

ST. ALBERT OF JERUSALEM CATHOLIC SCHOOL



June 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help to make our homes a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Keep each of us in your care during the coming summer and throughout our lives.

Amen



St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, Ontario Tel: 905-821 - 1331

Pastors: Fr. Leo Huard, Fr. Abraham Kulanjiyil, Fr. Joseph Kalluvila

Website: <http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com/>

Mass Schedule at St. John of the Cross Church

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A FAITHFUL CARING COMMUNITY

Virture of Fairness

This month we celebrate the virtue of Fairness.

When we spend a lot of time immersed in a variety of different media-TV, movie, magazine, radio, we can sometimes forget that life is not a competition. We are made by God to live together, to share and to help each other. You can't be a Christian alone. Christianity is all about living together in community-ideally, one big happy family. Fairness, the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed, is not always about making things exactly equal. Some people need a bit more time, space, money and support to have an equal chance to succeed. And they deserve that chance.

You are practicing Fairness when you...

- Play by the rules.
- Don't take advantage of others.
- Consider how your actions and decisions affect others.
- Are open-minded and reasonable.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Staff Goodbyes and Thank You

We offer a special thank you to the people who have worked at St. Albert of Jerusalem School this year and have contributed their special talents to our students. We would like to acknowledge the following staff: Ms. Peloso, Ms. Fazzari, Ms. Frackowiak, Mrs. Mol, Ms. Miato and Ms. Giannini. They have extended themselves with long hours spent planning and marking, but also through the many hours they have spent in the support of our various extra-curricular activities.

We would also like to wish Ms. Wanat and Ms. Finaldi all the best in their new teaching positions.

Both, Ms. Wanat and Ms. Finaldi have been a wonderful addition to our school team. Their skills in providing a strong, challenging program and their kind attitude have been greatly appreciated and admired. Our students have been blessed by being in their exceptional care.

As well, we bid farewell to our Educational Resource Workers, Mrs. Rodrigues and Mr. Thomas. Many of our students have benefited from your dedicated support, guidance and care.

We pray that all will enjoy continued personal and professional success in all their endeavors. We feel blessed to have had this time to work with you.

Mrs. Carpe

It is with a tear and heavy heart that we say goodbye to our half time vice principal Mrs. Carpe.

Thank you to Mrs. Carpe. During her time at St. Albert she has contributed her gifts in making St. Albert of Jerusalem such a vibrant and collaborative Catholic community. Her dedication and support for home, school and parish has made St. Albert a welcoming and safe place to learn. Mrs. Carpe has always placed children first and has made a significant difference in their young lives!

We acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the care, love and commitment you share with your open heart and hands, every day. Mrs. Carpe, may God always hold you in the palm of His hand and may your path be guided with the love, compassion and support you share. You will be missed!!!

End of the Year Mass

Our end of the year Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 16 at 9:00 and 10:15 a.m. We are fortunate indeed to come together as a Catholic community to celebrate our faith and express our thanks to the heavenly Father for the many gifts bestowed upon us.

As always parents are most welcome to attend.



Journey of Learning

To our Grade 8 graduates, best wishes as you leave us to enter high school. Your accomplishments and contributions to our school are appreciated and will be fondly remembered. Continue to be the best that you can be, and influence one another in a most positive way. We ask all members of our St. Albert of Jerusalem Catholic community to say an extra prayer for our graduates this year.

Creator, please bless these graduates, and share with them Your wisdom and strength. Please lead them on the right path. Help them to remember that whatever they do, whether in word or deed, they must take action in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.

We are privileged to have had the opportunity to educate these future leaders. ***Congratulations from the staff and students of St. Albert of Jerusalem Catholic School.***



EQAO Assessment

Thank you very much to the staff and students for their hard work during the recent EQAO testing. Thank you also to the parents of Grade 3 and 6 students for their efforts in ensuring their child's attendance at school during the assessment period. Congratulations to all students in grade 3 and 6 on the completion of EQAO!!!

Volunteers Make a Difference

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents and members of our school community who have given generously of their time, energy and talents to benefit the students of St. Albert of Jerusalem School. Volunteer contributions have made a positive difference in the lives of our students. Together we make our school a success.

All Star Reading



Again, the ALL STAR READING PROGRAM staffed by parent, family and community volunteers has been a great success. Many grade one and two students have benefited from the extra one to one reading time. We are already planning for the fall term and need your help to keep this program going. Please contact Ms. Pocrnic if you are interested in volunteering one morning or afternoon a week in the Fall or Spring to support this very successful program. Thanks again to all those who have made a difference this year.

SAFE SCHOOLS

Protecting The Skin

Overexposure to the sun can cause skin damage. We remind students to take precautions to protect their skin during recess times. The following are some suggestions to help protect the skin:

1. Wear protective clothing to cover the skin. Wear a hat to protect both the eyes and skin.
2. When possible, stay out of direct sunlight.
3. Wear sun block, the higher the protection factor number, the greater the protection.



Warm Weather Dress

We would like our students to be neat, clean and comfortable for learning. Students are expected to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion, and appropriate to the school environment. Boys must wear full length t-shirts with sleeves. Girls are not to wear anything strapless or have bare midriffs. Tank tops and crop tops are not acceptable nor are very short shorts. Please be reminded that shirts with offensive language or pictures do not promote a positive Catholic environment. Our dress code is addressed more toward junior and intermediate students. A little more latitude is given to younger students. If students do not adhere to these guidelines, parents will be called and/or alternative attire will be provided. We trust you will assist us in maintaining a sense of dignity and modesty.

Safety First

Please review the following Safe School Procedures to help us provide a safe learning environment for students.

1. The school day begins at 8:30 am.
Supervision begins at 8:15 am. Children should NOT be on school grounds prior to 8:15 am.

1. Parents must never park in the driveway of the school. Please use available parking spots rather than the lanes currently used for buses or drive through.
2. No parking in nearby driveways. Many of our neighbours are very frustrated by parents taking the liberty of parking in empty driveways.
3. Safety first... within the neighbourhood. Please be a good neighbour by adhering to the speed limit within the neighbourhood and by being extra attentive to our students as they travel to and from school.
4. If students are arriving late due to an appointment etc... they **MUST** sign in at the office and acquire an admit slip.



Internet safety

Continue to help your children be safe on the internet. Go “site seeing” with them and ensure that the site visited is appropriate. Ensure also that your child never gives out personal information or agrees to meet with any of their contacts without permission. Please continue to monitor and reinforce safe and appropriate use of the internet including the same with MSN and face book.

Street Proofing

Remind your children to never go anywhere without permission and not to talk to or take anything from strangers. Let them know who a safe “contact” person is if help is needed, such as a police officer, fire fighter, teacher, etc. Play a “what if “ game to help them think about how to respond if afraid or threatened. Know who your children play with. Refer to Peel Police on line for further information.

AROUND THE HALLS

AWARD WINNERS

St. Albert of Jerusalem takes great pride in receiving the Mississauga Wildewood Safety Award on June 8, 2011. Our Kiss & Ride parent volunteers, Maria Stevens and Alda Araujo are invited to receive this award which acknowledges their dedication to the safe arrival our students...



Well done ladies and thank you for your tireless efforts and dedicated support in volunteering.

GRADE 7 AND 8 SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school is available to grade seven and eight students, as recommended by the Principal. Summer school will be held for remedial literacy, numeracy, and ESL. There is no cost for this program. Classes run from July 4 to July 22, 2011. Classes are being held at St. Faustina.

*Transportation for pupils enrolled will be provided from St. Albert of Jerusalem school.

SUMMER LITERACY CAMP

This year Summer Literacy Camp will be provided at St. Albert of Jerusalem School from July 4th – 15th and July 18th – 29th. Enrolment is on a fee basis. Hours will be 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Transportation is not provided for summer literacy camp.

Lost And Found

We have collected quite an assortment of shoes, boots, sweaters, etc. in our “Lost and Found” box. During the third and fourth week of June, we will display all “Lost and Found” items. Please drop by and look for specific items your child may have lost. On June 29th we will be packing up whatever is left and forwarding to charity.



Class Organization for 2011-2012

The staff at St. Albert of Jerusalem will meet over the next month to discuss class placements for September 2011. When determining placement, some of the criteria we consider are: academic ability, individual work habits, study skills, maturity, date of birth, social factors and placement history. A balance of gender, ability, and behavioral needs is strived for within the enrollment of each class.

When staff meet they will take into consideration the overall needs of the students in relation to the make-up of the class. They will also take into consideration any parental feedback they have received. It is not always possible, given the variables that go into devising a class, to accommodate all parental requests. Wherever possible we will meet requests, but the final decision rests with the Principal and teaching staff.

Combined Classes

Combined grades are a necessary reality at our school and at many schools. As teachers prepare class lists they consider many factors, such as the learning styles of students, a balance of abilities and class culture. Being in a combined grade is no way prejudicial to a child's education. Within Ontario all schools are bound by a strict teacher and pupil ratio. This will be particularly evident as we strive to meet the hard cap of 20:1 in the primary grades and the guidelines of 25:1 in grades four to eight. Until we finalize our enrolment during the first two weeks of September, all class arrangements and teacher placements are tentative.

Library News

Book return is Tuesday, June 14th, 2011! Parents please have your child return their library book to the library before Tuesday, June 14th. Should a book, your child borrowed, be lost or damaged beyond repair, you will be charged for the replacement value of the book, prior to the end of the school year. Should the book be found, your money will be reimbursed to you.



Co-ed Soccer

Congratulations to the intermediate co-ed soccer team who won second place at the Mississauga North soccer tournament. As always, St. Albert of Jerusalem is proud of the great sportsmanship, skill and determination that are shown on and off the field.

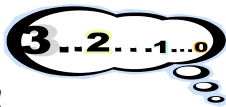
Izabella B.	Carmella B.
Erika C.	Jessica M.
Cassandra P.	Danika N.
Alexandra S.	Josh A.
Nathaniel A.	Tyler A.
Avery C.	Jacob D.
Jason F.	Dwayne F.
Alexander H.	David M.
Alexander M.	Asher Y.
Marcel Z.	

We are most appreciative of the time shared by our excellent coaches, Mr. Biffis and Ms. Maiato.

Math Skills

On April 28th, 2011 two teams of Grade 7 and 8 students from St. Albert of Jerusalem competed in the Regional Ontario Mathematic Olympics. Both teams demonstrated flexible and creative math thinking while completing challenging problems. Overall St. Albert finished in fourth place. Mrs. Bradford is very proud of:

Jason M.	Cecila K.	Calandra L.
Adam J.	Kevin G.	Alessia Z.
Dylan J.	Kimberly D.	



Congratulations!!!!

"The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow"

This year our school was very brave to undertake the Annie Jr. Musical. We are blessed with many beautiful voices and talented actors and actresses. Our students demonstrated an impeccable amount of dedication. The show would not have been as huge a success as it was if it were not for the support of our staff, parents and wonderful cast members. Congratulations on a job well done!!!

Gr. 7 Fundraising

The Grade 7 students were extremely busy last month with all of their fundraising initiatives. The Art Workshop was a huge success. School spirit came alive through the teacher vs. student volleyball, badminton and hockey games. Thank you to all our students and staff for their support.

Camp Brebeuf

The Grade 7 students' year end trip to Camp Brebeuf will depart on Thursday, June 9th. Our students will return on the 10th of June. Staff and students are extremely excited for this trip!!

Play Day

Play Day will take place on **June 28**. Grades 1-3 will run the events in the morning and Grades 4-6 will take part in the afternoon. The majority of our games are planned for outdoors so children are reminded to dress for the weather and the activity by wearing running shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Half of the day will be spent indoors enjoying the company of friends while watching an age and theme appropriate movie.

RAIN DATE: **June 29**.



PARENTS CORNER

Moving Out Of the Area?

If you are planning to move and you know that your child will not be attending St. Albert of Jerusalem School in September, please call the school office. If you are moving and you would like your child to continue to attend St. Albert of Jerusalem because of daycare, you must express this in writing to the Principal.

Last Day of School

The last day of school is **Thursday, June 30th 2011.**



Busing Information

The busing information will be posted in the front entrance windows during the week of August 29th 2011.

Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed on **Tuesday, June 28th, 2011** . If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss the report card with the teacher, please call the teacher to make arrangements to do so.

2011-2012 School Year

Classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 6th, 2011.**

See you then.

School Council

Thank you to our 2010-2011 School Council for their support this year. School Council members have continued to support the many school initiatives and to help in any way they could as true advocates for our students. We are blessed for their sincere commitment to serve our students in a collaborative Catholic community!!!

We hope parents will join us next year as we continue to promote and encourage the relationship between home, school, parish and community.

Parents, you have supported our goals to enrich the education of the students of St. Albert of Jerusalem School. Heartfelt thanks!!!

2010-2011

Anyone who is interested in running for Council in September, or who would like more information, please contact the main office.

Epi-Pen and Medication Pick up

We ask parents to pick up their child's Epi-pen or medication on the last day of school. Any medication left in the office by 1:00 p.m. will be sent home with the student.

Junior Kindergarten Registration 11/12

Pre-registration for 2011-2012 Junior Kindergarten classes took place in February. If you missed this opportunity to enroll your child or know of someone who has moved into the area please contact the school for registration information.

New Registrations

The school will be open for new registrations from Monday, August 27th, to Tuesday August 28th and then again on Thursday, September 1st and Friday September 2nd, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.