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Prayer for Easter

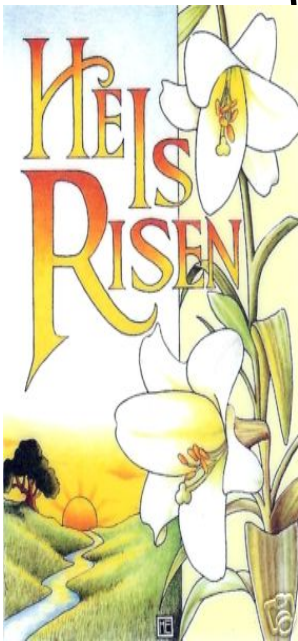
Risen Lord, thank you for your gift
 Of a new day,
 Of a new life,
 Of a new forever.

You give hope to us, and you give meaning to us.
 We know that nothing can stop us from loving You,
 from serving You, from following You, from listening
 to You.

whatever happens to us, We know you are with us,
 and You will give us your gift

Of a new day,
 Of a new life,
 Of a new forever.

Thank you for Easter.
 Amen



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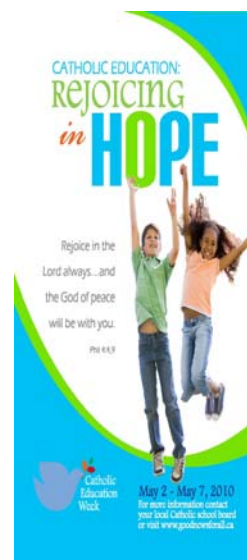
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Principal's Message

This year, Catholic Education Week takes place May 2 - 7, 2010. As always, Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday to highlight the parish-home-school partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education. The theme for the week is "Rejoicing in Hope". In accordance with the theme, we have set up special activities and events for the week. A pamphlet will go home with students with a schedule of the events taking place at our school.

We encourage you to come and celebrate with us.



Class Placement for September 2010

The staff at St. Jerome will meet during the month of May to begin discussing an appropriate placement for each student for September, 2010. When determining placement some of the criteria we consider are:

* Academic ability * Work habits and study skills * Maturity/date of birth * Social factors, and * Placement history.

If you have any concerns about your child's class placement for September would you please put them in writing addressed to Mrs. LeClair. Please do not make specific requests for teachers. Rather, you may wish to describe the way your child/children learn best (e.g. "hands on learning, structured environment, language rich activities and so on).

Our decisions are made after careful consideration of all the relevant information and are based on the individual strengths and needs of each child and, as such, requests for placement are not guaranteed. As well, class composition (i.e., combined grades) may be necessary due to guidelines established by the Ministry regulating class size. All letters, however, will be considered.



Please send your letters by **Friday April 30, 2010.**



Planning for 2010 ~ 2011

Are you moving? To help us with our planning for next September, it would be

appreciated if you could let us know now if you will be moving out of our school area over the summer. If you know of any families moving into the area with children who plan to attend St. Jerome, it would be helpful if you could alert us.

The more information we have, the better we are able to organize staff and students for September. In the absence of accurate information,

schools often have to reorganize classes in September due to unexpected fluctuations in population.

Flexible Boundary Procedures—A reminder to parents/guardians of students that are at St. Jerome School under the "Flexible Boundary" that the procedure is reviewed annually and permission is granted under the following conditions:

- ◆ Transportation is your responsibility. The Board will not provide either transportation

or additional supervision for students admitted under this procedure.

- ◆ The students admitted under this procedure do not automatically become eligible for the secondary school serving the school. A separate request must be made to the secondary school principal.

If you would like to continue to be granted permission under this procedure for the 2010-11 school year, please submit your request in writing ASAP.

Summer Programs

Summer Literacy Camp:

The Summer Literacy Camp is offered by the Department of Continuing Education for students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6. Its purpose is to reinforce and enhance literacy, including oral language, reading, spelling and writing. The camp runs from Monday July 5 to Friday July 30. The cost is \$200 for two weeks (minimum enrolment) and \$380 for four weeks. For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

The registration deadline is June 10, 2010.



Summer School:

Summer School is offered by the Department of Continuing Education for students in Grades 7 and 8. Its purpose is to reinforce and enhance literacy, including oral language, reading, spelling and writing, math and study skills. Summer School runs from Monday July 5 to Friday July 24. There is no cost for this program and transportation is provided. For more information, please contact your child's teacher. The registration deadline is Friday June 4, 2010.





101 +



Described as a "must-see" event by parents everywhere, St. Jerome School cordially invites parents, teachers and interested parties to a presentation of Facebook 101 + Twitter with Chris Vollum on Tuesday April 6th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Educate yourself with the world's largest Social Networking sites as you...

- ◆ Fully understand the Federal Privacy Commissioner's August 27, 2009 mandate to Facebook involving transparency and full disclosure of Facebook's privacy policies, and the liability to its 350 million users.
- ◆ Set Facebook & Twitter's NEWEST basic, advanced and hidden, search, privacy and posting tools.
- ◆ Identify what happens when you download any of Facebook's more than 350,000 third-party applications such as "Farmville," "Honesty Box," "Top Friends" and "Bumper Stickers."
- ◆ Ask the single most critical question to evaluate each of your Facebook & Twitter Friends & Followers.
- ◆ Distinguish between a Facebook Friend, Acquaintance and Stranger – and the potential, and permanent, impact it can have on your real-world reputation and career.
- ◆ Understand how to fully customize your profile to limit access to certain Facebook & Twitter Friends (Followers), and allow full access to others.
- ◆ Grasp what really happens to the information you post to your profile and to your Friend's profiles.

We are on the web: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/JEROM>

Sacramental Celebrations

First Eucharist:

Our grade 2 students are currently celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion at St. Martin of Tours Church.

The dates are:

- ◆ April 17 and 18
- ◆ April 24 and 25
- ◆ May 1

Congratulations to our grade 2s on this important accomplishment in their faith journey.



Confirmation:

Our grade 8 students are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration will be held April 23, 2010 at St. Martin of Tours Church. In preparation, students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 20th at the school. On April 21st, they will go to the Church for a rehearsal. We look forward to witnessing the grade 8s make this important step into young adulthood in our faith.

EQAO Reminder

A reminder to all of our parents for Grade 3 and 6 that EQAO testing will take place from **May 31 to June 11, 2010.**



Please continue to assist your child to prepare for the test by reinforcing their literacy and numeracy skills and by ensuring that any medical appointments are not made during these particular weeks as the students prepare for the Ministry tests.

Depending on their grades, your child should start to ensure that they have the following tools for the test: calculator, pencils, erasers, protractors and coloured pencil crayons.

Lates

A number of our students continue to arrive late daily. In some instances, it is the same students arriving after 9:15 am without parental accompaniment. This is a safety concern for us. Any student arriving after 9:15 am is considered late and should be accompanied by an adult.



Please make every effort to have your child/ren at school on time. When a child is late, they not only miss opening prayer and

the anthem, but they also miss valuable teaching time. Late arrivals cause disruption to the other students and also to the teacher who may have already begun his/her lessons for the day.

Developing good work habits and time management skills can maximize a child's learning potential.

Let's work together to develop these skills!



April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Holy Thursday 1:30—Stations of the Cross	2 Good Friday—no school	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday—no school	6 7:00 pm—Chris Vollum Facebook presentation	7	8 SUBDAY	9 Airplane Museum Trip	10 CCCSC Marketplace
11	12 Primary Swimming 7:00 pm—School Council	13 Primary Swimming Rosary Apostolates	14	15	16 Spirit Day—TWIN DAY	17 First Communion
18 First Communion	19 Primary Swimming	20 Primary Swimming Silvercreek Confirmation Confessions	21 Secretary's Day Confirmation Rehearsal	22 PIZZADAY Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	23 7:00 pm—Confirmation	24 First Communion
25 First Communion	26 Primary Swimming	27 Primary Swimming	28 Camp Muskoka Youth Ambassador Rally	29 Camp Muskoka	30 Camp Muskoka Marsville Trip	

Anne Shirley: Don't you ever imagine things differently from what they are?
 Marilla Cuthbert: No.
 Anne Shirley: Oh Marilla, how much you miss.

Anne of Green Gables



From School Council



"We are Volunteers in Education"

A Conference for Catholic School Council Members, Volunteers, and School Administrators

Saturday April 10, 2010

St. Joseph Catholic S.S. 5555 Creditview Road, Mississauga (Creditview and Bristol)



Keynote Speaker

Lou Rocha

"The Importance of Catholic Schools:

Engaging Parents and the Catholic Community in the Discussion"

"We have an excellent Catholic school system because of people who have come before and people who continue their work. People like you.."

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING DRIVE!

Many magazines will begin arriving over the next 2 months, but some subscriptions may take up to 16 weeks to start. Remember that ordering online saves time in the delivery of your magazines. If you have any questions, please contact QSP directly at **1-800-667-2538**. QSP guarantees 100% satisfaction.

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www.qsp.ca

Thanks again for your support, and **HAPPY READING!**



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ShareLife Community Challenge – Schools Matter!



School communities can double the impact of their generosity

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Toronto can increase the impact of their community fundraising efforts in 2010 through the ShareLife Community Challenge. A generous donor has pledged to match all new and increased gifts – *including those from schools* – to the 2010 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$500,000.

All new and increased contributions from school fundraising efforts qualify as part of this matching gift program. If your school didn't participate in ShareLife fundraising

last year, the ShareLife Community Challenge doubles your contribution to the 2010 campaign. If your school conducted a fundraising activity last year and increases its contribution this year, the amount of that increase will be matched.

ShareLife social service agencies identified more than \$800,000 in unfunded needs this year – your school's support could help shorten waiting lists, open new shelter beds, and serve more meals for those in need around us.

Toonie Tuesdays

Toonie Tuesdays continue to be a tremendous success.

We will be offering the original choices—chocolate chip, double fudge or oatmeal cookies and apple or tropical fruit juices as well as Kernels popcorn. As the weather warms up, we will begin to sell IceDawgs.

We will continue to sell the cookies and juice every Tuesday as long as there is a demand for it.



Pediculosis

As you may know, schools often experience cases of pediculosis (head lice) throughout the year. When pediculosis is discovered within the school, we may check the children in the immediate surrounding area of the affected student as well as that student's classroom playmates (especially in the younger grades). Students who have been infested are not permitted to return to school until treatment has been applied and their heads are clean of all lice and nits (eggs).



We thank you for your co-operation in checking your child (ren) and also in following through with treatments if your child(ren) has been affected.

A Gift of Kindness, Twice as Nice...

You can double the impact of your generosity. Contributions to ShareLife can have a bigger impact than ever this year through the ShareLife Community Challenge! A generous donor has pledged to match all new and increased gifts to the 2010 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$500,000. This gift applies to our school fundraising efforts as well.

If you are a new ShareLife donor, your gift will be doubled. If you have given in the past but didn't contribute in 2009, your

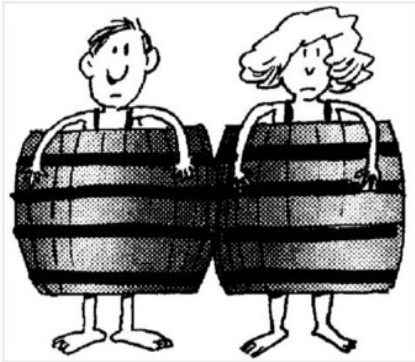
gift will be doubled this year. If you're a regular ShareLife donor and you increase your gift from the amount contributed last year, the increase of your gift will be matched as well.

Whether you contribute at the parish, online, or through our school ShareLife fundraising activities, the impact of your gift will be maximized in a special way this year.

For more information, visit www.sharelife.org. You can work **WONDERS!**



Dress Code



As we prepare for the warmer weather, we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in place, especially our older students, regarding appropriate dress. Sleeveless tops are permitted but not halter, tank or short tops. Short shorts and skirts and clothing of a suggestive nature or displaying offensive wording/images are not allowed. Also, headbands, sweatbands or bandanas worn across the forehead are not permitted.

Administration has the final decision regarding

school attire. Special outfits can be enjoyed after school and on weekends.

In keeping with the Board's Mission Statement and Catholic teachings, each school is committed to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste as specified in the appropriate Dress Code Policy of the Board— "Students are required to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to the school environment. Failure to comply with this expectation shall result in disciplinary action..." (Catholic Code of Conduct)

Virtue for April – Love

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **love**. God has given us many guidelines and examples of how to live our lives. He sent his Son Jesus to make sure that we could see what life could be like. Jesus made one lesson clear above all other lessons – the lesson to love. Love is not about us – it is about forgetting ourselves and looking out for the good of the other. That's what Jesus did – he forgot about himself on purpose. He chose to give up his life for the good of others – us! Becoming a truly loving person is challenging. It takes prayer and concentration to get used to making little sacrifices for the good of others. Making little sacrifices on purpose so that others will have a bit of food, a bit of shelter, a bit of peace, a bit of quiet, a bit of fun, a bit of friendship. Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at showing love to everyone we meet.

ON REFLECTION... What would happen if I chose to give away something I own to make someone else happy?


OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR APRIL

Let us now pray... for the virtue of *love* so that we will never be satisfied until all are satisfied.

AMEN

PEOPLE OF LOVE...

- KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL UNIQUE AND SPECIAL
- WANT THE BEST FOR EVERYONE
- CARE DEEPLY ABOUT OTHERS
- WORK FOR THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS
- ARE WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR OTHERS
- LEARN HOW TO LIVE FROM THE STORIES OF SAINTS
- FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF HOLY PEOPLE
- PRAY FOR OTHERS



Talent Show

We are very excited to announce that St. Jerome will be hosting a talent show during Catholic Education Week in May. All children are welcome to perform and have their moment to shine on the stage! We are asking that performances are no longer than 3 to 4 minutes in length. Also, please ensure that the music chosen is appropriate for young audiences.

Children will need to practice on their own time as there will be limited dress rehearsals at the school. Please ensure that music, costumes and/or props needed for the performance come to school on the day of rehearsals. Dates will be forthcoming once performers are confirmed with parental permission.



All items will be stored at the school and returned after the performance. If your child is performing to music on a CD, please ensure that their name and song/track number is clearly written on the case. We ask, however, that **NO LIP SYNCING** be put forward as an act.

Please stay tuned for more information-rehearsal, "ticket" information, etc.-to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you for your support!

R. Malatesta, H. Srutwa, R. Webster, M. Malfara and J. Dimaapi



The Last Word

Praise Craze

Are you praising your children "correctly"? The purveyors of perfect praise phrases have some useful ideas.

By John Hoffman

If you are reading this, you're probably the kind of parent who wants to do the best you can for your kids. And zillions of experts out there are ready to tell you — in minute detail — exactly what to do and say. It's come to the point where I worry advice overload is making parents think that no matter what they do, it isn't enough.

Take praise, for example. Experts have been worried for years about the way parents compliment their kids. First they wanted parents to help build kids' self-esteem by being less critical, and more generous with praise.

Then came the backlash: We had to make praise constructive by tying it to specific accomplishments: "You got all of your pee in the potty!" as opposed to "What a big boy for using the potty!"

Sure, feedback related to a real achievement can teach a child more than a vague "Atta girl!" But now the constructive praise movement is getting out of hand. I recently read a parenting article that offered 10 rules for praising children. Ten? I have trouble remembering three!

More importantly, experts should not suggest (nor is it true) that there's a perfect way for parents to speak to their kids.

The purveyors of perfect praise phrases do have some useful ideas. It makes sense, most of the time anyway, to commend effort more than results. Researchers at New York's Columbia University asked kids to do an easy puzzle task. When they successfully completed it, some were told they must be smart and others were told they must have worked hard. Kids whose effort was praised were much more willing to tackle a more challenging puzzle for their next task.

So does that mean you're a bad parent if you tell your child he's smart? No. Nor does it mean that you must agonize over every syllable of praise you utter to your kids.

Sometimes human beings just say spontaneous heartfelt things to one another. And usually the message gets through loud and clear because of the feeling, tone of voice, facial expression or body language that comes with it. Communication with kids is partly about information and words, but it's also about feeling.

Adults aren't hectored to talk to one another in this carefully considered way. So, it's OK to sometimes say "Wow. I love that painting" as opposed to "I can see you put in a lot of effort — 17.3 minutes, to be exact. Your use of subtle shades of magenta and taupe made your (um, it's a cow, right?) very lifelike.

Kids can tell when we're not being real or quoting a script, just as surely as, in my own childhood, no adult fooled me with a reassuring "This won't hurt a bit."

Kids need to hear — along with all that perfect praise — the odd "You're wonderful!" and "What a great kid you are!" Because childhood need not and should not be an endless succession of perfect lessons and conversations.

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