



# St. Jerome Journal

April 2019

Fortitude allows us to overcome our fear and remain resilient in the face of obstacles. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it.

As Catholics, we look to Jesus as our model. He always did what was right, even when it cost Him his life. Practicing fortitude is challenging, but it brings deep peace that comes from knowing we have done the right thing.

Fortitude is visible in our Catholic schools when we witness people defending truth and kindness especially during challenging situations. Students who do not cheat when the opportunity presents itself, who are capable of saying no to their friends who pressure them and students who stand up for others and do not participate in teasing or bullying are students who are displaying the virtue of fortitude.

*"Do not wait for leaders; do it along, person to person" Mother Teresa*



## DEVELOPING CHARACTER THROUGH FORTITUDE

The goal of this virtue:

- To help our students develop strength of character in times of adversity
- To base our actions on defending truth and justice
- To help our students face problems and obstacles
- To develop our students self-esteem to be able to overcome peer pressure.
- Standing up respectfully when something wrong is being done
- Facing obstacles with patience and determination
- Living a life that pleases God

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### **From the Principal's Desk**

Happy Spring! I am looking forward to the beauty and warmth of the new season. As the warmer weather approaches we need to keep in mind that the fields are very muddy and that proper footwear for students and a change of clothes would be suggested for the little ones. We are looking forward to enjoying the playground equipment again and having the students enjoy their outdoor recesses.

Springtime is energizing, and there is a lot of enthusiasm at St. Jerome School this time of year. Please read on to find out about spring events and happenings in our school. Happy Easter to All!



### **Lifetouch Spring Pictures**

Spring picture day will take place on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the am. Spring picture day provides the opportunity for a more relaxed, casual portrait with a nature backdrop.

### **FLIPGIVE - fundraiser...**

Shop your favorite brands and our fundraiser will earn up to 50% cash back on purchases.

Join our team and shop now at:

<https://www.flipgive.com/teams/116638-st-jerome-school>

Help support St. Jerome School!

We have raised \$209.00 to date and appreciate your support.

### **Subway Lunch**

We are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.



### **Mass**

Our Easter Mass will take place on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish. You are welcome to join us.

### **Fundraising**

We are not having a spring campaign for MacMillan's or Northwest Fudge Factory as we have raised enough funds in the past to cover our expenses for this school year. Thank you for your participation in all of our campaigns.

### **Reminder – School Closed**

The school will be closed on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for a Professional Activity Day. Also, on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for the Good Friday Holiday and Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Easter Monday.

### **Books! Eye Glasses! Shoes!**

We are collecting your old books, old textbooks, old readers, magazines, eyeglasses and shoes. We have made arrangements to have all our donations sent to a third world country that could really benefit from them.

### **Catholic Education Week – May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Living as Joyful Disciples."



The 2019 theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. Mindful of the Synod on Youth, the theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of *Renewing the Promise* entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve."

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Day 1:	Rooted in Prayer
Day 2:	Living in Community
Day 3:	Doing Justice & Creating Hope
Day 4:	Journeying Together in Faith
Day 5:	Sharing the Good News

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources, as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how the students and staff at our school are *Living as Joyful Disciples*. We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.