



# St. Albert of Jerusalem School

7185 Rosehurst Drive, Mississauga ON L5N 7G6  
Phone: 905 785-9298 Fax: 905 785-12272  
Boardwebsite: [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org)  
School website: [www.dpcdsb.org/alber](http://www.dpcdsb.org/alber)



## November 2006 Newsletter

**G. Boudreau, Principal**

**L. Scardicchio, Vice Principal**

**B. Jones, Vice Principal**

**P. O'Brien, Secretary**  
**F. McCulloch, Secretary**

**M. Prospero, Superintendent**  
**(905) 890-1221**

**E. O'Toole, Trustee,**  
**(905) 812-5163**

**St. John of the Cross Church,**  
**6890 Glen Erin Drive,**  
**(905) 821-1331**

### Pastoral Team

**Fr. Leo Huard**  
**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.**

**Next P.A. Day:**

**Friday, November 24, 2006**

**Next Early Dismissal Day:**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2007**



### **Flanders Fields**

In Flanders Fields the poppies  
blow  
Between the crosses, row on row.  
That mark our place; and in the  
sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunsets  
glow,  
Loved and were loved, and we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we  
throw  
The Torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow

### **In Flanders Fields**

### Welcome

On behalf of the St. Albert of Jerusalem School community, we welcome Mrs. Pat O'Brien who, beginning on November 13<sup>th</sup>, will take on the responsibility of Head Secretary. Please take the opportunity to say hello to Mrs. O'Brien over the next few weeks.

### The Remembrance Day Memorial

Our memorial will be held in the gymnasium on Remembrance Day, November 10th, at the following times:

**9:00 a.m.**  
Grades 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8  
**1:00 p.m.**  
Grades 3, 5 and 7.

Parents are welcome to attend.

### Confirmation Registration Reminder

All Grade 8 students are reminded that registration for Confirmation has taken place at St. John of the Cross Church. Please contact the church for more information if you have not registered for the preparation classes.

### Municipal Election 2006

Remember to mark Monday, November 13th, 2006 in your calendar - It's Municipal Election VOTING Day!

All eligible voters are encouraged to get out and cast their vote. Municipal government is the level that often impacts residents most directly. This election, voters will be selecting candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Councillors and School Board Trustees (English, Separate or French).

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is always in need of children's winter coats, snow-suits, boots, and snow pants. Consider cleaning out your

closets or donating new winter apparel before the cold weather sets in. St Vincent de Paul may be reached through St John of The Cross Church at 905-821-1331. Donations may be dropped off at the church or here at the school.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Thank you to the community of St. Albert of Jerusalem School for your non-parishable food donations. Your generosity is truly appreciated by those less fortunate. Food collected is distributed through St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families within our community and throughout the GTA.

### **Eden Food Bank Fundraiser**

On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Mississauga North Family of Schools in conjunction with the Eden Food Bank will be holding a Toonie Tuesday in support of those less fortunate in our community. Funds raised through this charitable act will go directly to aiding those in our community. The Student Council has taken on the responsibility of collecting the Toonie Tuesday funds this year.

---

## ***\*\*Student News\*\****

### **Student Council**

This year's Student Council members have been elected. Two students from each intermediate class (Grades 7 & 8) have been elected by their classmates to represent the school.

St. Albert of Jerusalem Student Council is an organization that provides an opportunity for students to become involved in their school and community in a variety of ways. It also trains and encourages our students to be young leaders. Students council representatives, will lead the school in the preparation of activities and events such as food drives, the Terry Fox Run, and Spirit Week.

This year's Student Council members are:

Krista K. Ethel G.  
Monica S. Kaitlin S.

Daniela B. Avrielle B  
Victoria L. Isabel L.  
Mellisa C. Michelle A.  
Christopher P. Thomas G.  
Philip G. Christine H.  
Laura P. Tomas L.  
Appreciation is extended to Mrs. Bradford, Mlle. Macalanda, Ms. Havens, and Mrs. Esposito for working with the staff this year.

### **Grade 7 and 8 Volleyball**

Congratulations to both the grade 7 and 8 boys and girls volleyball teams who have just completed their season. Both teams did an excellent job of representing St. Albert of Jerusalem.

The girls' team finished first in their division, qualifying for the Mississauga North Family of Schools tournament, where they placed third.

Appreciation is extended to all of the coaches, Mr. LeBrun, Mrs. Santi, Mr. Vis and Mrs. Murphy.

### **Grades 4 to 6 Cross Country**

This year, there were over 80 students who began training for the Family of Schools Cross Country meet most mornings at 7:30 a.m., using the school yard, the park and sometimes the stairs in the school. The entire team represented the school with pride on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Erindale Park. A number of individuals qualified for the Board Meet, including the Grade 8 girls team who placed first in their division. Approximately 20 students went on to participate in the Board Meet on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the teachers who trained the students; Mr. Belizzi, Mrs. Dulhanty and Mrs. Picciuto.

---

## ***\*\*School Council\*\****

### **School Council's Faire November**

Just a reminder that we are planning on FAIRE NOVEMBER on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>!!!! There will be arts and crafts for sale, nut free baked goods, prizes to be won and fun for the kids! Please tell your friends and neighbours that this is a

community event and all are welcome.

We are still seeking vendors to exhibit and sell their "wares." Tables are \$25 each. For more information please visit our school website at [www.dpdsb.org/alber](http://www.dpdsb.org/alber) and click on *Faire November* or email us at [saj\\_falfair@rogers.com](mailto:saj_falfair@rogers.com).

If there is anyone interested in volunteering at our Faire November, please contact us through [saj\\_falfair@rogers.com](mailto:saj_falfair@rogers.com) or call the school and ask for a council member. We would be very pleased to have any grade 9 students seeking community hours to get in touch with us.

### **School Council Meeting**

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents / guardians are welcome to attend.

---

## ***\*\*Reminders\*\****

### **Kiss and Ride**

The new Kiss and Ride lanes at the south side of the school have alleviated heavy traffic in the front of the school. Appreciation is extended to the volunteers who assist students getting out of cars in the morning. To help us have effective entry to the school property in the morning, especially on bad weather days, you are asked to please note the following:

- A reminder to enter the school yard from the northbound lane of Rosehurst. Turning left into the school causes delays in the traffic and can create a possible danger for pedestrians walking north on the sidewalk.
- We have a cooperative relationship with the school's neighbours. Please keep this in mind when you are waiting in a

lineup of cars on Rosehurst and a neighbour wishes to exit or enter their property.

- Parking is restricted to staff only in all marked areas of the parking lot. If you plan to wait with your child until the bell rings, you are asked to park on the street in appropriate areas and walk your child onto the property.

### **Dropping Children Off At School**

A reminder that, once the bell rings, any student who is late is to be dropped off at the office.

**Parents / Guardians are reminded not to drop off children at the classroom.**

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

**Safe Crossing Procedures** - Please remind your child of the following bus safety rules:

- Exit the bus carefully,
- Walk 10 giant steps beyond the front bumper,
- Look both ways and wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road.
- Always look both ways
- NEVER reach under the bus for something,

Always cross the road when the flashers and stop arm are activated.

**How to reach us** – When calling the school, at our main number 905- 785-9298, an automated service will respond. You will then have the following choices:

Press1 – to leave a message for staff, if you know the extension you can enter it followed by the # key.

Press 2 – to call in your child's absence or late arrival (please do this prior to 8:30 a.m.) Give us your child's first and last name, spell their last name, give their teacher's name and the reason for the absence.

Press 3 – for the latest bus information. We only update this option when we know of a bus problem.

Press 0 – to reach the office. If the office phone lines are busy, this option will revert back to the voice mail system. We check the messages frequently and will call you back as soon as possible.

**Dressing for Cold Weather** - Soon we will be experiencing cold weather and with winter on its way we need to prepare. It is imperative that students come prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please assist us in encouraging the children to dress appropriately for the weather.

---

## ***\*\*Did you know?\****

### **A Safe Caring and Inclusive School Community**

St. Albert of Jerusalem continues to create and sustain a "safe, caring and inclusive school community"

As one component of our Catholicity goals, Catholic virtues and moral literacy will be the central features of a comprehensive bullying prevention and response protocol this year.

Recently, a guide for parents of elementary and secondary school students entitled *Bullying-We can all help to stop it* was sent home.

---

## ***\*\*Please Note\*\****

**Picture Retake Day** has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like your child to have a retake taken, please indicate this in your child's agenda or send a note to school. Verbal instructions through children, especially younger children, may not be shared with the teacher. Please mark this date on your calendar.

**Pizza Lunch Days** - Please

understand that we cannot accept late orders due to the difficulties which arise with ordering deadlines. We cannot make changes due to the volume of orders and wherever possible, each child should submit the money to their own teacher. Please see the attached calendar for dates.

**Is the bus late?** - Buses are late sometimes due to unforeseeable circumstances, i.e. bus breakdown, weather, traffic problems. We, at the school, find out about these delays from three sources; 1. parents who call from the bus stop, 2. the Board's transportation department, 3. the bus company. As soon as we have information regarding bus delays, we post the details on our main phone number, 905-785-9298, enter "3". We suggest you listen to this information first, and if it does not answer your question, enter "0" to speak to someone in the office. If you leave for work before your child's scheduled bus pick up time, we strongly urge you to have a plan in place for your child in the event that the bus is late, i.e., your child returns home and calls you to inform you of the situation or your child goes to a neighbour... etc.)

**Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Assessment Results** - Last spring, an assessment of reading, writing and mathematics was conducted in all of the Grade 3 and 6 classes of Ontario by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This test was just a "snapshot" of our children's performance with regards to the Ministry Curriculum guidelines. Individual results will be sent home to all grade 4 and 7 students early in November. School results are available on the EQAO website, [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). The St. Albert of Jerusalem School Profile will be posted on the Board website in the next few weeks.

**Holy Name of Mary Secondary School** The following information has been sent home with all Grade 8 girls.

Grade 9 Admission and Registration for 2007-2008

Parent Information Night  
in the Holy Name of Mary  
gymnasium

even though the weather might  
improve.

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> **or**  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 p.m. – Music Presentation  
7:00 p.m. – Parent Information

**Cold and Flu Season** - Please use discretion in keeping your child home to recover if they are ill. A child who is coughing, wheezing, etc. is not in a state to learn and will only infect others.

As well, please understand that if your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to go outside at recess. It is impossible for supervision and safety to have some students inside and the others outside.

Did you know that one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu or cold is to practice frequent hand washing. Please review with your child the importance of hand washing throughout the day.

**Inclement Weather** - When weather conditions are deteriorating, parents are asked to listen to the local radio stations for announcements of transportation services being withdrawn and/or possible school closures.

Announcements can be heard on CFRB, CHUM, CKFM, CHFI, CHIN, CFNY, CHAY, CKHW, CFTR, CJCL, CJMR, CBC & BREAKFAST T.V. The message usually takes the following form:

**“All buses for the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board have been cancelled”**

or to indicate school closure:

**“The schools and offices of both Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board are closed.”**

Students dropped off by parents must be picked up by parents or have other arrangements in place for their return trip home. If buses are cancelled in the morning there will be no buses in the afternoon