

St. Albert of Jerusalem School January 2009 Newsletter



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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- 2009!!

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.**

Celebrating 10th Anniversary

St. Albert of Jerusalem is turning 10. Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating our tenth anniversary on May 6th, 2009 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Montreal

Grade 8 students are looking forward to their big graduation trip. Students and parents are reminded that the second payment of \$130.00 is due on February 2nd, 2009 payable to Keating Educational Tours. Any students who have not yet registered for the trip and wish to come are still welcome. The grade 8 students have already started some fundraising activities. Mrs. Rumbolt and several students have started popcorn sales, and the Christmas Carnival was a terrific success.

Virtues

Every Thursday of the first week of every month we will have an assembly by division celebrating the past virtue. We will recognize 3 students from every class and then different classes will present the next virtue. All parents are welcome to attend our Virtue Celebrations.

Primary 12:40

Junior 1:05

Intermediate 2:15

Our next virtue assemble will be held on the 8th of January.

January... Virtue of Self Control

This month we celebrate the virtue of self-control.
A person with self-control.....

- Is patient
- Knows how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- Knows how to avoid physical aggression
- Can think things through and do what is best for everyone.

Extended French Information

The Extended French meeting will be held at St. Therese of the Child Jesus School on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009, 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.

At the present time, St. Therese of the Child Jesus School is the designated centre for our area. Applications will be accepted at that centre until 3:00 pm, Wednesday, March 4th, 2009.

French Immersion Information

SK parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a GRADE 1 French Immersion class for September, 2009 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Margaret of Scotland School

2266 Council Ring Road

Mississauga, 905 820-5115

January 26th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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, 2009 are as follows:

Monday, February 23, 2009 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Snow Date Only: Tuesday, February 24th, 2009, 7:00pm to 9:00 pm.

In addition:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of February 25th, 26th and 27th, 2009 from 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.



Mindful Munching Mondays

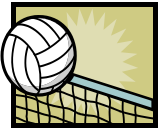
On Monday, December 1st, 2008, student council began our new healthy snack routine at St. Albert. Every Monday students from council will read a fact about healthy eating over morning announcements. This is meant to inform students as to healthy eating practices, as well as promote new snacking habits. Every month three teachers names will be chosen by ballot from each of the three divisions. Students in these three classes will receive a ballot if they have a healthy snack. From these ballots students will win school paraphernalia. In turn each of these ballots will be kept for a grand prize drawn at the end of the year.



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.



Junior Boy's and Girl's Volleyball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams for their excellent play this season!

Both teams worked diligently to refine their skills and demonstrated excellent teamwork as they played their games.

Team members were: Michael, Jacob, Tyler, Anthony O., Anthony C., Nathaniel, Christian, Joshua B., Domenic, Spence G., Jason, Jessica M., Jessica W., Monika, Chantal, Vanessa, Samantha, Gloria, Rachel, Chriselle, and Sharon.

Thumbs up to Hope, Amanda, Trisha and Olivia for their help!

A special thanks to the coaches: Ms. Frackowiak, Ms. Muszynski, Mrs. Santi and Mr Jones.

Professional Development Day

Please be aware of our next Professional Development Day on **Wednesday, January 28th, 2009**. Students will not attend school on that day.

Early Release Day

Monday, January 12th, 2009.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30.

There will be no classes in the afternoon

St Albert of Jerusalem School Council

Books

Due to an awesome, but overwhelming, response, there is a waiting list for many of the School Council items available in the St Albert of Jerusalem School Library.

As a result, we will be limiting the number of books available for borrowing, from 2 books down to only 1, and reducing the lending period to one week only.

Please remember that items are available for a ONE week lending period only.

School Parking

A reminder to all parents that for safety reasons please do not park in the school parking lot after school to pick up students. In particular, parents of Kindergarten students who are parking in the north part of the parking lot in front of the school. You are reminded to park on the street. Thank you.

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.

Mississauga is in the county of "Peel".

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.

If school buses are cancelled and your child is not a bus student and she/he remains at home, please report their absence to the school.

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.

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 behavior 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.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 3 Gr. 1 Pizza Nova Presentation
Feb. 12 Joe Rich at Mississauga Convention Centre
Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day
Feb. 16 Family Day No School
Feb. 17- Grade 8 Graduation Pictures
Feb. 19 Family Intermediate Boys/Girls Basketball
Feb. 23- SK/JK Registration Evening
Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday
Feb 27 PA Day
March 16-20 March Break

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.**