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When God Created Fathers

God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of the morning in spring,
 The faith of the mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it..... Dad.



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Applause, Applause....

Sincere thanks to the many individuals who make St. Jerome such a vibrant school:

- * To our volunteers who have helped enrich the lives of students by helping out in classrooms or on school trips
- * To Father Joyson and Father Phillip for their spiritual guidance and support
- * To the School Advisory Council for their dedication and service to the students and staff
- * To our lunch supervisors, Mrs. Dantas and Mrs. Orszula, who came out in all sorts of weather to cheerfully complete their duties
- * To our custodians, Mr. Zappia, Mr. Sankari and Mr. Henriques, who keep our school shining
- * To our secretary, Mrs. Bowering, for all her work in making the school "hum"
- * To our teachers, for all their work in providing learning opportunities for our students



Mississauga Public Library—Woodlands Branch

Summer Programming begins Tuesday July 6. The theme this year is **DESTINATION JUNGLE** and we are working and developing loads of wonderful **FUN** activities to assist your children in keeping up their reading and writing skills over the summer months.



Hopefully, most will join the self-directed Summer Reading Club at our Branch, including Book Reports and the Treasure Box that builds incentive to **READ!**

We will also be offering Reading Buddies twice a week, and of special note, our Free Themed Destination Jungle meetings, in our Amazon Jungle program room. We will meet weekly, starting July 14th, under a giant Kapok tree, with hanging vines, parrots and so much more!!!

For Families we will be offering our Silly Safari Family Storytimes, which, if you are familiar with our Evening PJ Nights, you know what to expect!!! This program will be offered free on Wednesday afternoons and staff will all be dressed to go on a Safari! We encourage all participants to come dressed for a Jungle Adventure!

From STOPR (Student Transportation of Peel Region)

On Saturday, August 28th, 2010, we will be holding our eighteenth annual **YOUNG RIDER ORIENTATION DAY** for **ALL** Kindergarten children. The intent of the day is to introduce children to school buses in an informal setting prior to the first day of school.

We encourage you to participate by bringing your kindergarten children and elementary aged siblings to a one-hour program between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 12 noon. Bus rides and a school bus safety video are only part of the informative fun. All Young Rider Days have been tremendous successes.

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR), The Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, First Student Canada, Stock Transportation Limited, Parkview Transit Inc., and Attridge Transportation Inc support this event.

To confirm your attendance and preferred time slot, please call one of the bus companies listed below in June



LOCATION	BUS COMPANY	TELEPHONE #
East Mississauga	Attridge Transportation Inc.	905 855-7771
Central Mississauga	First Student - Wolfedale	905 270-0561
West Mississauga	Stock Transportation Ltd.	905 829-2040
Bramalea	First Student - Snelgrove	905 857-4370
Brampton	Stock Transportation Ltd.	905 951-6900
Caledon/Dufferin	Parkview Transit	905 846-1070

We look forward to having a wonderful time with each of you and your children.

Congratulations to the St. Jerome Rosary Makers!

Thank you to the St. Jerome Rosary Makers. They have worked diligently to make rosaries for the missions overseas. The rosaries will be donated to Fr. Ghiorghis' Mission in Ethiopia.

Our school is grateful to the following members for their dedication and commitment to Our Lady's cause:

Alyssa C., Sabrina C., Julia M., Brianna B., Curtis M., Lauryn L., Daniel Z., Julie D., Scott C., Joelle B., Serena D. and Elizabeth M.





PLASP

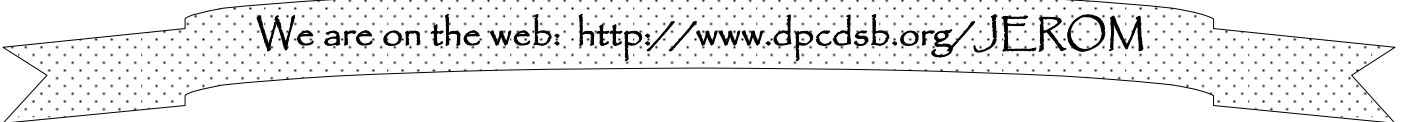
PLASP Child Care Services operates Before and After School Programs at this school. The Before School Program operates from 7:30 am and continues until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The After School Program begins once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 pm. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

Fee assistance is available.

Registration for September 2010 currently taking place.

To register your child, visit the PLASP Program Director, Before or After School. For further information, call 905.890.1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com.



Year End Items

Term 3 Report Cards:

Your child(ren)'s third term report card will be sent home on Monday June 28th. Please take a few minutes to complete page three and return it to school the next day. **The last day of classes is Wednesday June 30th.**



September Placements:

On September 7th, we will post the area where students will gather to meet their new teacher and proceed to classrooms. There are a number of reasons why next year's teacher is not written on the final report card. One of these is, with the changes that are occurring almost daily, there is no certainty that a given teacher will be teaching a particular grade in September. Enrolment fig-

ures change and with that often comes reorganization.

Text and Library Books:

It is important that all school textbooks and library books are returned to the school by June 11th to ensure that inventories may be updated. Please have your child search both bedroom and house for these items. Students will have access to them through the final week of June for their school work. Please note that books are extremely expensive and that the school does not have additional funds to replace these items, thus students will be held financially responsible for lost or damaged materials.



Moving?

If you are leaving the St. Jerome area during the summer, please notify the office as soon as possible. This information will assist us in our planning for September.



If you are planning a move that is still within our school area, please inform us so that we can update our school records.

As new neighbours move in, it would be appreciated if you would mention that registration before September is helpful in school planning.

Office staff are available during the last week of August to take any fall registrations.

Grade 8 Graduation

Class of '08



Congratulations to this year's Grade 8 Graduates!

On Thursday June 24th, grade 8 students will be attending a luncheon and afternoon dance. A bus will transport the students to Renaissance Banquet Hall at 11:30 a.m. Student will return to the school at 4:30 p.m.

The Graduation Mass and Awards presentation will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours Church. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after the ceremony.

As always, families of graduates and staff are invited to attend.

Right on Key for St. Jerome's Choir!

A great thank you to the members of the school choir who helped share their gift of song with the St. Jerome Community. The weekly year round practices and participation in masses, liturgies and talent show were testament to their wonderful



dedication and commitment to serving others in song. Congratulations go out to: Chantal M., Giselle V., Ronan M., Nicky G., Allison R., Olivia B., Megan D., Lara F., Cristina B., Nicole D., Madison A., Nina P., Serena N., Isabella M., Claire P., Zoe S., Cristine M., Samantha S., Alyssa D., Veronika V., Elizabeth M. and Brianna P. Thank you, as well, to Ms. Lavorato who led our choir this year!



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Grade 3 EQAO Girls Softball	2 Grade 3 EQAO	3 Grade 3 EQAO Boys Softball SUB DAY	4 5:00-8:00-Family Barbeque	5
6	7 Primary Swimming Grade 6 EQAO Lunch Craft Club	8 Primary Swimming Grade 6 EQAO Lunch Craft Club	9 Family of School Track and Field Lunch Craft Club	10 Grade 6 EQAO	11	12
13	14 Primary Swimming	15 Primary Swimming 1:30-Virtues Liturgy	16 10:00-End of Year Mass @ St. Martin of Tours Church	17 PIZZA DAY Grade 7 & 8: Fire Safety	18 Board Track and Field	19
20	21	22	23 10:00-French Presentations	24 11:30-Grade 8 Grad Lunch/Dance 6:30-Grade 8 Graduation @ Church	25 RAINBOW DAY 10:30-SK Celebration of Learning	26
27	28 Primary Play Day Report Cards Go Home	29 Grade 1-3 Trip Grade 4-6 Trip	30 Last Day of School			

Diana Barry: I wish I were rich, and I could spend the whole summer at a hotel, eating ice cream and chicken salad.

Anne Shirley: You know something, Diana? We are rich. We have sixteen years to our credit, and we both have wonderful imaginations. We should be as happy as queens.

[gestures to the setting sun]

Anne Shirley: Look at that. You couldn't enjoy its loveliness more if you had ropes of diamonds.

Anne of Green Gables



From School Council



COMING SOON!

PLANNING IS CONTINUING 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

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



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Now offered at St. Jerome School!

“HOT” Home style lunches prepared fresh daily

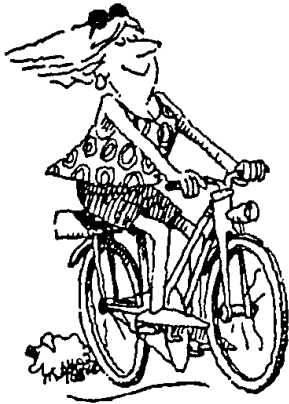
- Healthy snacks
- Individually labeled lunches
- Milk included
- 3 entrée choices each day
- 100% pure juices
- Over 40 entrée choices per month!

Visit their website at www.lunchmomsinc.com



Bicycles, Skateboards, Scooters

Mrs. Webster



In the interest of safety, students who ride bicycles to school are reminded that once they are on school property, bicycles are to be walked

their bicycles off school property before riding them.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BICYCLES TO BE RIDDEN IN THE DRIVEWAY OR PARKING AREAS AT THE FRONT OR SIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

Please keep in mind that the locked bicycles are not supervised and are left on school grounds at the owners own risk.

Skateboards, scooters and rollerblades should not be ridden to school and should be left at home as there is no safe or appropriate storage for them.

to the bike rack, locked up and not touched until dismissal time.

Upon dismissal time, students are asked to walk

Thank you and best wishes to Mrs. Webster who will be retiring from teaching on June 3th. On behalf of the St. Jerome community, we extend our sincere appreciation for her many contributions and devotion to the best interests of our children. May God bless her and hold her in the palm of His hands as she begins a new chapter in her life with her own children and grandchildren! She will be greatly missed!



Toonie Tuesdays

Toonie Tuesdays continue to be a tremendous success.

We will be continuing with the original choices—chocolate chip, double fudge or oatmeal apple cookies and apple juice.

Also, we will be offering Ice-Dawg sandwiches in chocolate chip and chocolate cookie flavours. The IceDawgs are \$2.00 each.



Thank you for your support!

Talent Show



Our second annual Talent Show was once again a big success.

The students at St Jerome certainly do have talent. We were entertained with songs, dances, gymnastics performances, comedy skits, and some incredible magic shows. It was wonderful to enjoy the amazing talent demonstrated by students from grades one to eight.

Thank you to all the parents who supported our effort.

As well, a big thanks to Jan Liwanag for his awesome help and coordination of lights, sound and special effects.

Distribution and Storage of Medication

If a child is required to bring medication to school, procedures relative to the administration of medication shall only adopted:

- * When requested by the parents/guardians; **and** when authorized by a physician; and
- * When medication must be provided during the school hours.

A designated staff member must administer medication; hence, a signed request/authorization form from the parents/guardians and the supervising physician, must be obtained. *These forms are available*



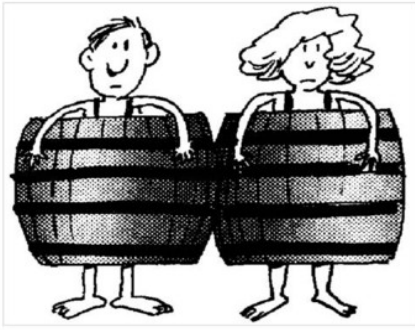
through the school office. The required authorization forms and the medication shall be delivered to the principal or designated person by the parents/guardians. All medication will be housed in a safe location. With the exception of epipens, all medication must be kept in the school's main office.

Pick Up of Medication Stored in the School's Office 2009-2010

Parents please be reminded any medications and/or epipens that your child has had stored in the office this year must be picked up on June 30th.



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 June – Fairness

This month we will 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. When the urge to be superior takes over a person's life then fairness can go out the window. 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. Jesus spent a major part of his time on earth showing us about the preferential option for the poor and weak. He spent an extraordinary amount of time showing how to follow God's rules, the rules of the kingdom. The sick, the lame, the blind, the bad sinners all need a fair chance to succeed – to overcome their disadvantages and disabilities in order to succeed. In today's terms, that could be called good sportsmanship. A good sport makes sure the rules of the game give everyone an even chance to participate. Not everyone has to win. Everyone deserves a chance to be in the game.


ON REFLECTION... Does it matter to me whether I win or lose?

OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR JUNE: Let us now pray... for the virtue of *fairness*- the desire to live by the rules of God's kingdom everyday of our lives. **AMEN**

PEOPLE OF FAIRNESS...

- TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
- REFUSE TO BEND THE TRUTH OR TWIST RULES FOR PERSONAL GAIN
- LISTEN FOR GOD'S ADVICE BEFORE FORMING OPINIONS
- THINK "W.W.J.D." WHEN FACED WITH MORAL CHOICES
- SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
- KNOW THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN POSSESSIONS OR POPULARITY
- GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THOSE WHO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT
- WORK TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS
- CHEER ON THE SUCCESSES OF OTHERS

FAIRNESS



Kiss N Ride—Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups



Parents/Guardians are reminded to please pull up and let your child(ren) out at the end of the Kiss N Ride lane. Lately, it has been noted that some are letting their child(ren) out before driving to the end of the lane.

Parents/guardians are asked to refrain from getting out of their cars to assist their child(ren).

The Kiss N Ride lane is meant to serve as a quick method to have parents/guardians drop off their children in a safe manner.

Also, a number of parents/guardians have been stopping/parking on Paisley Blvd. at the front of the school. This has created a number of unsafe situations, including reducing the visibility of students crossing to oncoming traffic and blocking vehicular traffic from passing in a safe manner. Please refrain from stopping/parking on Paisley Blvd. If you are picking up your child(ren) and need to park, please do so on a side street.

Thank you in advance for keeping these safety points in mind when dropping off your child(ren).



The Last Word

Stop the Summer Brain Drain!

by Ann Svensen

Kids Lose One to Three Months of Learning

Did your child's brain shrink last summer? Probably not, but it may have shifted into reverse, according to a study by Dr. Harris Cooper, professor of psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The study found that when students return to school after a long summer vacation, they've lost one to three months worth of learning.

Kids Lose Most in Math

The decline is more detrimental for math than it is for reading. "All students lose math skills," says Cooper. It may be because community and home environments give kids more opportunities to practice reading than math. The study also found that income has an impact on how much a student loses or gains in reading. Middle-class children actually gained in reading over the summer, while lower-income students experienced losses. Cooper attributes this to the enrichment activities that many middle-class kids participate in over the summer, such as camp and trips.

What You Can Do

Your kids don't have to spend the summer stuck in reverse. "Parents can help their kids retain educational skills," says Cooper. He suggests the following five tips to kick off a learning-filled summer.

1. Keep lots of books around and make regular trips to the library. Most libraries schedule special summer events for kids. Sign up your family!
2. Think about what your kids may be learning next year when you plan the family vacation. Talk with teachers to find out what they'll be covering in class. If it's a unit on the civil war for example, you may want to schedule a visit to Gettysburg. If it's geology, visit a national park.
3. Keep math in mind. Since kids lose more math skills than anything else over the summer, try to do some special planning to find math-related activities. For example, if you can't decide whether to sign your child up for "Shakespeare's Theater" or "Math Magic" at the local community center, go with the math.
4. Consider summer school or tutoring. Struggling kids can get a lot of different kinds of help from these programs. Summer school can also enrich and accelerate learning in areas where kids show a special interest.
5. Call the curriculum coordinator in your child's school district, visit the school board office, or contact the schools of education at local colleges and universities to find out what educational programs will be offered in your area over the summer.

Remember to keep it fun! You don't want to sour your kids on learning during the summer break.



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