.