



# St. Jerome Journal

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Creator God,  
 as we journey through this world  
 give us the grace to allow your  
 Holy Spirit to work through us.  
 Help us to speak, think and work  
 with honesty and compassion,  
 to celebrate all that is life-giving,  
 to restore hope  
 where it has been lost  
 and to bring about change  
 where it is needed.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus  
 Christ, our companion.  
 Amen.

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## Principal's Message

As a Catholic school, May brings the celebration of our Virgin Mother Mary. Our students will be praying to our Heavenly Mother and learning about the rosary.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we encourage you to support our work in faith development by praying as a family to Mary and emphasizing the role Mary plays for us as Catholics.

As we move forward into the final weeks of a busy school year, it is important for us to work with students to encourage them to remain focused on academics and to continue to strive to be the best they can be.



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## Exclusive Camp Muskoka Summer Camp Discount

### Attention all Parents!!!

Camp Muskoka has been building foundations in leadership for more than 10 years with schools all over Ontario. As a result, Camp Muskoka is offering an exclusive discount on their 2010 summer camp to all our families. Any of our students, grade 1 and up, who enroll in a Camp Muskoka 2010 summer camp experience will receive a discount of \$50 per week! That's \$50 off 1-week session, \$100 off a 2-week session, \$150 off a 3-week session and so on. Camp Muskoka offers one-week or more, residential summer camp programs to children age 6 - 16. To take advantage of this exclusive discount, pick up the exclusive discount voucher and information poster from the school office. For additional information about Camp Muskoka please check out their website [www.campmuskoka.com](http://www.campmuskoka.com)



## Catholic Education Week—May 1-7



Catholic Education Week this year takes place from **May 1–May 7, 2010**. During this week the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our

Province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of our Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum.

This year's theme is "**Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope**".

Five sub-themes, one for each of the five days of Catholic Education Week 2010, help students to understand the

rich meaning of this year's theme:

- ◆ Day 1...Hope in Our Hearts
- ◆ Day 2...Hope in Our Homes
- ◆ Day 3...Hope in Our Schools
- ◆ Day 4...Hope in Our Communities
- ◆ Day 5...Hope in Our World

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

## 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 23. There is no cost for this program and transportation is provided. For more information, please contact your child's teacher. The registration deadline is June 4, 2010.



## Dr. Simone—Soap Collection

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Mississauga South is involved in collecting soap during the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup> for Dr. Simone. He runs a non-profit organization called, “Canadian Food for the Children and Silent Children”. Dr. Simone’s warehouse is located on Lakeshore Road in Mississauga. All of the donations he receives are shipped to people in Developing Nations. Dr. Simone expressed a need for bars of soap. He stated that before many of these individuals in the Developing Nations were willing to eat, they expressed a desire that they needed to be clean first. Please help us spread the message, that a simple action can make the world of difference, by helping us raise a mountain of soap. During the week of May 17<sup>h</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup> please send a bar of soap with your child. Thank-you for all your support!

Sincerely,

The Community of Mississauga South Schools



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

### Journey Into Learning for New JK Parents



On Wednesday May 12, from 7:00–8:00 pm, we will be hosting a session for parents with children registering for junior kindergarten. This evening will provide important information to prepare your child for school.

There are three areas of development that are critical in preparing young children to enter the classroom. These include literacy, numeracy and readiness skills. Information

packages and practical tips will be shared with you to help get your child ready in these three areas.

Some of the information provided will be parent interviews, staggered entry, classroom work, allergies in the classroom and transportation information.

This meeting is interactive and we ask that you bring your child to this meeting as they will receive a special package to help them get ready for Kindergarten.



### Registrations for 2010–2011

If you have a child who is eligible to start Junior Kindergarten this September and have not yet registered for school, please call the school’s main office and let us know.



Also, if you have new neighbours who have eligible children and are unsure of the procedures, please have them call the school’s main office.

Our school staff is beginning to plan and prepare for the next school year and it is important that we have the most accurate projected pupil enrolment for September 2010 at this time.

## May Crowning—Rosary Apostolates

Throughout the school year, our Rosary Apostolates have been working with our students to learn about and pray the rosary. Students have been enriched by this experience and have impressed the Apostolates with their respect and dedication to learning the prayers.



Thursday May 6. Student representatives from all classes will participate in a liturgy, skit and living rosary during the morning. There will be two celebrations—one for primary grades at 9:30 am and one for junior/intermediate grades at 11:15. Parents are invited to come and celebrate with us.

To culminate this year long relationship and to honour our Blessed Mother, we will be celebrating the crowning of Mary on

We hope that we can lead our students to love and honour our Mary, the Mother of Jesus in a special way.



# May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Primary Swimming Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart	4 Primary Swimming 11:30-FSL Plays	5 7:00 pm-Talent Show	6 9:30 & 11:15- Crowning of Mary	7 Spring Photos Social Justice Con- ference	8
9	10 Primary Swimming	11 Primary Swimming Junior Heads Up Competition	12 Intermediate Heads Up Competition 7:00 pm-Welcome to Kindergarten	13 SUBDAY	14 Intermediate Soccer Tournament	15
16	17 Primary Swimming 7:00 pm-School Council	18 Primary Swimming	19	20	21	22
23	24 VICTORIADAY	25 Primary Swimming	26 School Track & Field Day	27 PIZZADAY	28 TACKYDAY	29
30	31 Primary Swimming EQAO Junior Trip to ROM					

"I'm not a bit changed—not really. I'm only just pruned down and branched out. The real ME—  
back here—is just the same."

Anne of Green Gables



# From School Council



## COMING SOON!

PLANNING HAS STARTED FOR OUR ANNUAL BBQ ON FRIDAY JUNE 4TH.

THE ANNUAL BBQ RAISES SIGNIFICANT FUNDS WHICH THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ALLOCATES FOR VARIOUS ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT ADD TO YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AT ST. JEROME'S.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE BBQ WITH ITEMS SUCH AS GIFT CERTIFICATES, TICKETS FOR EVENTS, NEW ELECTRONICS, HOUSEWARES, TOOLS, TOYS AND SPORTING GOODS OR CANADIAN TIRE MONEY. IN COMING WEEKS WE WILL BE SEEKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND BAKED GOODS.**

PLEASE FORWARD DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OR CONTACT ANNA GULBINSKI, COUNCIL/BBQ CHAIR AT (416) 895-8088 TO ARRANGE FOR PICK UP.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED SUPPORT! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE BBQ.**

### 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.

You can support our children all year long by ordering your magazines online!

You may have ordered many subscriptions to support our campaign, but you might wish to renew other magazines, or order gift subscriptions later in the year. Now you can take advantage of QSP's great prices all year long - with the profit being sent back to our school with each order! Just go to:

[www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca)

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



### Lunch Moms Inc.

Now offered at St. Jerome School!

"HOT" Home style lunches prepared fresh daily

- Healthy snacks
- Individually labeled lunches
- Milk included
- 3 entrée choices each day
- 100% pure juices
- Over 40 entrée choices per month!

Visit their website at [www.lunchmomsinc.com](http://www.lunchmomsinc.com)



# Green Apple School Award

Metro Grocery Stores introduced a program this year in support of schools and the environment. Called the "Green Apple School Program", projects were put forward for consideration for monetary grants. The goal of the program is to reduce the impact of human lifestyles on the environment by promoting healthy living habits.

On behalf of St. Jerome, Isabel O. submitted a project which focused on our partnership with the surrounding parkland. We were awarded \$1000 to support that project. On Earth Day—April 22—we began work on that project by helping to clean up the park and our schoolyard. Students who eat lunch at the park are encouraged to bring litterless lunches and to use garbage containers.

We thank Isabel for her efforts on behalf of St. Jerome!



Left to right: Isabel O., Mrs. LeClair, Florian O., Joe Suljak (Store Manager), Cole R. and Cody R.

## Toonie Tuesdays

Toonie Tuesdays continue to be a tremendous success.

We will be returning to the original choices—chocolate chip, double fudge or oatmeal apple cookies and apple or tropical fruit juices. As the weather gets warmer, we will be offering Ice Dawgs (ice cream sandwiches) for a Toonie.



We will continue with Toonie Tuesday every Tuesday as long as there is a demand for it. Thank you for your support!

## September 2010

To help with our planning for next September, would you kindly advise the school office if you are moving out of the St. Jerome area over the summer.



Just a reminder that school for students will begin on Tuesday September 7th.

If you would like to share information regarding your child's placement for 2010–2011, please send a letter to Mrs. LeClair as soon as possible as teacher will soon begin the process of allocating students to new classes.

## 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.

they have the following tools for the test: calculator, pencils, erasers, protractors and coloured pencil crayons.

The following link will enable you to access a variety of resources to assist your child in writing the test: [http://](http://www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary/036/036.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036&Aud=Parents&App=Parents)

[www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary/036/036.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036&Aud=Parents&App=Parents](http://www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary/036/036.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036&Aud=Parents&App=Parents)

Of particular interest are the sections on "Key Words" and samples of assessments from previous years.

Depending on his/her grade, your child should start to ensure that





## Jump Rope for Heart

We welcome all students and parents to join in the fundraising efforts. Jump Rope for Heart combines fun and fitness that will help support and ensure that vital heart and stroke research continues.

On Monday May 3rd, St. Jerome School is Jumping Rope and Shooting Hoops for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. The students and staff at St. Jerome School want to get active for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and raise funds to ensure that vital heart and stroke research continues.

Statistics from the Heart and Stroke Foundation state that every day this year, 15 residents in the Peel area will be hospitalized because of heart disease. Half (56%) of the residents of Peel are physically inactive. 36% of the residents of Peel are overweight. One out of five (19%) of

adults age 35 and over in Peel has high blood pressure.

Concerned by these findings, the Heart and Stroke Foundation is taking a multi-pronged approach to protect the health of over half a million residents of the Peel Region.

St. Jerome School will be holding an exciting kick-off for this event on Thursday April 26th. The pledge forms will be distributed preceding the kick-off and are due back on or before Friday May 14th.

## Virtue for May – Acceptance

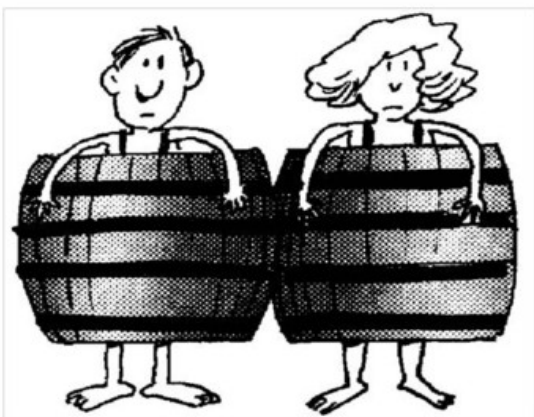
This month we will celebrate the virtue of **Acceptance**. One of the great wonders of the world we live in is that no two people are exactly alike. We may share biological families or national identity or cultural and ethnic identity but we are all very unique and distinct creations. God breaks the mold every time! And that is a fantastic fact of life! It can also be a challenging fact of life if it makes us afraid. Sometimes differences are scary – especially if we haven't learned about or don't understand how people are different. The virtue of acceptance describes our ability to look at the attitudes and actions of those around us and then just stop and consider without judging them. The virtue of acceptance means that we look beyond what we see- a person's skin colour, ethnic background, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, and see a person created and loved by God. It's especially important for us to stop and think if what we are made uncomfortable by seeing or hearing others act differently then we might choose to act.

**ON REFLECTION...** Why do I like to have people do things my way?

**OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR MAY** Let us now pray... for the virtue of *Acceptance*- the strength to trust that God is at work in everyone's life despite what we think. **AMEN**



## Dress Code



As we prepare for the warmer weather, we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in

playing 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)

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 dis-



# The Last Word

## FACEBOOK101 : PRIVACY AND SAFETY TIPS

1. Your Facebook experience begins with "Adding a Friend." Before Adding a Facebook Friend, ask yourself: **"Would I trust this person to the level that I'd leave them alone in my home with mine and my family's most valuable possessions and information?"** If they don't pass the Trust test, don't add them. Period!
2. Remember that what you put on the Internet stays there forever. You can do your best to hide your information and pictures, but you can't control who might see them. Any online profile you create, on any site, should reflect respect, your achievements and act as "Your Best Foot Forward." Facebook is all about choices; the choices you make reflect who you are, what you think about in the world, and what you value, as does the quality of your Friends' List.
3. Facebook archives all of information you add to your profile. Never add telephone numbers or your home address to your profile. Also, every word you add into the "Personal Information" section of "Edit Your Profile" turns into a searchable keyword throughout Facebook. While many people value the ability to be searchable on Facebook (business people, people wishing to find old friends, networking) as a rule, less information is always safer.
4. If you add a third-party application to Facebook like "Bumper Stickers" or "Farmville," you automatically provide the developer of that application with your Publicly Available information – and all of your Facebook friends' information. While applications often enrich our social experience, know that your information is moving beyond your own profile. Also, your Publicly Available Information is passed to the developers of Applications your Friends use.
5. Don't post any pictures or comments that are embarrassing of you or of your friends that could lead to you, or them, being cyber-bullied. Your photos can be copied and held by another person, and then used against you in the future, when you least expect it. Also, it's unwise to "tag" your Friends in any photos as that photo will be sent out to their Friends' list, depending on their Privacy Settings.
6. In your **Privacy Settings** under **"Profile Information,"** set "Photos and Videos of Me," to "Only Me."
7. **SET all Privacy Settings** to "Only Friends," or tighter (Specific Friends or "Hide This From").
8. On your Home Page click Account>Privacy Settings>Search, uncheck the Public Search Results box titled "Allow." Otherwise, your name is submitted to Google and other search engines as you having a Facebook account.
9. Most employers, colleges and universities, and anywhere someone will want you to be in their organization (summer camp, swimming instructor, dance instructor, etc) will check your Facebook profile, in detail, to see the quality of what you are posting. In fact, as of April 2009 some companies and universities are insisting that you open your profile right in the interview to allow their experts to analyze and evaluate your profile!
10. Consider using your Status Update sparingly. Updating your status with where you intend to be can be a risk as you're revealing locations and/or timelines. And because all Status Updates are searchable, depending on your Privacy Settings, do not include words like "Vacation" or "Leaving."
11. Consider not using your own picture as your profile picture as it can be copied and reproduced.
12. Be careful of what you write or post on your Friend's Wall. Your Friend's Wall can be viewed by all of their Friends. Consider using the "Send a Message" function when communicating as it is private between you and your Friend only - and is not publicly displayed.
13. Facebook is a valuable communications tool to connect with friends and family, and to post and search for information that will help you identify many opportunities to move forward in your personal and professional life. Recognize, however, that nothing is truly private on Facebook. Apply your settings properly (above) - and your experience should be very enjoyable.
14. **A note on Twitter:** One of the fastest growing sites, Twitter is an excellent mechanism for companies to engage with their customers and for people to follow any interest or subject that interest them. It is rapidly being utilized as a marketing engine for many companies. Twitter, however, has zero privacy settings (except for one setting) and the user's 140-character "Tweets" are displayed across the Internet and on all search engines.  
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