

# St. Albert of Jerusalem School



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## September 2006 Newsletter

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### Pastoral Team

Fr. Leo Huard

Fr. Joyson George Pottackal

Fr. Abraham Kulanjiyil

Kate Watkiss, Pastoral Associate

Julie Flynn, Pastoral Associate

### 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.

## A Prayer for Our School

Lord, encircle our school and keep these good things within:

Eagerness to learn; Flowering of talents;

A sense of wonder; Enjoyment of sport;

Experience of beauty; Warmth of friendship;

The art of listening; Respect for all;

Service of others;

Team work between children and adults;

Care for the planet; Reverence for life;

Fitness of body, mind and spirit;

Eagerness to read, write & do math;

Love for all God has granted.

Amen

### Principal's Remarks...

Welcome back to all of you who were part of the St. Albert of Jerusalem community last year. Also, a warm welcome is extended to the families who are new to this school community.

As I write this message, the paving is just being completed, final construction work is taking place inside the school, movers are bringing in the last of the boxes and furniture from the Streetsville site, the caretaking staff are diligently organizing and cleaning every nook and cranny of the building, the secretaries are welcoming new families to the school and our dedicated teachers are unpacking and setting up their classrooms.

My appreciation is extended to the staff and members of the community who I have recently met, for your warm welcome. I am looking forward to getting to know the staff, students, parents/guardians and parish staff on the St. Albert of Jerusalem community.

I have been meeting with a number of people over the past few weeks to learn as much as I can about St. Albert of Jerusalem School. This has included St. Albert of Jerusalem's outgoing principal, Mr. Mark Baswick, our trustee, Mrs. Esther O'Toole, St. John of the Cross pastor, Fr. Leo Huard, the family of schools superintendent, Mr. Michael Prospero, the school council chair, Mrs. Roberta Zamadar, our Vice-Principal, Mrs. Scardicchio, the office staff, Mrs. Ainsworth and Mrs. McCulloch and our head caretaker, Mr. Paulo Silva. I will be meeting with the staff and school council members to gather information about the successes and strengths that our community will build on to enhance the education of the students of St. Albert of Jerusalem during the fall term.

Over the next few months I hope to have the opportunity to meet with many of you to discuss your experiences at St. Albert of Jerusalem School. We will have the traditional times such as curriculum night (scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>) and Parent/Teacher interview Evenings. In addition to these scheduled sessions, I will be available at the school on two Tuesdays this month - September 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. if you wish to drop in to see me. The purpose of these meetings is for us to have an informal time to talk about this community within the context of you and your child(ren)'s experiences at St. Albert of Jerusalem – what are the successes and what you would like us to consider as we develop our plans for this year and years to come. The focus for these conversations will be on the building and surroundings, the curriculum and the activities provided for students.

On another note, I would like to welcome Mr. Bob Jones, our new half time Vice-Principal. Mr. Jones will spend his time between St. Albert of Jerusalem School and St. Joseph School in Streetsville.

We are all excited about continuing to work with your children this year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

G. Boudreau  
Principal

Welcome new and returning staff

Mrs. Connie Almeida	2A	Mrs. Mira Lawson	3C
Mrs. Clorinda Androulakis	SERT	Mr. Marc LeBrun	7C
Mrs. Pat Aquino	jkamA/jkpmA	Miss Julia Lossing	4C
Mrs. Pauline Ashworth	ESL	Ms. Laureen Lucchetta	1B
Mr. Louis Bellizzi	6A	Mrs. Anne Lyon	BalLit/SERT
Mrs. Patty Berger	ERW	Ms. Natasha Macalanda	FSL
Mr. Christopher Biffis	7B	Mrs. Linda MacNeill	2D
Mr. Greg Boudreau	Principal	Mrs. Franca McCulloch	Secretary
Ms. Erin Bradford	8A	Mr. Carl Melo	5C
Ms. Maria Braun	skamA/skpmA	Mrs. Anita Mendes	jkamB/jkpmB
Ms. Susan Cadieux	ERW	Mrs. Franca Miniaci	6C
Mrs. Marcia Campuzano	5A	Mrs. Tania Misiewicz	1C
Miss Mary Catania	2B	Mr. Frank Mondano	8D
Mrs. Patricia Codner	Social Worker	Mrs. Anne Murphy	2E
Ms. Sheena Coelho	Queens	Mr. Tony Nigrello	Custodian
Mr. Rick DeBuck	SERCA	Mr. Arnold Ocampo	Caretaker
Miss Linda DeMarco	7A	Mrs. Diane Oliveira	3D
Mrs. Allison DeSouza	2C	Mrs. Mena Pandullo	5D
Mrs. F. DiFazio	4A	Mrs. Julia Parker	1D
Ms. Marie Dilorio	5B	Ms. Vicky Paszkowiak	FSL AM
Miss Pam Dillen	3A	Mrs. Anna Picciuto	6B
Ms. Jennifer Diniz	ERW .5	Mrs. Julijana Pocrnic	early lit/read rec
Mrs. Cathy Dulhanty	skamB	Mrs. Marion Polcz	Psychologist
Ms. Melanie Dunne	Queens	Mrs. Claudia Richards	FSL AM
Ms. Guillia Esposito (LTO)	4D	Mrs. Mary Rigo	ESL
Ms. Barbara Fazzari	Queens	Mrs. Gilda Rodrigues	ERW .5
Miss Julie Fletcher	4B	Ms. Colleen Rumbot	ERW
Mrs. Cherie Gal	8C	Mr. Chris Rybinski	3E
Miss Nicole Habre	3B	Mrs. Babe Santi	planning
Mrs. Ruth Harris	ERW	Mrs. Lilly Scardicchio	Vice Principal
Miss Katie Havens	1A	Mr. Paul Silva	Head Custodian
Mrs. Marilyn Hayhow	SERT	Mrs. Arlene Smerdon	Speech & Language
Ms. Maureen Heffernan	ERW	Mr. Jason Sparkes	7D
Mr. Bob Jones	Vice Principal .5	Mr. Phil Vis	6D
Mr. Victor Juchimenko	Librarian	Mrs. Josie Zylstra	Vision Teacher
Mr. Steve Kelenc	8B		
Miss Erika Kontgen	FSL		

### School Hours

8:30 • Entry Bell  
9:55 – 10:10 • Gr 4 – 8 Morning Recess  
10:30 – 10:45 • Gr 1 – 3 Morning Recess  
11:00 • JK/SK AM Dismissal  
11:30 - 11:50 • Grades 1 - 6 eat lunch  
11:50 - 12:30 • Grades 1 – 6 Lunch Recess  
11:30 – 12:10 • Grades 7 & 8 Lunch Recess  
12:10 – 12:30 • Grades 7 & 8 eat lunch  
12:30 • JK/SK PM Classes Begin  
1:50 – 2:05 • Gr 4 – 8 Afternoon Recess  
2:10 – 2:25 • Gr 1 – 3 Afternoon Recess  
3:00 • Dismissal

### Parish Corner

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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Sacraments are parish, not school events. Initial preparation is done by the schools through the religion program. Immediate preparation is the responsibility of the parents and the parish. **REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS TAKES PLACE AT MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH.**

### Sharing The Faith

The staff looks forward to working with you in the development of the spiritual growth of our school community in collaboration with the pastoral team of St. John of The Cross Parish.

This is accomplished through:

- being Christian to one another in our interactions with students, parents and fellow staff members
- every aspect of the curriculum being taught in the light of the Gospel
- celebration of Eucharist at our school masses
- liturgies
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist, Gr. 2

- Sacrament of Confirmation Gr. 8
- Participation in charitable acts through word and deed.

### School Mass

St Albert of Jerusalem School opening mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Parents are most welcome to attend. Please sign in at the office.

### School Council Elections

We invite all parents to consider becoming a member of the School Council. Please note that our School Council will be comprised of parents, school staff, a student representative, as well as community and parish representatives.

School Council nomination notices are available at the school office as of Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. A brief nominee biography is to be submitted by Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. A list of parent nominees with biographies will be sent home on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the event an election is necessary. If one is necessary, it will take place during the evening of our curriculum presentations on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Results will be published in our October newsletter.

### Kiss 'n Ride

The Kiss 'n Ride location has changed as a result of the construction. The new area is on the south side of the building, going through the staff parking lot. Buses will continue to unload in the front of the school.

Parents/guardians who drive students to and from school are requested to use the Kiss 'n Ride lane (entering school property from the south only please, no left turns onto school property), which is accessed from the south entrance, go straight through the staff parking lot, turn at the end of the concrete island and drop your child off in the designated area. Then please follow the "one way" signs and exit at the north end of our property, turning right onto Rosehurst. **No left turn onto Rosehurst Drive during peak hours** remains in place: buses are excluded.

**Parents who utilize the Kiss 'n Ride lane are not permitted to park and leave their vehicles unattended.** The parking lot in Kiss 'n Ride is for staff members only. Please be mindful of the "no stopping" and "no parking" areas on the road and on school property, as bylaw officers often visit unannounced and ticket parking violators. As always, your continued cooperation is much appreciated and allows us to prove the safest and best environment for the children.

### School Messages

Our new phone system is being put in place and you will be able to leave messages for staff members by using the appropriate telephone mail box code. More information on this new service will follow. The doors of St. Albert of Jerusalem School are open to parents who wish to visit or confer with staff, however, an appointment is necessary, as the classroom teacher's first responsibility is the teaching of

the class during the school day. Thank you for your support in keeping classroom interruptions to a minimum.

#### Visitors

For the safety of all children, visitors may only enter through the front doors and must sign in at the office. Please remember, to your child you are a parent, to the other children, you are a stranger.

#### Student Absenteeism Attendance Verification Program

The purpose of the program is to assist you in your child's arrival to school. It is a parent responsibility to inform the school if your child(ren) will be late or absent for the day. Our voice mail is set up so that you can call during the evening and early morning hours. If you do not contact the school by 9:00 a.m., we will attempt to contact you. Your co-operation in contacting the school, at 905-785-9298, before 8:30 a.m., is appreciated! **Students are reminded that being on time is an important life skill. It is often difficult to 'catch up' when the first part of the class has been missed.**

#### Curriculum Presentations and Family Pizza Night

In conjunction with the School Council we will be holding a Family Pizza Night with the annual Curriculum Presentations on Thursday September 28th in the evening. There will be two seatings for dinner with each followed by grade level presentations. Staff from the Special Education and French departments will also be on hand to provide information on their respective programs. More information from the School Council and school administration, with detailed schedules, will follow shortly.

#### Professional Activity Day

**The first P.A. day for this school year will be held on Friday, September 15th.** There is no school for students on this day. Staff will be involved in school related activities.

#### School Agendas For Grades 1 to 8

Student agendas were pre-ordered last spring for this school year on a cost-sharing basis between school council and parents. If you ordered an agenda your child should receive it the first week of school. Additional agendas for new registrants and those who missed the deadline have been ordered and are available for purchase (\$3.00 each) through the office. First consideration is given to new students, as quantities are limited. Agendas assist in teaching students organizational skills for life, including study/work habits. Please review the student agenda with your child. In particular, please refer to the beginning pages, which provide pertinent information on our school.

#### Family/Emergency Information

In the event that your child becomes ill at school or is injured in an accident, it is imperative that we contact you or a person designated by you as an alternate. Our information on file must be accurate and current. A student data form will be sent home for you to look over. Please make the necessary additions, corrections, deletions, etc., and sign the

form. We ask that you return it to the school as soon as possible, even if no changes are required.

#### Behaviour Code

The Catholic Code of Conduct / Safe Schools Act is available through the office if you wish to review this document. Students will be informed of expectations and consequences over the first few days of school.

#### Student Accident Insurance Program

One way to ensure your child has medical coverage is through an optional student accident insurance program for school related activities. Reliable Life Insurance Company forms will soon be available. Should you wish to purchase this insurance plan, please mail the form directly to the insurer and not the school or board. Please review the following:

"As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment:

- 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or
- 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children."

#### Volunteers

Volunteers play an important part in the life of the school community. They help to enhance the learning opportunities available to students. They can make a difference in the academic life of a student. They assist students with reading, writing, academic drills and reinforcement, educational games and in other activities that help to improve a specific needs area. Volunteers who are interested in sharing their time and talents with our students are asked to return **the attached form** to the school.

In accordance with Board policy, all new volunteers having direct and regular contact with students are required to provide a Criminal Reference Check. Returning volunteers will only need to sign a Criminal Offense Declaration Form. If interested please review and complete the attached volunteer application form and return to the office.

#### Life-Threatening Allergies

There are numerous students in our school who have life-threatening allergies. In some instances, the slightest exposure can induce a reaction that could have serious consequences including death. The response from the community in the past has been tremendous in co-operating with the school to provide the safest learning environment for these students. Your continued good will is greatly

appreciated by the school and families whose children have life threatening allergies. We are sending letters home with the students whose classroom members have these allergies. Please check with your child, and in their backpack, for letters regarding the type of allergy and products to be avoided. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and co-operation regarding the safety of the students in our school.

#### Reorganization

Due to growth and/or transfers out that may occur, please remember that our classes are tentative for the first month of school. Should adjustments need to be made, be assured that we will take into consideration the needs of each student and keep you informed.

#### 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 bus students will remain at school for lunch, unless a parent or their designate, picks them up and follows the above procedure; all other 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.

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.

#### Lunch Drop-Off

If you drop a lunch off at school for your child, please ensure that it is labeled with your child's name and room number. Lunches may be left on the lunch table in the front hall. In order to avoid classroom interruptions, students will not be called from class before 11:20 a.m.

#### Lost and Found

Found clothing is stored in the yellow bin in the lower forum. Please stop by the office for a "visitor" sticker before you check the box.

#### Medication At School

School staff cannot dispense medication of any kind without the proper authorization and a properly labeled container, (i.e. prescriptions bottle or original over-the-counter container). Medication brought to school in baggies, film canisters, etc. pose a risk to other students and will be secured in the office and returned to the parent. Staff cannot modify or adjust any medication under any circumstances. Additionally, staff cannot medicate a child. Therefore the child must be able to take the medicine as prescribed on their own with staff supervision.

Please drop by the office for an authorization form before your child brings medication to school.

#### Recess Breaks

Recess breaks serve a special purpose in the daily life of a school. Students are expected to go outside for fresh air and exercise. If your child is sick, he or she should be at home recuperating and not spreading their flu or cold virus, etc., throughout the classroom. Remember, there is no indoor supervision at recess.

#### Valuable Property At School

The school cannot assume responsibility for private property. Children are discouraged from bringing valuable items to school. If you wish for your child to have a cell phone while at school please provide the office with a signed permission note. However, students are reminded that cell phones must remain powered off while on school property and be stored in their backpacks out of sight. If your child rides their bike to school, please remind them to lock it up.

#### Indoor Shoes

All students are required to have indoor shoes at school. Outdoor shoes are not allowed into the classroom, in order to keep the children's work environment clean. In the event of sudden evacuation, (i.e. fire alarms) students will not have time to put their outdoor shoes on to leave the school as this impedes the timely and efficient evacuation protocol.

#### Special Services Support

The responsibility for student programming rests primarily with the teacher. However, when there are concerns regarding the learning needs of a student, the teacher may choose to consult the school's Special Services Team.

Should you have concerns about your child's progress, you are invited to, first, speak with his or her classroom teacher. If you want to express your concerns further, please contact the administrator in charge of your child's level as listed below:

Primary Division  
(JK, SK, Gr 1 to 3)  
/Special Education/  
Mrs. Scardicchio

Junior Division  
(Gr 4, 5, 6)  
Mr. Jones

Intermediate Divisions  
(Gr 7 & 8)  
Mr. Boudreau

#### Safety of Pupils

Emergency response procedures in the event of a fire, bomb threat, serious accident/injury or an intruder have been established and are revised on an ongoing basis. All students and staff will participate in practicing emergency procedures.