

St. Albert of Jerusalem School January 2008 Newsletter



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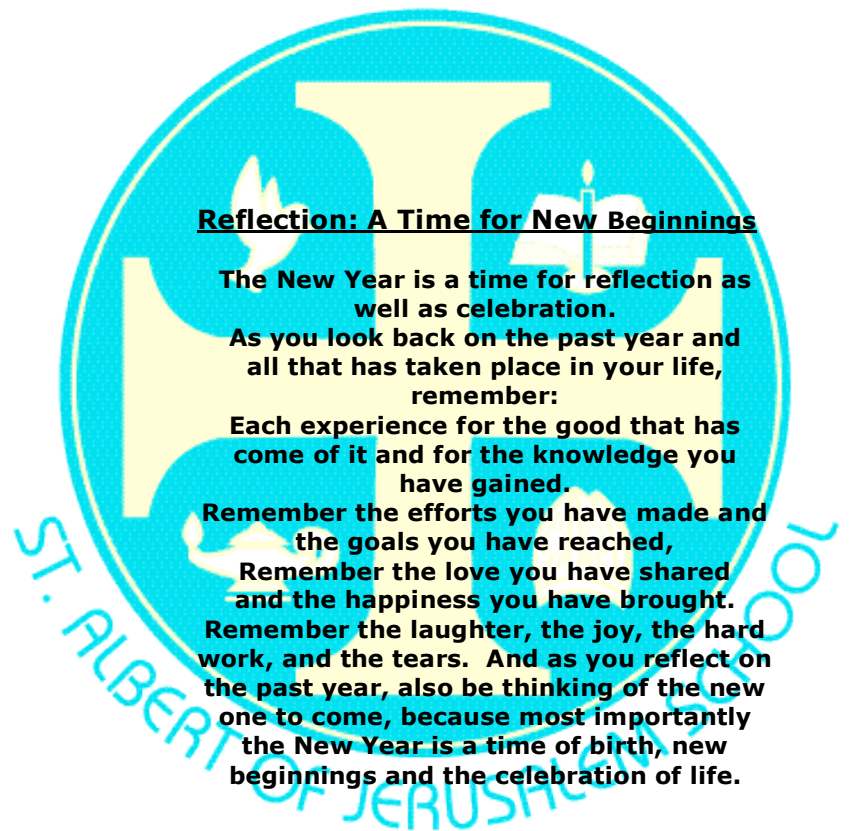
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Reflection: A Time for New Beginnings

The New Year is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life, remember:

Each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained.

Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached,

Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears. And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come, because most importantly the New Year is a time of birth, new beginnings and the celebration of life.

“Upon our foundation, we continue to build the Spirit



Happy New Year- 2008!!

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.**

Montreal / Ottawa Trip

Grade 8 students are looking forward to their big graduation trip. Students and Parents are reminded that the second payment of **\$150.00** is due on **January 28, 2008** to School Voyageurs. Payments can be made online at school voyageurs website:

www.schoolvoyageurs.com. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. If parents would like to pay with a cheque, students can give the cheque to Mrs. Bradford by **January 24, 2008**. Any students who have not yet registered for the trip, and still wish to come are still welcome.

Extended French Information

The Extended French meeting will be held at St. Therese of the Child Jesus School on Monday, February 4th, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. for the parents of those students currently in Grade 4. The School is located at: 6930 Forest Park Drive, Mississauga.

Holy Name of Mary Grade 9 Registration and Lottery

Registration form submission will take place on **Tuesday, January 15th, 2008 from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 16th, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The actual lottery draw will be held on **Wednesday, January 16th, 2008 at 5:00p.m** in the Holy Name of Mary gym.

Kindergarten Registration

This information is for students not presently attending school.

Dates set for the pre-registration of Junior and NEW Senior Kindergarten students for September, 2008 are as follows:

Monday, February 25, 2008 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Snow Date Only: Tuesday, February 26th, 2008,
7:00pm to 9:00 pm.

In addition:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of February 27th, 28th and 29th, 2008 from 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Professional Development Day

Please be aware of our next Professional Development Day on Wednesday, January 30th, 2008. Students will not attend school on that day.

New Statutory Holiday-Family Day

A new statutory holiday has been implemented by the Government. There will be no school on Monday, February 18th, 2008.

Bus Cancellation

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has been added to the '**SchoolBusMonitor.com**' website. This site can be accessed for bus cancellation and school closure information.

Student Sign Out

In the interest of student safety, all visitors must report to the office, all students must sign out when leaving the building and sign in when they return: parents must report to the office when picking up their child during school hours and sign their child out. All students, who normally stay for lunch may not leave the school during the lunch hour unless a parent or their designate, picks them up and follows the above procedure.

Only, Grade 7 and 8 students, are permitted to leave the grounds at lunch time if they have a **signed parent permission note** clearly indicating the date and where they are going. Students are not permitted to carry food or drink back onto school property when they return.

Attendance

Please call our 24 hour attendance line if your child will not be attending school. Your co-operation in contacting the school is appreciated.

Public Speaking Competitions

Public speaking competitions for Grades 4 to 8 will take place soon. Students will be involved in planning, preparing and presenting oral presentations-speeches. More information regarding dates will follow.



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, whizzing, etc. is not in a state to learn but 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.

Winter Dress

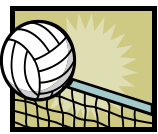
Winter dress concerns are with us again. It is imperative that all students come to school ready to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please ensure that your children come to school prepared to go outdoors. It is also important that all students have indoor footwear. In case of an emergency evacuation, they will not have the time to put on their boots.



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.

Junior Boy's Volleyball



Congratulations to the Junior Boys Volleyball team. They had an excellent season, finishing the regular season at 4 wins, 0 losses. Skill development, teamwork and hustle were the reasons the boys had a successful season. Team members included: Tyler, Taylor, Anthony, Brandon, Ryan, Daniel, Jason, Scott, Timothy, Matthieu, and Delton. Special thanks to Coach Peloso for all of her time and effort.

Junior Girl's Volleyball



Ms. Navarro, Ms. Peloso and Ms. Frackowiak would like to congratulate the Junior Girls Volleyball team for demonstrating excellent spirit this past season. Our Angels worked hard to learn and improve new skills. The team players were: Natalya, Rene, Danielle, Daniella M., Rachelle, Paulina, Riley, Julia, Joanna, and Lisa.

Prayer... The New Year

**Dear God: In this New Year I pray
To live deeply, with purpose,
To live freely, with detachment,
To live wisely, with humility,
To live justly, with compassion,
To live lovingly, with fidelity,
To live gratefully, with generosity,
To live fully, with enthusiasm,
Help us to hold this vision and to daily renew it
in our hearts, becoming ever more one with
You, our truest selves.**