



Assumption School

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith"

MARCH 2010

*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.*

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A Message from the Principal:

February has been packed with activities and has really flown by. An early move into Lent has given us the opportunity to remind ourselves of the purpose for Catholic schools. We have to be thankful for the opportunity to send our children to and teach in the Holy Spirit Catholic School System. Earlier in the month we were able to attend mass. Other Lenten activities include Friday morning liturgies, morning readings and classroom activities. Many thanks are extended to the staff for helping the children understand the purpose of Lent.

February also included family skating, the Grade 5 and 6 ski trip, after school Grade 6 basketball and our Olympic celebration and activities on February 26th. Thank you to all the staff and parents for helping out with all of the events.

In closing, I would like to welcome Mrs. Gaylene Duke to our teaching staff. She will be with us until Mrs. Tavernini is able to recover from her knee surgery.

Sincerely,
Dave O'Dwyer

An Irish Blessing



May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow, For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise, And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer.*

STUDENT REGISTRATION

We are presently taking registrations for the fall for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and students new to our school. Parents whose children presently attend our Pre-kindergarten Program need to register their child for kindergarten as the students are not automatically rolled over for the fall. We are required to have a copy of each student's birth certificate on file, so please bring the birth certificate with you. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

REGISTRATION UPDATE FORMS

Registration update forms were sent home for each student at the beginning of February. These forms need to be completed by parents/guardians and returned to the office so that your child can be considered registered for the upcoming school year. If you have already returned the form, thank you. If not, please take a few minutes and complete as required. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

CITIZEN OF TOMORROW AWARD

Congratulations to the winners of The Citizens of Tomorrow Awards for the months of December and January:

Keegan in 5G
Thomas in 3P
Matthew in 5G
Hannah in 3/40
Kaitlyn in 5G
Alexa in 1/2M

Our thanks are extended to our valued sponsors for their generous support of the Citizens of Tomorrow Awards Program:

Airtech Heating and Air Conditioning Ltd.
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SCIENCE FAIR

Attention grade 4, 5, and 6 students. The Our Lady of the Assumption Science Fair is approaching quickly. Registration forms are due March 5, with the science fair taking place on March 16 and 17. Don't delay; get the forms in as soon as possible. If you want to participate but need an idea, see Mrs. Graf.

REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEWS

Report cards will be issued on Friday, March 5th. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the evenings of Wednesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 11. We will begin booking interview appointments Tuesday, March 2 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Once again the generosity of the Assumption community has made our annual collection of non-perishables for the Lethbridge Food Bank a huge success. Your response was nothing short of amazing! We set a goal of 500 items for our Olympic theme of "Go For Gold". You shattered that record with a grand total of 737 items being collected as of January 29th, with a few more donations during the first week in February! We appreciate every single item and pass along the heart-felt thanks from the Lethbridge Food Bank to each of you. Our donations were presented to representatives from the food bank at our monthly assembly on February 5th.



KID'S RUNNING CLUB

Assumption School is very excited to offer the opportunity for our students to sign up for the Assumption Running Club which starts March 8. Information, training times, and permission forms will be sent home the first week of March. Please note that you do not have to participate in the Runner's Soul Marathon to join our club. All levels – from walkers to runners – are welcome! Your support in encouraging our students to live a healthy lifestyle is always appreciated.



GRADE 6 PARENTS

There will be a parent orientation meeting for all new students attending St. Francis Junior High School in the fall. The meeting will be held in the St. Francis gym beginning at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The next Holy Spirit Special Education Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday, March 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's Education Center. These meetings are open to all parents, and include supper. Please call the Holy Spirit School Division office at 403-327-9555 to confirm your attendance.

TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL

After considerable public consultation, the board approved a transportation proposal which establishes attendance boundaries for all Lethbridge schools. The proposal also indicates that, for those students that meet the transportation requirements of Alberta Education (2.4 km or farther from their resident school or French Immersion School) and are thus funded, bus transportation will continue at no cost. For students who do not meet this requirement, a nominal user fee will be required.

Specific information about these changes, as well as map indicating attendance boundaries, can be found on the division website in the near future.



SCHOOL CLOSED

There will be no school on Friday, March 12th. Monday, March 15th is our Spiritual Development Day and there will be no school that day.

SCHOOL HOURS

Please be reminded that our first bell rings at 8:37 a.m. Students are to remain outside until this time and enter through their assigned doors. Grades 1-3 enter through the west door and Grades 4-6 through the east door. The front doors are to be used by parents and visitors to our school. Only those attending It's A Blast Program are to be in the gym in the morning and afterschool.

SNACK SHACK

Thanks to everyone for your great support for the February Snack Shack. In March, 3P will be in charge of the process. It will be held on March 5. The menu will be similar to the ones in the past with a few new items being offered.

- Veggies and Ranch Dip – \$0.50
- Low Fat Chewy Granola Bar – \$0.25
- Yogurt Tubes – \$0.50
- Cheese String – \$0.50
- Fibre One Chocolate Granola Bar – \$0.50
- Apple Sauce – \$0.25
- Orange – \$0.25
- Fruit to Go – \$0.50
- Cereal Mix – \$0.50

Thanks for your support teaching our students about making wise food choices and for making our school a healthy place to be!

MARCH PARENT COUNCIL & PARENT FUND RAISING

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks for your wonderful support of our Read-a-thon Olympics. Results will be tallied and shared following the February break.

Due to parent-teacher interviews, our next Parent Council and Parent Fund Raising Committee meetings will be moved to the third Wednesday of the month, Wednesday March 17th, 2010.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school staff room. Everyone is invited to attend.

OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION 2010



Online Registration begins February 16th (service fees apply)

Registration *in-person* at Community Saving Place Soccer Centre - 2501-28 Avenue S.

Mon, Tues & Wed. March 1 - 3: 10am – 7pm

Thurs & Fri. March 4 & 5: 10am – 8pm

Saturday March 6: 10am – 4pm

Boys and Girls

Born 2006 – 2004 - \$80 – 1 session/ week

Born 2003 – 1992 - \$125 – 2 sessions/week



Registration and more information such as days playing, times and season start dates can be found at

www.lethbridgesoccer.com or call 403-320-5425

For competitive soccer information go to www.lethbridgefc.com



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Early Dismissal 2:30 pm No Pre-K classes	2	3 Girls Basketball game at St. Pat's	4 Boys Basketball game here After-school skating 3:45-4:45 	5 2 nd Lenten Celebration 9:00 am Crazy Hair Day Snack Shack Assembly 12:40 Dismissal 1:15	6
7	8 Running club begins 8:10 am Girls Basketball game at St. Paul's Gr. 6 parent orientation 7 pm St. Francis gym	9 Boys Basketball game at St. Pat's	10 Parent Teacher Interviews	11 Boys Basketball game at FLVT After-school skating 3:45-4:45 Parent teacher Interviews	12 School Closed	13
14	15 Spiritual Development Day No School	16 Running Club 8:10 am Boys Basketball game at St. Martha's	17 School Council meeting 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Day 	18 Boys Basketball game here	19 Running Club 8:10 am 3 rd Lenten Celebration 9:00 am Dismissal 1:15	20
21	22 Running Club 8:10 am Girls Basketball game here	23	24 Lockdown Practice 2:30 Girls Basketball game here	25	26 Running Club 8:10 am 4 th Lenten Celebration 9:00 am Dismissal 1:15	27
28	29 Running Club 8:10 am Girls Basketball game here	30	31 Girls Basketball game here	1 Holy Thursday	2 Good Friday No School	3