

# St. Albert of Jerusalem School December 2007 Newsletter



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## **PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

**Loving God, we seek You,  
In both the light and the  
darkness,  
The silence and the sounds,  
The fullness and the emptiness  
Of this Advent season.  
Fill our hearts with hope for  
Your coming,  
Love for those who are most in  
need,  
And faith in Your promises.  
May this time of preparation  
help us  
Celebrate the birth of your Son  
with deep  
Gratitude and abundant joy.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus,  
The Light of the World.  
Amen**

*“Upon our foundation, we continue to build the Spirit”*

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**Advent Mass for Families**

Our school community Mass is scheduled for  
Wednesday December 5, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. at St.

**John of the Cross Church.** Please join us at that time to pause, reflect and enjoy the true meaning of this special season. Good fellowship and cheer, organized by our School Council, will be enjoyed by all in the parish hall following the Mass. Anyone donating baked goods (preferably nut free) is asked to drop them off between 6:30-7:00 pm in Nessinger Hall.



### **JK/SK Christmas Celebration**



This delightful event, presented by the kindergarten students, will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in your child's classroom at 10:00 am for morning students and 1:45 pm for afternoon students.

### **Christmas Mitten Tree**



In the spirit of giving, the St. Albert Community would like to continue with our school tradition of the Mitten Tree. Families are asked to donate unused mittens, hats and scarves to provide needy children these necessary garments for winter. Clothing will be placed on our school Christmas tree as a symbol of giving. All donations will be given to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Items will be accepted until December 19, 2007.

### **Christmas Cookies**

Christmas tree shaped cookies will be on sale starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, while quantities last. All cookies are individually wrapped and sell for \$1.25 each. Nutritional information available upon request. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Miniaci.

### **Family Skate**

A St. Albert of Jerusalem family skate will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at the Meadowvale Four Rinks, from 1:00 to 3:00.

### **Thank-You**

Thank you to Kathy Tan for her donation of used binders to our school. It is greatly appreciated

### **Eden Community Food Bank**

Thank you to the St. Albert of Jerusalem Community for their support with Toonie Tuesday.

### **Volunteers -You are Appreciated!**

During this Advent season we would like to thank all volunteers for your efforts in helping our children. Your time and effort with the All Star Reading Program, your participation in the various fundraising events sponsored by our School Council, your help in the classrooms, library, school trips, Kiss and Ride, or any other contribution to the school community are greatly appreciated. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless each and every one of you and may you all have a joyous Christmas.

### **Indoor / Outdoor Shoes**

The students should have a pair of indoor shoes to wear at school, in class and for gym. Outdoor shoes/boots will be kept for outdoor use only and out of the classrooms in order to reduce the amount of dirt and mud brought indoors. This will assist Mr. Silva and staff in keeping the school clean.

### **St Albert of Jerusalem School Official Website**

Check out our official website at:

<http://www.dpedsb.org>

Just follow the links for authorized and accurate information pertaining to St Albert of Jerusalem School.

### **Coming Soon....**

#### **First Aid for Kids**

Grade 3, 4 and 5 students will be offered First Aid for Kids, PeopleSavers Level 3 as a lunch program on **Monday, January 14, 21, 28, 2008**. This course covers all of the level 2 topics plus much more. The cost of this course will be \$15.00/student and will include a work booklet, wallet card and a mini first aid pouch. Permission forms will be sent home with all Grade 3, 4, and 5 students on **Monday, January 7, 2008** and must be returned to the office by Friday, January 11, 2008.

The Canadian Red Cross First Aid Course for students in Grade 1 and 2, PeopleSavers Level 2, will be offered as a lunch program beginning **Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. The cost for this course is \$12.00/student. This course covers topics such as: what's in a first aid kit, calling EMS, emergency action steps, identifying emergencies, poisons and dangers, cuts, burns and more. Permission forms will be sent home with all Grade 1 and 2 students on **Monday,**

**January 21, 2008** and must be returned on **Thursday, January 31, 2008**. Permission forms will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis and the maximum class will be 30 students.

### **School Trips and Other Financial Requests**

Most school based activities are free of charge. However, from time to time the monetary request for trips and other items may cause some financial strain. At the same time, other opportunities at school such as Lunch Moms, and Pizza Days are voluntary and your discretion is required. However, please know that no child is ever held back from a school trip or classroom based activity/program for financial reasons. If you require assistance with classroom based activities please speak to Mr. Boudreau in confidence and arrangements can be made.

### **Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found Box is overflowing. If your child has misplaced an item, ask them to visit the Lost & Found box. If you would like to look for a lost item, please sign in at the office first. Please feel free to drop in and look for lost items during Parent-Teacher Interviews.

### **Casual Fridays**

You may notice staff in casual dress on Fridays. St. Albert staff continues to support the many charities sponsored by the United Way and Share Life.

### **New Phone Numbers??**

Please make sure the office is informed of any changes to work numbers, cell phone numbers or contact numbers. For the safety of your children, we should have the most current phone numbers so we can contact you in case of an emergency.

### **Emergency School Procedures**

There may be days during the upcoming winter months when inclement weather presents a potential safety hazard to our children. It is essential that parents discuss with their children the procedures they wish them to take to get home safely after getting off the bus. This discussion should include such direction as:

1. The appropriate/best route to follow on the walk home.
2. With whom the child should walk.
3. Where the child should go if parents are not at home or if they get locked out.
4. How the child should seek help if wind and snow are so strong that he/she cannot see their way.

**You are the ultimate authority in deciding what weather conditions you consider safe for your child. It is always better to err on the side of caution than to risk a young life.**

### **Program and Curriculum**

Assessment Evaluation and Reporting: Report Cards for Grades 1-8 will be sent home on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Parent-Teacher Interviews for Grades 1-8: will be held on the evening of *Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007* and during the day on *Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007*.

### **Snowballs and Cold Weather**

We will be 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 co-operation in reviewing with your child(ren) the need to be respectful of each other outside on the playground.

### **Winter Dress**

During the cold weather, please ensure that your child wears warmer clothing – hats, gloves, scarves, etc. We make every effort to ensure that children are properly protected before they go outside. Students must come to school ready to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess.



### **School of the Arts!**

The “**Iona Catholic Secondary School Arts & Culture Pathway**” will be open for application to **all** Mississauga Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in September 2008 and all Grade 9 students wishing to enter the Arts Pathways in Grade 10 in September 2008. This will offer a viable Catholic alternative for all students interested in pursuing an Arts education in areas such as dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, visual arts, and photography. Students or parents seeking more information on Iona’s Arts and Culture Pathway should contact Iona School at (905)823-0136.

## **Holy Name of Mary Secondary School**

Just a reminder that lottery and registration form submission dates are: Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 8:00 am to 1:00pm. Lottery Selection Draw will be held on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5:00pm in the gym.

## **Congratulations to George D.**

Congratulations to George D, a Grade 8 student at St. Albert of Jerusalem School. George's drawing of the new Lisgar Go station appeared in Sue McFadden's Regional Councilor Fall newsletter. Way to go, George!



*May our celebration of His Birth  
Lead to renewed love and involvement in each other's  
lives,  
And,  
Moved by your spirit,  
May we make Your Kingdom on Earth  
More like the image of our home in heaven.*

*The staff and administration would like to wish the  
St. Albert of Jerusalem's School Community a  
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## **Anaphylaxis, Life Threatening Allergies and School**

We ask that you refrain from sending in baked goods during this holiday season as we have many students subject to severe allergies. Thank you for your consideration of the safety of all our students.



## **Pediculosis**

We remind everyone to be vigilant about checking your child for head lice. By detecting it early, it helps to stop the spread through the classroom.