



Our Lady of the Assumption School

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Miss Elayne Wilkie

My name is Miss Wilkie and I am a PSIII student working in grade 3 with Mrs. Poff. I have previously graduated with my Bachelor of Science degree in May 2008. I have a one year old American Staffordshire terrier and he is my pride and joy. I love camping, watching movies, and spending time with family. I am looking forward to spending the next few months getting to know you.

Mrs. Sharon Lank

Hi, I am already feeling very blessed to have such a wonderful grade four class in my new school at Our Lady of the Assumption. This is a new adventure for me, having spent the last 20 years at Children of St. Martha School, primarily in special education and the lower grades. When I have a chance, I am cycling, reading, or at the ocean kayaking. I live on the southside, in a 98 year-old house, with my husband, Jon Oxley, and my children Darien and Kelsey. Thank you to the parents and staff for such a very warm welcome.

Ms. Eleanor Munroe

Hello and thank you for the warm welcome I have received from students, parents and staff as I continue to settle in as Associate Principal. What a beautiful, happy place this is! I am excited to be here and look forward to meeting everyone as the school year unfolds.

I was most recently Associate Principal at Ecole St. Mary School and, before that, at Father Leonard Van Tighem School and Catholic Central High School. I love travelling, reading, walking, biking, enjoying music and theatre, taking pictures, doing crafts, visiting friends, or playing with my two little dogs. I have a daughter and son-in-law who are teachers in Winnipeg, and a grandpuppy.

Be it known to all who enter here that CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

Our Lady of the Assumption Elementary School

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All
God's
Children

Excellence
in
Learning

Sacramentality

Our
Collaborative
Community

Ministry

Stewardship

COUNSELING CORNER

Welcome Back! Counseling support continues to be available to our students and families at our school. Our counselor, Mrs. Hunt, is available by contacting the school office or emailing her at huntm@holyspirit.ab.ca

IT'S A BLAST PROGRAM

If you are in need of early morning or after school child care, the It's a Blast Program is offered in our school. Supervision and activities are provided for children from 7:00 a.m. to 8:37 a.m., 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday afternoons from 1:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and also on days when there is no school. Please call the It's a Blast office at 403-320-3988 for more information.

PARKING

There is one parking space in front of the school which is designated "Handicapped Parking". Please help us and those who require this assistance by not parking in that space unless you have current handicapped parking authorization.

If you notice that the large gates by the creative playground on the south side of the school grounds are open when you drop your child off at school in the morning, it means it is garbage collection day. The City of Lethbridge truck needs access to our large green garbage bin located on the tarmac. Please do not block the gate area with your vehicle on these days. As we cannot predict exactly when the city crew will come to the school on garbage day, we must leave the gate open for them.

OPENING MASS

Our Opening Mass will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

ATTENDANCE

If your child(ren) will be absent from school or late, please call the office and let us know. Students who are late must report to the office and receive an "Admit to Class" slip. If your child will be leaving the school during school hours they must be signed out in the office.

BELL TIMES

Monday – Thursday

Warning bell – 8:37 a.m.
Classes begin – 8:40 a.m.
Lunch – 12:08 to 12:56 p.m.
Dismissal – 3:30 p.m.

Friday

Warning bell – 8:37 a.m.
Classes begin – 8:40 a.m.
Lunch – 11:51 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Dismissal at 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH TIME

This year, our lunch time routines are a little different due to early Friday dismissal. We are planning on eating in our classrooms on intramural days, which will be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Also, lunch on Fridays will be in the classroom due to the shortened break. Please note that there will be no microwaves available for use on Fridays, so please pack easy to eat food that does not require heating on this day.

CANTEEN PRICES

Fudge Bars	\$1.00 each
Ice Cream Sandwiches	\$1.00 each
Rolo Ice Cream Bar	\$1.50 each
Strawberry/Kiwi Fruit Bar	\$1.50 each
Milk (chocolate or white)	\$1.00 each
Juice	\$1.00 each

Milk cards are available from the office for \$10.00, which will allow your child to make 12 milk (or juice) purchases. Ice cream will be available on Thursday at lunch and on Hot Lunch Days.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Assumption School Council and Fund Raising Committees Annual General Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assumption School staff room. We hope to see you there.

MEDICATION

If a student requires medication to be administered at school proper documentation must be completed. The forms are available in the office, including one that must be signed by a physician. These forms must be on file before any medication can be given.

H1N1 UPDATE

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools continues to work with Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta Education to provide information and resources to staff, students and parents regarding H1N1. Please find a link containing information for school administrators, as well as public information products for distribution to schools, students and parents at:
<http://www.education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/healthandsafety/h1n1.aspx>. This information may be downloaded, copied, and printed. Please note, the Public Health Agency of Canada is not recommending the closure of schools at this time, even if a confirmed case of H1N1 Influenza Virus is identified in a school. Alberta Education and Alberta Health and Wellness will continue to work closely to provide timely and accurate information to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school's Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 18 after the lunch break. All children will be running/walking on this day, rain or shine, so please be sure they have appropriate footwear. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to explore the importance of giving to others. We are asking for "Toonies for Terry" but all donations great or small will be appreciated.

WELCOME BACK BARBEQUE

School Council is sponsoring a Family Barbeque to be held on Thursday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m. As we have instruction on Friday, September 18th, we have had to change the format of our September Meet the Teacher Night. Instead of two nights of scheduled interviews, we invite you to visit briefly with your child's teacher between 6:30 and 7:30 on Thursday, September 17th. Please feel free to stop by your child's classroom.

Welcome back to another school year

Hi! I am the **Public Health Nurse** assigned to your school. My focus is on promoting the health of students, staff, and families in the school community. I work in partnership with Population Health which includes Dental Health, Injury Prevention and Healthy Weights.

Donna Miller RN BN PHN 403-388-6655-3469

Hello from your local **Healthy Weights Team!** Our job is to promote healthy body weights in school-aged children. Here are a few ways we can help your school:

- Help identify priority health issues
- Support programs and policies that promote healthy weights
- Assist with physical activity programming

We look forward to working with your school.

To contact **Healthy Weights call 403-388-6666**

For general health information contact:
HEALTH LINK at 1-866-408-5465.

Students with chronic medical conditions

Students with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma and severe allergies can and do lead a normal childhood.

Some tips parents can follow to help keep their child safe and healthy are:

- Inform the school of their child's condition
- Provide a MedicAlert® bracelet for their child
- Provide the school with current medical instructions from their physician
- Provide the school with up-to-date auto-injectors and keep them current
- Provide information to school and teachers as requested
- Participate in the development of an emergency response plan for their child

For more information contact your school's public health nurse or discuss with the school principal.

SCHOOL FEES 2009/2010

A reminder that school fees may be paid in the school office during business hours – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are sending payment with your child, please complete, detach, and enclose the form below with your payment. **Make cheques and money orders payable to Our Lady of the Assumption School.** If you have any questions regarding payment, please contact Mrs. Homan at the school office.



**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL
FEES PAYMENT FORM**

FEES Kindergarten: \$50.00 Grades 1 to 6: \$58.00

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Name of person making payment: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Cash Cheque Money order

Date: _____