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Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,

12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m.

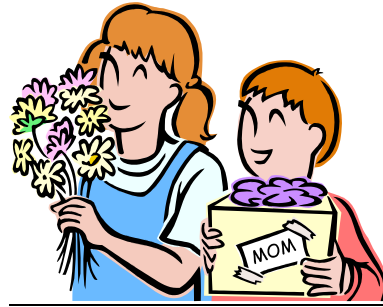
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.



A MOTHER'S LOVE

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.

~Author Unknown~

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

THE NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 7:00 P.M., IN THE LIBRARY. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND JOIN US.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

THE JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS HELD THEIR ANNUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION. THE QUALITY AND CONTENT OF THE SPEECHES WERE EXCEPTIONAL, MAKING THE JUDGES' DECISIONS VERY DIFFICULT. IT IS WITH PRIDE THAT THE STAFF OF ST. ALBERT OF JERUSALEM SCHOOL CONGRATULATES ALL STUDENTS ON THEIR FINE EFFORTS.

THE JUNIOR CONTESTANTS SELECTED FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS WERE: TRISH A., WILFRED Q., SIMONNE K., CHRIS M., DANIELLE R., BLAIR M., IVANA S., ALEX A., RENE R., EVAN P., CIARA E.

1ST PLACE - DANIEL R., GRADE 5
ADULTS FROM A KID'S POINT OF VIEW

2ND PLACE - CHRIS M., GRADE 4

HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA

3RD PLACE - EVAN P., GRADE 5 - *FISH*

OVERALL JUNIOR WINNER: DANIELLE R.

THE INTERMEDIATE CONTESTANTS SELECTED FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS WERE: AVRIELLE C., ERIKA F., AZARIA G., ETHEL G., CARLY J., KRISTA K., VICTORIA L., MELANIE M., JESSICA M., MICHELLE N., KIMBERLY R., JACLYN S., ASHLEI S., RYAN S.

1ST PLACE - VICTORIA L., GRADE 7 - *ACNE*

2ND PLACE - ASHLEI S., GRADE 6 - *GOSSIP*

3RD PLACE - ERIKA F., GRADE 7 - *NOTHING*

OVERALL INTERMEDIATE WINNER: VICTORIA L.

IT MUST ALSO BE NOTED THAT DANIELLE R., OUR JUNIOR WINNER, ALSO PLACED FIRST IN THE FAMILY LEVEL SPEECH COMPETITION AND WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF HER FINE EFFORT REPRESENTING ST. ALBERT OF JERUSALEM SCHOOL.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - APRIL 30-MAY 5

THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR THE MANY WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING OUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK. THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO JOIN US FOR THESE ACTIVITIES. WE TRULY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM THE PARENT COMMUNITY. THE RELATIONSHIP

BETWEEN SCHOOL, CHURCH AND HOME IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND SCHOOLS. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CONTINUE NURTURING THIS RELATIONSHIP

MOVING VOLUNTEERS

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF PACKING SCHOOL MATERIALS IN PREPARATION FOR THE MOVE BACK TO THE ROSEHURST SITE. PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE CURRENT CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECKS ON FILE WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER ASKING FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE PACKING PROCESS.

PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM

EQAO ASSESSMENT

IN MAY THE ONTARIO EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (EQAO) WILL CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL PROVINCE-WIDE TESTING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS OF GRADE 3 AND 6 STUDENTS IN PUBLICLY FUNDED SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

GRADE 6, MAY 23-26, INCLUSIVE

GRADE 3, MAY 29-JUNE 2 INCLUSIVE

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS NOT MISS ANY SCHOOL DURING THE TESTING PERIOD. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS ETC. OUTSIDE OF THE ASSESSMENT PERIOD.

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

A REMINDER TO VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL, THAT SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. THIS INCLUDES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CARS. ALSO, PLEASE TURN YOUR CAR ENGINE OFF WHEN WAITING FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

SUN SCREEN REMINDER

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE AND CHILDREN ARE SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES, RECESSES, AND LUNCH HOURS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO THE SUN BY HAVING HIM OR HER APPLY SUNSCREEN BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL, WEAR CLOTHING WHICH COVERS THE SHOULDERS AND A HAT. SUNBURNS DURING CHILDHOOD CAN LEAD TO SKIN CANCERS LATER IN LIFE. PROTECT YOUR CHILD NOW TO REDUCE THE RISK LATER.

TIPS FOR STREET PROOFING YOUR CHILD

CONTINUE TO REMIND YOUR CHILD TO NEVER GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION AND NOT TO TALK TO, OR TAKE ANYTHING FROM, A 'STRANGER'. YOU HAVE TO TEACH THEM WHO A SAFE 'CONTACT' PERSON WOULD BE IN CASE THEY NEED HELP, THIS MIGHT INCLUDE A POLICE OFFICER, A FIRE FIGHTER, A BLOCK PARENT, A TEACHER, ETC.

DEVELOPING A 'WHAT IF' GAME FOR YOUR CHILDREN IS A GOOD WAY TO GET THEM TO THINK OF HOW THEY WOULD RESPOND IF THEY FELT THREATENED OR AFRAID. KNOW WHO YOUR CHILDREN PLAY WITH AND WHERE THEY GO, THIS INCLUDES KEEPING A LIST OF THEIR FRIEND'S ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO USE A BUDDY SYSTEM INSTEAD OF WALKING ALONE. IF POSSIBLE, GO WITH YOUR CHILD TO THE BUS STOP AND MEET THEM WHEN THEY RETURN FROM SCHOOL. (REFERENCE-PEEL POLICE)

INTERNET SAFETY

" ITS COMPUTER TIME! DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?" THE INTERNET HIGHWAY HAS OPENED UP A WHOLE NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CHILDREN TO TRAVEL. HELP TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ON HIS/HER JOURNEY.

GO 'SITE' SEEING WITH THEM? ENSURE THAT THE SITE VISITED IS APPROPRIATE? ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD NEVER GIVES OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION OR AGREES TO MEET WITH ANY OF THEIR CONTACTS WITHOUT PARENT /GUARDIAN PERMISSION. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND REINFORCE SAFE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE INTERNET, INCLUDING THE USE OF MSN.

CHANGES IN EMERGENCY NUMBERS

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR THERE MAY BE A NUMBER OF CHANGES WHICH OCCUR AT HOME. PLEASE HELP US ENSURE THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE CURRENT HOME NUMBERS, WORK NUMBERS, AND EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A FEW FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT LEFT US WITH CONTACTS THAT WE MIGHT USE IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE A NETWORK OF SUPPORT TO COVER YOU IN CASE YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND LET US KNOW THEIR PHONE NUMBERS. CELL PHONES, FAMILY AND LOCAL FRIENDS ARE ALL GOOD CONTACTS FOR US TO HAVE ON FILE. IT IS ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO KNOW WHO YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS ARE AND HAVE AVAILABLE THOSE NUMBERS FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS AS WELL. (WE DO NOT NEED THIS INFORMATION ON RECORD AT SCHOOL. IT IS FOR YOUR USE ONLY.) THIS WILL HELP IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT COME DIRECTLY HOME AFTER SCHOOL AND YOU NEED TO CALL AROUND TO FIND THEM.

DRESS CODE

WE EXPECT THAT WARMER WEATHER WILL SOON BE HERE, BRINGING ABOUT MORE CASUAL STUDENT DRESS. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH STUDENTS WHAT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR SCHOOL. CLOTHING SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE, TASTEFUL AND APPROPRIATE FOR A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

SHORTS ARE PERMITTED, AS LONG AS THEY ARE NEITHER TOO TIGHT NOR TOO SHORT. SLEEVELESS BLOUSES AND T-SHIRTS ARE PERMITTED. TANK TOPS, TUBE TOPS, HALTER TOPS, MUSCLE SHIRTS OR ANYTHING THAT EXPOSES BARE MIDRIFTS, BARE SHOULDERS OR BARE BACKS ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR ANY STUDENT FROM KINDERCARTEN TO GRADE 8. SLOGANS ON SHIRTS SHOULD ALSO BE CAREFULLY MONITORED.

THE INTENT OF OUR SCHOOL DRESS POLICY IS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A MODEST, YET COMFORTABLE WORK ATMOSPHERE FOR OUR STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

DO NOT BRING "PERSONAL TREASURES" TO SCHOOL

A 'PERSONAL TREASURE' IS ANY ITEM, REGARDLESS OF ITS MONETARY VALUE, THAT HOLDS A PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE TO A PERSON. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE JEWELLERY, CARDS, STUFFED ANIMALS, OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES. RECENTLY, A NUMBER OF CELL PHONES AND WALKMAN'S HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL.

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO REINFORCE WITH THEIR CHILDREN THAT THESE ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. ON THAT NOTE HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A FEW PIECES OF JEWELLERY AND KEYS IN THE OFFICE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN CLAIMED THIS SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING ANY JEWELLERY, ETC. PLEASE HAVE THEM COME TO THE OFFICE TO CHECK THE "PRECIOUS" LOST AND FOUND BOX.

ARE YOU MOVING?

IF YOU ARE MOVING AND/OR CHANGING SCHOOLS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER, PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

STUDENT AGENDAS 2006-2007

ALL STUDENTS, GRADES SK TO 7, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER A STUDENT AGENDA.

THE USE OF STANDARDIZED, COMMERCIALY PREPARED, AGE-APPROPRIATE STUDENT AGENDAS AT ST. ALBERT OF JERUSALEM CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS PROVEN TO BE A POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL

EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS. AGAIN THIS YEAR, WE WILL PRE-ORDER STUDENT AGENDAS AND NONE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN SEPTEMBER. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RETURN THE FORM AND \$3.00 PAYMENT BY THE DUE DATE.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28, THE MISSISSAUGA NORTH BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COMPETITION WAS HELD AT ST ALBERT OF JERUSALEM SCHOOL. TWELVE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE AWESOME, ACADEMIC EVENT AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST ALBERT TEAM, WELL DONE! AS WELL THANKS TO THE GRADE 8 HELPERS, THE TEACHERS WHO HELPED OUT ON APRIL 28TH, MS. BROW, MR. DEBUCK, MS. HAYHOW, AND MRS. LYON AND TO THE COACHES, MRS. PANDULLO AND MR. JUCHIMENKO.