



## St. Albert of Jerusalem School

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### May 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

### May the Month of Mary



Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among  
women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death.  
Amen.

#### **A MOTHER'S LOVE**

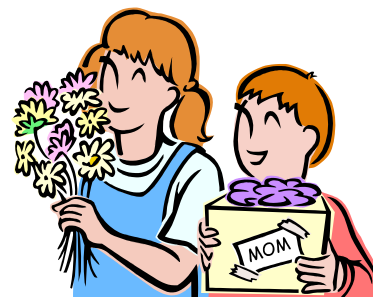
There are times when only a  
Mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our  
disappointments  
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a  
Mother's love  
can share the joy we feel  
When something we've  
dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a  
Mother's faith  
can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the  
confidence  
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a  
Mother's faith  
And a Mother's steadfast love  
were fashioned by the Angels  
And sent from God above.

~Author Unknown~



**HAPPY MOTHER'S  
DAY!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Summer Literacy Camp SK-Grade 6**

Summer Literacy Camp is a half day literacy intervention program for students functioning at Levels 1 and 2 of the Provincial Language Expectations. It is offered by the Department of Continuing Education for 4 weeks (July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>). Students can enroll for 2 consecutive weeks or a 4 week program. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

\$340.00 for full 4 week session  
\$180.00 for July 3 – July 13<sup>th</sup>  
\$200.00 for July 16 – July 27<sup>th</sup>

The closest camp site to our school will be located at St. Simon Stock. Transportation is not provided. Teacher referral for admission to the Summer Literacy Camp is required. Applications are available from your child's classroom teacher. Please submit completed registration forms with payment to your child's teacher by **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Late Arrivals**

We continue to have a significant number of students who are late for school in the morning. When students are late, they often miss important parts of lessons. As well, they can interrupt the teaching and learning that has already begun in the classroom.

Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, students who are late 3 times will have a letter sent home informing parents/guardians.

Appropriate consequences will be considered for those students who continue to be habitually late.

Students have a responsibility

to be on time for school. We appreciate your support in getting your children to school on time.

### **Changes in Emergency Numbers**

Throughout the school year there may be a number of changes which occur at home. Please help us ensure that we always have **current** home numbers, work numbers, and emergency contact numbers. In addition, there are a few families who have not left us with contacts that we might use in the case of an emergency. Please ensure that you have a network of support to cover you in case you are not available.

### **Dropping Children off at the Office**

Parents and 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.

### **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.

### **Dress Code**

We expect that warmer weather will soon be here, bringing about more casual student dress. With this in mind, clothing should be comfortable, tasteful and appropriate for a school environment. Shorts are permitted, as long as they are neither too tight nor too short.

Sleeveless blouses and t-shirts are permitted. Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, muscle shirts or anything that exposes bare midriffs, bare shoulders or bare backs are not considered suitable for any student. Slogans on shirts should also be carefully monitored. The intent of our school dress policy is to continue to provide a modest, yet comfortable work atmosphere for our students during the school day. We appreciate your continued support.

### **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.

**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.

### **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.

## **AROUND THE HALLS**

### **HEADS UP! Junior**

Coaches Ms. Di Iorio and Ms. DiFazio would like to recognize and thank the "Heads Up" Junior team: Aidan J., Trisha A., Jordan D., Kevin G., and Anthony A., for their hard work and great team spirit at the competition on Tuesday, May 1st at St. Elizabeth Seton. St. Albert is very proud of your efforts!

### **HEADS UP! Intermediate**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Intermediate students Isabel L., David C., Christopher K., Thomas L., and Alex F. went to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Heads Up competition. This team represented St. Albert's well by demonstrating teamwork and academic brilliance! The team tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Coaches Ms. DeMarco and Miss Esposito are extremely proud of their hard work. Way to go Angels!

### **Junior Girls Basketball**

The St. Albert Junior Girls Basketball Team has started a spectacular season! The girls played their highly competitive first game against St. Therese of the Child Jesus and then competed against St. Theresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Richard. To date the Angels have won all of their games and will proceed to the Family Tournament on Friday, May 4, 2007. Congratulations to our enthusiastic and talented players Nana, Bernadette, Chinello, Gabby, Jade, Hope, Olivia, Cecilia, Vanessa, Rene and Rachel. These girls have kept up a grueling schedule of practices and demonstrated exemplary team spirit. Their proud coaches are Ms. Bradford, Mrs. Cadieux and Ms. Hayhow. Thank you to Rodney, Isabel and Krista who have volunteered their time to assist with coaching. Good luck girls in the Family Tournament!

### **TRACK AND FIELD**

Track and Field Tryouts and Practices will begin in May. Students, keep an ear out for announcements when tryouts begin.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

At the end of April, the Kindergarten and Primary students voted on their favourite 2007 Blue Spruce book out of a selection of 10. **Scaredy Squirrel**, by Melanie Watts, was St. Albert students' favourite book, with an overwhelming 43 percent of students voting for this book. Stay tuned on Thursday, May 17 to find out the provincial favourite, as the Ontario Library Association announces which Blue Spruce book Ontario's students, aged 4 to 7, have chosen as this year's winner!

### **EQAO ASSESSMENT DATES**

The Grade 6 Assessment will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.  
The Grade 3 Assessment will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Our Lost and Found box is overflowing with clothing! Please feel free to come by and take a look for any items that may belong to your children. We will be gathering up all of the clothing and donating it to the poor.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

#### **Wells of Hope Update**

*THANK YOU, Parents, Students and Staff* for your wonderful participation and for your donations to our Wells of Hope Fundraiser. This has been one of St. Albert's most successful charitable fundraising events! Our school community has raised over \$4,000 to donate to the Wells of Hope Foundation. It is truly an act of Christian Fellowship to help the

communities of Guatemala. There are still more chances to get involved. You will soon have a chance to buy raffle tickets to win a week at Youth Leadership Camps Canada in Muskoka (valued @ \$700.00). We are also accepting monetary donations. (Receipts are available by the Foundation for all donations greater than \$20.00.) Please continue supporting our greater goal of \$25,000 by aiding the Wells of Hope Foundation. Sincerely,  
Student Council

### **PITCH-IN CANADA! UPDATE**

St. Albert Staff and Students participated on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> in Mississauga's 20-minute makeover. We collected many bags of garbage to realize there is a lot of litter around our community. Also, St. Albert students decorated their classroom doors to send a message about recycling and picking up litter for Canada's PITCH-IN WEEK. It was a very difficult decision, as there were many creative entries. In the Primary Division, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Mrs. Gogarty's Grade 3 class, 2<sup>nd</sup> place going to Mr. Rybinsky's Grade 3 class and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Mrs. Murphy's Grade 2 class. The winner of the Junior Division was Ms. Michalska's Grade 5 class, with 2<sup>nd</sup> place going to Mrs. Miniaci's Grade 6 class, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Mr. Vis' Grade 6 class. The winner of the Intermediate Division was Mr. Mondano's Grade 8 class. Ms. Navarros's Grade 8 class placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Mrs. Bradfords's Grade 8's. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners received \$50 to spend as a class. Thank you students and staff for keeping St. Albert Clean and Green!

## **2007/2008 School Organization Planning**

Planning and preparations are occurring for the 2007-2008 school year. Where possible, classes are organized and balanced on the basis of gender, academics and social/emotional factors. Parent input is valued. If you feel that your child would benefit by a particular teaching style or learning environment, please indicate this in a letter to Mr. Boudreau by Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Serious consideration of all requests will be given but the final decision remains with the staff and principal. Once the 2007-2008 school year begins, changes in placement will only be made under special circumstances, relative to staff changes or increase/decrease in student numbers that would warrant a re-alignment of classes. Students will be informed of their class placement the first day of school.

### ***You are invited to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel's "Kids are Worth it" Luncheon!***

Join Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel in support of their Campaign for Kids at the "Kids are Worth it" Luncheon featuring **guest speaker Barbara Coloroso**. This elegant and informative event will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. at the Ontario Racquet Club; 884 Southdown Road (*Southdown Road and Lake Shore Blvd.*)

Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliatory justice. Barbara will address the keys to good

parenting and how to effectively deal with issues such as bullying.

Tickets to the "Kids are Worth it" Luncheon are \$60 per person or a Corporate Table of 8 for \$1,000. Registrations received on or before May 1, 2007 will receive a 10% discount. To register please contact Lori Plati at 905-457-7288 ext. 227 or email [lplati@bbbspeel.com](mailto:lplati@bbbspeel.com)



### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel**

Make a difference in the life of a child in as little as one hour a week by volunteering to be an In-School Mentor. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel in partnership with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board matches elementary girls and boys with a caring adult mentor. Matches meet for one hour each week during school hours and on school property to share in fun activities such as playing board games, baking or playing sports. The result -- increased self-esteem, better grades and improved relationships with family and peers.

The positive results of this program are truly commendable. Children are in need of a mentor in our schools and you can make a significant difference in a child's life by volunteering today. Call 905-457-7288 or visit [www.bbbspeel.com](http://www.bbbspeel.com) for further information.

## **GRADE 8 EVENTS**

### **Liturgy – May 1 at 9:00 am**

Parents are welcome to attend

### **Science Workshop – May 8**

On Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> four University of Toronto

Engineering students from the Science Outreach program will be here to run a workshop for the Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 students. Grade 7 students will be designing and constructing bridges and the grade 8 students will apply their knowledge of optics to build binoculars in order to perform a task.

### **Passages to Canada**

May 11 In Geography class this term, students are learning about migration. A speaker from Passages to Canada Immigrant/Refugee Bureau will share his/her experience and story of coming to Canada with the grade 8 students.

### **Montreal/Ottawa Trip**

The Grade 8 students are looking forward to their Montreal/Ottawa trip. Mrs. Bradford, Ms. Navarro, Mr. Mondano, Mr. Kelenc, and Mr. Boudreau have been working hard to finalize all of the plans. More information regarding the itinerary will follow in May. The grade 8 students have also been working very hard on several fundraising activities:

1. **Chip Fundraiser** – The grade 8 students have been selling chips on Monday's and Friday's to help raise money for the school trip to Ottawa and Montreal. The chips are being sold for one dollar each and all of the money raised will go directly towards the trip. Chips will be available until Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Talent Show** – Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 and 1:00. The cost of \$2.00 per student went towards the grade 8 Montreal/Ottawa trip.

3. **Chocolate Fundraiser** – Grade 8 students who are participating on the trip will be selling Cadbury Chocolate bars between May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Individual students who are highly motivated to sell will benefit the most. The amount of chocolate that each student sells individually will go directly to his/her trip.