



# St. Jerome Journal

February 2019

## *A Valentine Prayer*

God bless you with the warmth and love  
We celebrate today,  
With personal fulfillment  
In your work, your rest, and play.  
God bless your close relationships  
With people you hold dear  
And fill your life with gentle things  
To warm your heart all year.



## **FROM the Principal's Desk:**

February Greetings from the Principal's Desk! It seems hard to believe that during this upcoming month, we will be celebrating the 100th Day of School! It doesn't seem possible that we have already passed through that many days and are already more than halfway through the school year. Can you believe it?

In January, we began our family STEAM activities and we will be sending new themes home every month. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Projects will vary and will allow students to explore various materials, products and thinking skills. Students are encouraged to plan, test and improve their designs. Your child is permitted to design and construct their project on his or her own, or with assistance from family members. Any type of materials you have at home may be used in the creation of these projects (paper, materials from nature, crafting supplies, recyclable materials, etc.). Please include a brief write up about how your STEAM project works.

Submissions should be sent to the school by the last Friday of each month. Projects may be shared on Facebook and morning announcements. Two entries each month will be awarded for their creations.

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## **February's virtue is Respect & Responsibility**

The importance of Respect & Responsibility:



A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good functions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that shows people and God that we are a good person. This month, we will be looking at the importance of the virtues of respect and responsibility. God has called us to model the respect shown by Christ. As brothers and sisters who share one Spirit, we are all valuable to God and deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness—all ways of showing respect. We shall remind students that through prayer, we improve our ability to be Christ-filled people—respecting ourselves, others and our environment in which we live.

We will also be celebrating responsibility. We will work with students to develop models that enable them to make good and conscientious decisions based on scriptural values. We will emphasize the importance of making decisions that do not harm themselves, others or the environment. We will also remind the students of the importance of being able to say “sorry” when they make mistakes and to act correctly, as Jesus would have, in these situations.



### **Reminder**

*The school will be closed on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for a Professional Activity Day. Also, Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is our provincial Family Day holiday.*

### **Student Placement**

Welcome CYW placement student Joan Chesworth. Joan will be shadowing Ms. Ricki.

### **Report Cards**

*The report card for Term 1 will be going home on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

### **IEP's – Individual Education Plan**

*Student plans will be sent out with those students on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Junior Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year was held at all Northeastern Catholic District School



Board elementary schools on: Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If you missed this date, please call the school at 705-567-5800 to make arrangements to

come in at a future date. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Registration can be made online by creating an account at: <https://secure.easyregister.ca/pub/LoginER.aspx?tk=ER&oid=6sVchZMD%2f%2bQH6NBAq034sq%3d%3d>

### **Student Information**

*It is most important that we have up-to-date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. If there have been any changes, please ensure that we have your most current information.*

### **Rough Play**

*While outside during recess students sometimes find themselves engaging in inappropriate activities that involve rough play. Pushing, shoving, tackling, play fighting and wrestling are all unacceptable activities that compromise student safety. Please reinforce with your children the inherent dangers of rough play, even when the intent is fun.*

### **Subway Lunch**

*We are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.*

### **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.