

St. Albert of Jerusalem School



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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 Early Dismissal Day:

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Next P.A. Day:

Friday, March 10, 2006

March Break:

March 13 - 17, 2006, inclusive

*A very special thank you to
our St. Albert of Jerusalem School Community*

A special thank you to the entire community for your generosity and support during the Christmas Season.

Thank you for your participation in the Advent Mass. It was wonderful to see so many families sharing our faith. Thank you to our School Council for organizing and hosting the reception, also to our school choir for sharing their gift of music at the celebrations and to our Liturgical committee for organizing the Mass.

Thank you also to the children and parents for their generous donations of non-perishable food items and mittens, scarves and hats for those less fortunate. St. Vincent De Paul and the Eden Food Bank benefited from the kindness of the families and staff of this school!

On behalf of St. Albert of Jerusalem School, we extend to you and your family our best wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

We encourage all parents to keep in close contact with the school concerning your child's progress. We strive to foster open communication with the view to nurturing the spiritual and academic growth of all our students. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if we may be of assistance.

M. Baswick,
Principal

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The new year has begun and it is a good time to review some daily rules and routines that make life safe and more organized in the hallways, classrooms, and outdoors, while demonstrating true respect for each other and our learning environment.

A...

We are aware of others. We do our personal best.

We walk quietly in the school.

We speak politely and respectfully. We hold doors open for others.

B...

We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.

We use appropriate words to solve our problems.

Expansion News

The in school moving committee will be meeting shortly to begin planning for our move back. Construction at the Rosehurst site continues. Much of what is happening now is the mechanical work including plumbing, sewer, hydro and rough openings for doors and windows. Preparations for enclosing the school envelop are the priority. The school will keep you posted as development proceeds.

Around the Halls

Public Speaking for Grades 4 – 8

Public Speaking Competitions for the Junior students will be held during the morning of Thursday, **February 23rd** and for the Intermediate students during the morning of Friday, **February 24th**. Both competitions will begin at 8:50 a.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 will be selected to represent each class in the gymnasium. One entrant from each division will be selected to proceed to the Family of Schools Level Competition scheduled Tuesday, **February 28th** at St. Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School. The Intermediate competition is scheduled during the morning and the Junior will follow in the afternoon. Currently students are diligently preparing their speeches. **Good luck to all.**

Health and Safety

Vision & Hearing Screening

A reminder to all that we will be hosting hearing and vision screenings at school during the **week of January 23rd**. Permission forms have gone home. If you would like your child(ren) to participate, please complete the necessary forms and

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We do not tease or name call.

return them to the school by January 20. Please be aware that this is not a fundraising initiative. All monies go directly to the service provider.

School Council News

Please join us on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 pm at the Hershey Centre to cheer on the IceDogs. Tickets are \$10 each, age 2 and under are free. As well at school, students will meet two IceDogs players for a question /answer period. We encourage all our students to wear a Hockey Jersey on that day (and of course to the game)!

Winter Dress

Winter dress concerns are with us again. 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 should 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. An extra pair of pants and socks, kept at school in their lockers, may be very useful if your child should need them.

Personal Items at School

Post Santa Claus, an enthusiastic number of students have been bringing personal items to school, including iPods, cell phones, and digital cameras. These items are not allowed at school. The school cannot be responsible for personal items lost, stolen or damaged and students are strongly encouraged to leave them at home. On another note studies have indicated that prolonged exposure to excessive high volume through personal audio devices can lead to permanent hearing loss. For the health of your children remind them to keep the volume down.

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 child who is coughing, wheezing, etc. is not in a state to learn and is in a position to infect other children. Remember, if your children are well enough to attend school, they are well enough to go outside at recess. It is impossible, for supervision and safety reasons, to have some students inside and others outside.

Snowballs

Although we have had a mild winter so far, we are reminding all students that snowball throwing is not acceptable, as it can lead to injury, especially facial or eye injuries. Please reinforce this safety consideration with your child(ren). We also ask your cooperation in reviewing with your child the need to be respectful of each other outside on the playground. This includes not destroying any snow forts/ snowman that may be built by other students during recess times. With a few rules everyone can enjoy what winter has to offer.

Rough Play

Rough play on the school yard can lead to injuries. Pushing, shoving, and play fighting are forms of unacceptable behaviour that compromise student safety. Please reinforce with your children the "hands off" rule. If they encounter a problem they should first tell the other student to stop. If this does not work then report it promptly to the teacher on duty or to their classroom teacher. If the situation persists then it may be referred to the office for further disciplinary action.

Dropping Your Kids Off?

Please remember, private vehicles are not allowed onto school property during arrival or dismissal. A few