



St. Jerome Journal

January 2013

Message from the Principal

On behalf of the St. Jerome staff, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome everyone back.

I would like to thank you for your generosity shown during Advent; we were able to collect a large quantity of pasta & sauce for our local food bank.

The rest of the school year will be busy with many activities and of course report cards. Please keep our grade 3 students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the sacrament of First Communion.

Wishing you all blessings of health and happiness for 2013!



A New Year Prayer

Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequalled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.

Amen.

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January's virtue is Courage.

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, Many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the virtue for January is COURAGE. The quote for this month is Isaiah 41:10, "Do not be afraid; I am with You" "Be not afraid!" is also what the angel tells Mary at the annunciation. (Lk 1:30) and at the resurrection, another angel uses the same words to tell the women at the tomb that Christ has risen. (Mt 28:5) Jesus himself uses these words to strengthen his apostles. (Jn 6:20) It takes a lot of courage to practice and be true to our Catholic faith. This month at St. Jerome School, we will be encouraging students to show courage by standing up for each other and reporting any acts of bullying immediately to an adult.

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2013-14 school year will be held at all Northeastern Catholic District School Board elementary schools on: Monday, January 14th, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31st, 2013

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age
- original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Immunization Record

Please spread the word...

Subway Lunch

As part of our Healthy Foods awareness program we are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, January 30th. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.



Volunteers

We are also in need of a few more volunteers for our snack program and hot dog days.

If you can donate an hour once or twice a month please call the school at 705-567-5800 and let us know.

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Winter Safety

Snow and Ice

When the cool months arrive and snow and ice on the ground plentiful, we all like to play in it and with it. Throwing snowballs and sliding on ice is fun. However, as much fun as it is, snow and ice, can be very dangerous when lots of people are in a small area. Our school yard is a small area where approximately four hundred children have recess. Most student injuries happen during the winter time. In order for our school to be as safe as possible, the school must be that snow stays on the ground – no snow-balls, kicking snow or any other activity with snow or ice that could be harmful.

Winter Dress

Now that January is upon us, it seems appropriate to remind everyone to please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for winter weather. Fresh air and exercise are important and the students go outside regularly for recess unless the weather is extremely cold. Boots, hats, scarves, gloves, winter coats and snow pants are necessary to keep warm and dry. Whenever possible, please put identification on your child's belongings.

Staying in for Recess

Throughout the school year, with cold temperatures, and so many students recovering from, or away from school because of colds, flu, etc., we receive numerous requests to all children to remain indoors during recesses. Please note that we CANNOT comply, as we have neither the facilities nor the staff to supervise these students. If your child is too ill to go outside for recess, then he/she is too ill to be at school. On extremely cold days, we will limit the amount of time the students spend out of doors.

