



**APRIL  
2009**

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

*"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

Lenten greetings to all of you.

Writing a message to you at this time of year gives me the chance to convey my gratitude to all members of our community. As you may be aware, our basketball season has just come to an end. Thanks are extended to all of the coaches - Mr. Parr, Mr. Holowka, Mrs. Keith, and Miss Goruk - who dedicated an endless number of hours working in practices and on the bench during games. Intramurals continue as we move from baskethoopball to floor hockey. Thank you to Mrs. Poff and the teaching supervisors who help to keep students busy at lunch time. Thank you to Mrs. Tavernini and Mrs. Maier for their work with Monday choir practices. Our Healthy Choices Day was a tremendous success. Thank you to the committee who worked tirelessly to coordinate all of the activities for that day. And thank you to Mrs. Graf who coordinated the school-based science fair.

Lenten liturgies are extremely important and valuable at Our Lady of the Assumption School. We appreciate the planning of our Liturgy Committee and the work of teachers and classes who sponsor the liturgies. Make sure that you recognize the close of our Easter activities with Mr. Parr's class presentation of the Passion Play.

Lastly, a thank you goes to you, the parents, who make this such a special place to be. Your attendance at all of the aforementioned events helps us to appreciate the importance of our work.

Why do we teach? For the future of our children.

Easter blessings on behalf of the staff,  
Dave O'Dwyer

*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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All  
God's  
Children

Excellence  
in  
Learning

Sacramentality

Our  
Collaborative  
Community

Ministry

Stewardship

## **STUDENT REGISTRATION**

We are presently taking registrations for the fall for 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. Also, please bring your child's Personal Health Care number. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

Our Code 40 IPP Review meetings are slated for April 1, 2009. You can contact the office to confirm your meeting time.

The Grades 3 and 6 Provincial Achievement Tests are just around the corner. Some of our students have been identified as qualifying for special accommodations for these tests. If you have not yet received a call to set up an appointment for a brief meeting with Mr. Sampson and you know your child has qualified for assistance, please advise Mr. Sampson as soon as possible to ensure that everything is in place.

## **ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL**

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' basketball teams. Thanks go to all the referees, coaches, and parents who attended the games and cheered our teams. All the players improved immensely and had a lot of fun!

## **SCIENCE FAIR**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this year's school science fair. We had many very interesting and creative projects that were very well done. The winners this year were:

<i>First</i>	Carsen Haycock Alex Farough & Thomas Schmelzer
<i>Second</i>	Taylor Walls & Lindsay Amatto Erin Rasmussen & Kalli Poch
<i>Third</i>	Taya Mikado & Abby Davis

## **COUNSELLING CORNER**

Counseling support continues to be available at the school for our students and families. Our counselor, Mrs. Hunt, is available by contacting the school office or by emailing her at: michele.hunt@holyspirit.ab.ca.

## **CITIZEN OF TOMORROW AWARDS**

Congratulations to the winners of The Citizens of Tomorrow Awards for the month of February:

*Braydon Bester*  
*Kienna Aarts*  
*Jeremy Kemble*  
*Kristie Riley*  
*Jordan MacPherson*

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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**Humpty's Family Restaurant**

## **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.



## **HANDICAPPED 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.

## **APRIL EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS PARISH**

*Dramatization of the Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm Friday, April 3, at St. Basil's Church

*Blessing of Easter Foods*

10:00 am Saturday, April 11, at St. Basil's Church

In many countries, the blessing of Easter foods was an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual and is a wonderful practice. This centuries old custom is indeed richly symbolic and beautiful. It is one in which the whole family can participate and help prepare.

Decorate a basket and fill it with foods such as meat, boiled eggs, bread, and other foods. Bring the basket to St. Basil's Church where it will be blessed. The food is then taken home and eaten on Easter Sunday.

### **Mass Times:**

Holy Thursday, April 9 – 8:00 pm at St. Patrick's

Good Friday, April 10 – 1:00 pm at Assumption

1:00 pm at St. Basil's

3:00 pm at St. Patrick's

Easter Vigil, April 11 - 8:00 pm at St. Patrick's

Easter Sunday, April 12 - 9:00 am at Assumption

9:30 am at St. Basil's

11:00 am at St. Patrick's

11:30 am at Assumption



## **CATHOLIC ROUNDTABLE: All Things Youth in All Saints Parish**

You are invited to join the Catholic Roundtable Youth and Children's Ministry discussions to be held April 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Central High School Library. This roundtable is meant for everyone from ages 14 to 104. Presentations will be given by James Penner (Youth Sociologist at the University of Lethbridge) and ARISE Youth Community. For more information, contact Josh at 403-320-1489.

## **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 8:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on days when there is no school. Please call the It's a Blast office at 403-320-3988 for more information.

**If you have any messages for the It's A Blast Program, please do not call the school office.** All messages for It's a Blast need to be given directly to the It's a Blast office by the parent or guardian.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the school's staff room. If you require child care, please sign up in the school office by noon, Monday, April 6.

All parents are encouraged to take part in an Online Transportation Survey. There are some upcoming bussing issues that will affect many students soon and the more parents that contribute their opinions, the better! Go to <http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca> and click on the Transportation Survey link.

Thank you and have a Happy Easter!

## **SPRING FLING BINGO**

The organizational meeting for the Spring Fling Bingo will take place on April 7 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption School. Parents of Grade 5 students, please plan to attend.

Please mark your calendar for the Spring Fling Bingo which will be held on May 29, 2009. Donations of time and prizes are needed!

## **LOST AND FOUND**

All students are reminded to please check the Lost and Found Box and the boot room for items that belong to them. Parents, please feel free to also look there for any items that your child may have misplaced. Check at the office for lost keys and other valuable items such as eye glasses and cell phones.



## **Class 6P News**



### **An Educational Field Trip**

By Katie Keith  
March 3, 2009

Earlier this week the Assumption 6P class visited the Lethbridge County Airport to wrap up their Air and Aerodynamics Unit. Early Tuesday morning, 6P left on the bus to visit the airport. They started out by breaking into three groups to look at a Piper plane and all of its functions. One interesting fact was that the lights on a plane are used if one plane wants to follow another. They use a blue light on the right side of the plane. The lights are like blinkers.

"I love flying, but taking off is scary," confessed Tyler Gouw from Class 6P.

Continuing their study, the grade 6 class also was invited to board the light-weight aluminum flyer to learn about all of the controls including the pedals and how they turn the rudder. To increase altitude, the pilot must pull up on the steering wheel, located where a car's steering wheel would be. To decrease altitude, push down on the wheel. Empty Piper planes weigh around 1500 pounds and a loaded Piper is around 2300 pounds.

"I learned that planes are very expensive and can cost as much as \$500,000," Hunter Matisz from 6P concluded.

People hoping to fly as a pilot one day must be seventeen years or older to earn a pilot's license. Learn more about planes by visiting [www.lethbridgecountyairport.com](http://www.lethbridgecountyairport.com).

### **An Airplane Kind of Day!**

By Megan Osterman  
March 4, 2009

The 6P class of Our Lady of the Assumption School went to the Lethbridge County Airport on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. 6P students went to the airport to learn more about airplanes and to finish their air and flight unit.

"I got to learn what all the switches control and how to move the ailerons and rudder on a plane," Trevor McPhee stated.

"My instructor taught me what the different colored lights on the wings and rudder are for," Allison Hegedes explained.

"I learned the difference between a Piper and a Cessna airplane," stated Austin Row.

"I found out that the wheels on a plane have the same air pressure as a car – 35 to 40 PSI!" Katelynn Scott explained.

"It was a fun and educational trip for the students," Mr. Parr, the Grade 6 teacher said. "They learned a lot of good information on airplanes and how they work."

All the children in the class who attended the field trip had a very good time learning more about airplanes.

To learn more about airplanes, go to [www.learnairplanes.com](http://www.learnairplanes.com) or visit the Lethbridge Airport website at [www.lethbridgeairport.ca](http://www.lethbridgeairport.ca) or call them at 403-390-7839.