

St. Albert of Jerusalem School February 2009 Newsletter



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A Prayer for the Virtue of Respect

I genuflect before You Honorable Jesus
Respecting Your will, plan and judgment!

You overcame earthly evil temptations,
Maintaining self-respect to the end.

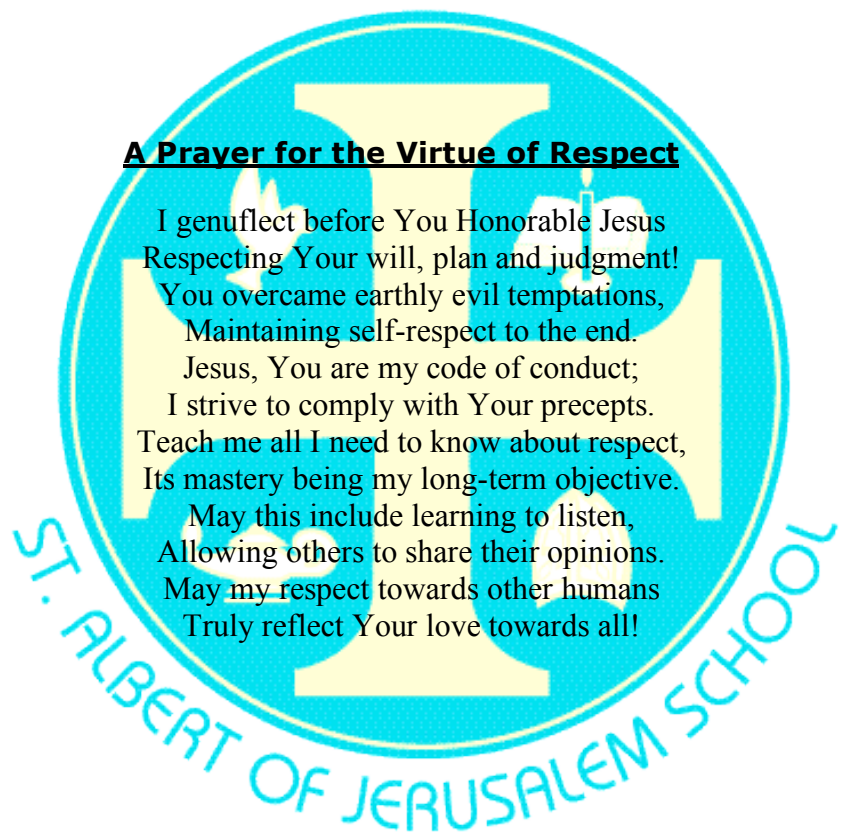
Jesus, You are my code of conduct;

I strive to comply with Your precepts.

Teach me all I need to know about respect,
Its mastery being my long-term objective.

May this include learning to listen,
Allowing others to share their opinions.

May my respect towards other humans
Truly reflect Your love towards all!



“Upon our foundation, we continue to build the Spirit

The Meaning of Lent

When you send forth your spirit you renew the face of the earth. Psalm 104:30

What does the word "Lent" mean? Why have we given this name to the time of preparation before Easter? Lent comes from an old word meaning "springtime." During the spring of the year, daylight increases, trees begin to bud and flowers start to appear. The new life that comes to the world each spring is like the renewal of life that comes when we pray and try harder to follow Jesus.

Lent consists of two parts: the first, the fourth day from Ash Wednesday to the First Sunday of Lent, and the thirty six days between then and Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday). The second part of Lent is the time of Passiontide. This year the Liturgical Season of Lent begins on February 25th with Ash Wednesday.

The ashes we receive serve two purposes:

1. They symbolize, and remind us, that something must die in order to bring about new life.
2. Historically, ashes were a symbol of sorrow and repentance for sins committed. Ashes were placed on peoples' forehead as a sign of repentance.



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 25th, 2009, all students from grades 1 to 8 will participate in our Ash Wednesday liturgy. Students will receive ashes,

reflect on readings and pray together as a faith community in preparation for Lent and the Easter season.

Virtue of the Month

This month we celebrate the virtue of RESPECT. Please join us for our Virtue assembly on the 5th of February at 12:35 pm.

Congratulations to our students who received a virtue pencil for the month of January.

Black History Month

February is "Black History Month." This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians, who throughout history have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today.

It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2009-10

Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

Monday, February 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*
*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 25, 26 & 27, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2009

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2009

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age
- original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or Baptismal Certificate of other rite in communion with the See of Rome)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)
- for schools in Caledon and Dufferin County: emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

For more information, contact your local Catholic school or call the Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24500.

Grade 8 Information

Ottawa Trip

The Christmas Carnival and Popcorn fundraisers have been very successful for the grade 8 students who are raising money for their trip to Ottawa. The Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser will run from February 4th to February 18th. Information for this will be sent home

in the next few weeks. For all students coming on the trip the second payment is due on Monday February 2nd. The third and final payment will be due on March 9th. All cheques should be made payable to Keating Educational Tours. Students can give a cheque to their homeroom teacher. Students will depart for Ottawa on May 20th returning May 22nd.

GRADE 8 Trip Fundraiser

Which Male Teacher will dress up as a girl for one day?

Students in grade 6, 7, 8 will have the opportunity to vote for which male teacher they would like to see dressed up as a GIRL for one day. Students will pay \$0.50 per vote. Students can choose between Mr. Biffis, Mr. Mondano, Mr. Kelence, Mr. Sparkes, or Mr. Belizzi! The winning teacher with the most votes will dress up like a girl on Friday, Feb. 20th.

Graduation

This year's graduation pictures will be on Tuesday February 17th. Students are encouraged to wear a shirt with a collar for their pictures.

This year's grade 8 graduation will be on June 25th. A letter went home at the end of January to all grade 8 parents informing them about this year's celebration. The graduation mass will be at 1:00 in St. John on the Cross. Parents, guardians, friends and family are all invited to celebrate the mass with the graduates. The graduation dinner/ceremony/dance will be at 5:30pm-10:30pm at the Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall. Parent/Guardians only are invited to join the graduates for dinner, the graduation, and the first dance. Students and staff are looking forward to the graduation celebration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any of the grade 8 teachers.

CO-ED ICE HOCKEY TEAM

The intermediate co-ed ice hockey team is having a fundraiser to help raise money to lower the cost of practice ice and tournament entry fees. To raise the money we are selling hockey tickets for a Brampton Battalion game, which will be held on Sunday March 8th, 2009 at 2:00PM at the Powerade Center in Brampton. Team Canada's world junior team member, Cody Hodgson and the Brampton Battalion will be facing the St. Michael's Majors.

Tickets are \$13.00. Thank-you for your support.

SPIRIT WEEK

Feb 17 – 20, 2009.

Daily Spirit Week Wear

Mon. P. A Day

Tues. Sports Wear Day / TOONIE TUESDAY

Wed. Crazy hair / hat day

Thurs. Pajama Day

Fri. St. Albert Spirit color day

Jk/Sk Pink or Red

Gr. 1 and 2 Purple

Gr 3 and 4 Orange

Gr 5 and 6 Green

Gr. 7 and 8 Blue

Each grade tries to wear as much of their color as possible.

Please remember your **\$2.00 on Tuesday to support Share Life** in order to participate in this week of fun!

So you Think you Can Draw?

The winner is..... TBA

A quick update to our Mascot Design contest. St. Albert showed amazing talent and creativity. The Mascot Design Committee has chosen finalists from the competition but is involved in a planning stage with the artist. An artist will be completing the mural by spring so watch out for the finalist to be announced!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks have gone on sale; \$26.00 is the cost of the 2008-2009 yearbook. This year's book is larger with pages dedicated to our 10th anniversary and the cover has been improved. If you are still interested in ordering a yearbook, please send a cheque payable to St. Albert of Jerusalem for \$26.00 to the office.

What's Happening at St. Albert

Our students and teachers have been active, not only in the classroom, but in the gym, hallways and library. Some of the activities that students are currently involved in include:

- Chess for grades 2 to 8
- Grade 7 & 8 Basketball teams
- Library helpers
- Intermediate Intramurals
- Spelling Bee
- First Aid Course
- School choir
- Speeches
- Grade 7 & 8 hockey Team
- Student Council

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, January 13th, St. Albert held its 2nd Annual Spelling Bee. The twenty final contestants "spelled it out" for the St. Albert title. It was a fierce competition and our spellers worked very hard in preparation for the BEE. Congratulations to our twenty contestants and to Eleanor F. in Grade 7 who won the St. Albert 2009 Spelling Bee. She will continue on in the next round of the CanWest CanSpell Spelling Bee.



Public Speaking for Grades 4-8

Once again, as part of the Language Arts Curriculum, our students in Grade 4 through 8 will be involved in planning, preparing and presenting oral presentations- speeches. A student from each classroom will be selected to represent their classmates in the gymnasium. Our school competition will be held on **Wednesday, February 4th, 2009** The Intermediate competition will be held in the morning and the Junior Grades in the afternoon.

. One entrant from each division will be selected by a panel of judges to proceed to the Family of Schools Level competition scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18th 2009**.

Currently all students are diligently preparing their speeches. **Good luck to all.**



Forest of Reading Program

Beginning the week of January 19th, all Kindergarten and Primary classes will be encouraged to take part in the Blue Spruce program available in the Library. Blue Spruce is part of the

Forest of Reading program organized and sponsored by the Ontario Library Association. The list of ten picture books, that we hope will engage your child, includes Canadian authors.

As well, a Silver Birch component of the Forest of Reading program, also organized and sponsored by the Ontario Library Association, will be offered via the Silver Birch Book Club, which will run during lunches during the months of February and March.

During April, all participating students in Ontario will vote on their favorite book, with results being announced in May, during the Forest of Reading Celebration.

Please take some time and ask your child their opinion about the books they read, why they like the book, what would they change, and details about the plot, setting and characters. Fostering the love of reading and engaging your children in reading is a life skill worth promoting.

Reminders:

February 16th	Family Day Holiday
February 27th	P. D. No school
March 16 to 20	March Break Holiday

School Council

The next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th, 2009. All are welcome!

Important Dates to Remember:

April 2	Chuck E Cheese-Early Release Day
April 28	School Council Meeting
May 21	Kathy Buckworth (Speaker)
June 17	School Council Meeting

Student Appreciation Day: June 12th, 2009.

School Hours

Morning supervision begins at 8:15. In the interest of health and safety please do not drop your child off before supervision begins.

Student Information

It is important that we have up-to-date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. If there have been any changes, please ensure that we have this information.

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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:

Elementary International Saturday morning classes are available to students in grades JK to 8. No prior language experience is necessary. International Language programs comply with the Ministry of Education curriculum. Please contact the Adult & Continuing Education Office at 905-891-9263 for information regarding language offerings at specific IL Sites and

Registration information as well.

Adult and Continuing Education
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ESL Programs for Adults

We offer a variety of ESL, Citizenship and Coop Programs for Adults throughout Mississauga and Brampton.

Registration is on-going for many of our programs. Please see our Winter Flyer posted on the board website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org>. or call us at 905-891-9263

Night School Secondary School
Credit Winter 2009

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
SECONDARY NIGHT SCHOOL CREDIT
COURSES

WINTER SESSION 2009
February 9 to May 25, 2009

MISSISSAUGA LOCATIONS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.
2800 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga, ON
Philip Pocock S.S.
4555 Tomken Rd. Mississauga, ON

BRAMPTON LOCATION

St. Marguerite d'Youville S.S.
10815 Dixie Rd. Brampton, ON

<http://www.dpcdsb.org>

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General Interest Courses for Adults

Discover a new talent, explore a new interest, put a hop in your dance step....come join us ... Various General Interest courses available....Look for our General Interest information in our Adult and Continuing Education Flyer. Our courses begin February 2, 2009.

Lunch Time Supervisor
Needed

St. Albert of Jerusalem would like to hire a Lunch Time Supervisor. If you are interested, please submit your name to the office. This is a paid position and you will need to have a Criminal Reference Check. Working hours would be 11:30 am-12:30 pm.