



St. Albert of Jerusalem School

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April 2007 Newsletter

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Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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

12:00 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:

Students do not attend school

Monday May 14, 2007

Early Release Days:

April 19, 2007

The Difference

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task;
"Why doesn't God help me" I wondered;
He said "But you didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty
But the day dragged on gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

Author Unknown

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

We are pleased to inform you that **Mrs. L. Scardicchio** has been promoted to Principal of San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School in Mississauga beginning May 1st of this year. Mrs. Scardicchio has held positions of both Vice-Principal and teacher at St. Albert of Jerusalem over the past few years. She has been a strong advocate for the children and families of this community. She will be greatly missed. Congratulations to Mrs. Scardicchio!

Mr. B. Jones, who is currently half time Vice-Principal at St. Albert of Jerusalem and half time at St. Joseph Elementary School in Streetsville, has been assigned as the full time Vice-Principal at St. Albert of Jerusalem. We are looking forward to having Mr. Jones work with the St. Albert community in this full time capacity.

Mrs. P. Golin, currently a teacher at St. Joseph in Streetsville Elementary School will be taking over as half time Vice-Principal. Mrs. Golin will begin her assignment on May 1st. Welcome Mrs. Golin!

REMINDERS

Gr. 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.

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.

Dropping Children off at the Office

Parents/Guardians are reminded that at no time are you to escort your child directly to his/her class. If you are on time, your child should line up with his/her classmates. If you are late, please have your child sign in at the office. Younger students will be met by classmates and escorted to class.

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.

AROUND THE HALLS

Library News

Spring is here and the Spring Book Fair is on the way! Just a reminder that the **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** will take place during **Education Week from Monday, April 30th to Thursday, May 3rd**. Please help support the school and instill a love of literacy, reading and life long learning in your child(ren).

Please remember to have your child(ren) return their Library Book once they have finished with it. For Primary students, please read the book to your child(ren), have your child(ren) read their book *with* you and have them read it *to* you. Positive "Literacy" role models will

help your child(ren) tremendously.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Holy Thursday, St. Albert students will be hosting a special liturgy for Holy Week. The grade 7 students will be presenting a solemn celebration of the Stations of the Cross. There will be 2 presentations, one at 9:00 and one at 1:00. All parents are welcome as we celebrate the most important season of our Catholic faith.

Chess Tournament: On Friday March 30, the schools from Mississauga North traveled to St. Albert of Jerusalem for this year's family chess tournament. It was a full day of rigorous competition within the four divisions of students (Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and High School). Our primary, junior and intermediate teams met with stiff competition from all schools, but our teams would prevail. It came down to the finals where the primary and intermediate teams would play in strong but close games. Barely losing, the primary and intermediate teams won the silver. The juniors found themselves in similar battles but would walk away tournament champions. **All of our school teams qualified for the board tournament on May 11!** This year this final tournament will be held at St. Philip Pocock High School. Congratulations Angels!

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The St. Albert of Jerusalem co-ed ice hockey team was in a tournament at the Powerade Center on Wednesday March 28th 2007. After three hard fought games, the team finished in sixth place in their division. A big thanks goes out to all the players who participated on this years team, and the coaches look forward to seeing you all again next year. Go Angels Go!!!

Early Release Day

You are reminded that our next Early Release Day will be on **THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007**. Buses will be at the school at 11:30 am to bring children home. Please make sure you have made arrangements for your children to ensure pick up at their bus stops. There will be no afternoon kindergarten classes on that day. Teachers will be engaged in Professional Development activities to enrich and enhance their teaching practices in order to provide optimum education for your children.

Professional Development Day

Please be aware that our next Professional Development Day is on **Monday May 14, 2007**. Students will not attend school on that day.

EQAO Dates for Assessment

Our Grade Three and Grade Six students will be participating in the Provincial EQAO assessments during the weeks of May 22 – June 8th.

The Grade 6 Assessment will take place on May 23rd, 24th and 25th.

The Grade 3 Assessment will take place on May 29th, May 30th and May 31st.

It is very important that your child is present during these times. Please try to avoid making appointments during these times.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK Apr 29 – Mar 4

This year's theme "**Created in the image of God**" celebrates the sublime and essential dignity of the human person. Regardless of race, creed, colour, political or financial status, each human person is created in God's image and is entitled to the respect and dignity accruing to that reality.

Five sub-themes, one for each of the five days of Catholic Education Week 2007, help students to understand the rich meaning of this year's theme:

Day 1: *Created Sacred*

Day 2: *Created Essentially Good*

Day 3: *Created Uniquely Gifted*

Day 4: *Created Alive in the Spirit*

Day 5: *Created for One Another*

Our Catholic schools are places where the truth that we are all created '*in God's image*' stamps us as being utterly precious in the sight of the Creator God, and imply our call to form caring communities. That we are not 'something' but 'someone' with a unique dignity is our constant message to ourselves, to those we serve, and to a world where people are often drowning in a sea of individualism, despair and a search for meaning. We encourage students and staff to prayerfully reflect on the dignity conferred on us as being '*created in the image of God*' and of the obligation that this places on all of us to respect the image of God in others.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH

2007 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 5 **HOLY THURSDAY**

No Confessions
Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 pm to 11:30 pm

April 6 **GOOD FRIDAY**

Family Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion at 10:00 am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

April 7 **HOLY SATURDAY**

No Confessions, no Masses in the afternoon
Solemn Easter Vigil 8:30 pm

April 8 **EASTER SUNDAY**

at the Church only
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

April 9 Easter Monday
Mass at 9:00 am

Parish Office closed



HAPPY EASTER!