

St. Albert of Jerusalem School November 2007 Newsletter



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A MOMENT TO REFLECT

O God of Love,

We thank you for what you have
given us to enjoy,
For healthy minds and bodies,
for love, for family, for friendship,
for every gift of happiness.

We praise you for those who help
us by their example and
encouragement, especially those
who have given their lives
to the cause of justice and
freedom.

Help us appreciate the efforts that
were given.

Make their sacrifice worthwhile
by the way we live our lives in
loving others.

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen



The Remembrance Day Memorial

Our memorial will be held in the gymnasium on

Remembrance Day, November 9th, 2007 at the following times:

9:00 a.m.

Grades 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8

1:00 p.m.

Grades 3, 5 and 7.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Registration Reminder

All Grade 8 students are reminded that registration for Confirmation has taken place at St. John of the Cross Church. Please contact the church for more information if you have not registered for the preparation classes.

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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to the community of St. Albert of Jerusalem School for your non-perishable 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.

Eden Food Bank Fundraiser

On Wednesday, November 22nd, 2007 the Mississauga North Family of Schools in conjunction with 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. The Student Council has taken on the responsibility of collecting the Toonie Tuesday funds this year.

Lisgar Residents' Association

The Lisgar Residents' Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, November 8th, 2007 at 7pm. The meeting will be at Kindree Public School and our guest speaker will be Councillor Sue McFadden. Please come to find more information about your community!

Iona Catholic Secondary School Arts & Culture Pathway

Iona Catholic Secondary School is now accepting

applications for it's Arts and Culture Pathway. The program is open to all Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in September, 2008. Applications will also be accepted for Grade 9 students wishing to enter the program for Grade 10 in September of 2008.

There will be a parent information night at Iona on the 28th of November at 7:00pm.

*****Student News*****

Pals Program in Action

Ms. DiIlorio, Ms. DiFazio and Ms. Gogarty have implemented the Pals program. On October 11, 28, 2007 students from Grades 5 and 6 were trained by a Peel Regional nurse on how to be Pals leaders. The program began on Monday, October 23rd, 2007. It runs everyday during our lunch recess. The program is intended for students in Grades 1-4. The Pals leaders will be supervising and leading students into co-operative and interactive games. This is the fourth year St. Albert of Jerusalem has taken part in the program.

Terry Fox Walk Recap

It is a pleasure to announce the amount St. Albert has raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. Knowing October is Cancer Awareness month and knowing our school has demonstrated continued excellent support towards Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer is outstanding.

This year the gracious students, parents and staff have raised \$1, 543. We have doubled our efforts from last year. A big THANK YOU to all the parents who walked with us and to everyone for contributing to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Grade 7 and 8 Volleyball

Intermediate Boys Volleyball

The intermediate boys volleyball team had a terrific season. The team played well together, developed great skills and brought a positive attitude into every match. The Angels finished their season with a 3 and 1 record and finished tied for first in their division. Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Santi and Mr. Vis are proud coaches of the following team members: Jonathan, Thomas, Cassidy, Wilfred, Daniel, Alex J., Alex Z., Dylan, Matthew, and Bruno.

Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Our Intermediate Girl's Volleyball team demonstrated great team work throughout this volleyball season. After placing second in their

league, the girls advanced to the Family Tournament at St. Aloysius Gonzaga School on October 23, 2007. Ms. DeMarco, Mrs. MacNeill and Ms. Savi would like to congratulate the girls for positively representing our school. The team players were: Trisha, Valeska, Olivia, Nan, Melissa, Bernadette, Danielle, Chinello, Gabrielle, Hope, Nicole and Amanda.

****School Council****

School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents / guardians are welcome to attend.

Our new school council for this year:

Chairperson:	C. Munroe
Secretary:	M. Madden
Treasurer:	C.I Mascaro
Fundraising Chair:	T.Jean-Marie
Parish Representative:	E. Wilson
OAPCE:	R. Zamadar
Council Member Parent:	I. Doma, K. Palangio P. Sleeth
Council Member Teacher:	J. Toth, L. MacNeill

****Reminders****

Dropping Children Off At School

A reminder that, once the bell rings, any student who is late is to be dropped off at the office. **Parents / Guardians are reminded not to drop off children at the classroom.**

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Returning To School in the Evening

Once your child has been dismissed for the day, they are not to return to school for any materials that they may have forgotten. Classrooms are locked and custodians do not have the authority to unlock the classrooms for students.

Storage of Medication At School

In order for the school to store and/or administer medication, your doctor must complete a form provided by the school. Students are not allowed to have medication of any kind at school, unless it is stored in the front office. If there is a reason that the student must carry their medication(eg. Epi-Pen for emergency administration or asthma puffers), please

pick up a form at the office and have it completed by your doctor. A medical alter photo identification sheet will be posted in our office/healthroom.

As children grow, their health status sometimes changes. We therefore, request revised forms each year. If your child has developed any sensitivities or allergies or other medical needs, we must know about these in the interest of their safety. Please call us to update your child's records if necessary. All stored medication will be sent home in June 2008

Safe Crossing Procedures - Please remind your child of the following bus safety rules:

- Exit the bus carefully,
 - 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
 - NEVER reach under the bus for something.
- Always cross the road when the flashers and stop arm are activated.

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.

****Did you know?****

A Safe Caring and Inclusive School Community

St. Albert of Jerusalem continues to create and sustain a "safe, caring and inclusive school community"

*****Please Note*****

P.A. Days

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 and Monday, November 19, 2007 are PA Days. There will be no school for students during these days.

Picture Retake Day has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 15, 2007**. 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.

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. 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 neighbor... 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 were sent home to all grade 4 and 7 students in October. School results are available on the EQAO website, www.eqao.com.

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.

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.