



From the desk of Mr. Muldoon



There is only one month to go until the summer holidays, but it is not the time to rest on our laurels. In a few short weeks our students will be sitting their final exams and Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs). In last month's message I mentioned that I would share some information with you about preparing for final exams. Before doing that, I would like to thank the parent's and staff for their efforts to ensure that the students did not take an early summer holiday. I would also like to thank the students for putting in a great effort in the first part of the finals and the PATs.

In order to be successful in your exams students should follow some simple guidelines.

- Get a good night's sleep so that you can go into the exam calm, rested and able to focus.
- Be prepared for the exam. Do not cram at the last minute. Study a little of the material each night over a longer period before the exams. This will result in less stress and help ensure that you get a good night's sleep.
- On the day of the exam, follow your usual routine. Get up at the same time, have breakfast and, if possible, glance at your notes one more time to help build your confidence.

During the exam, use all the time you have, research shows that that students who plan their time carefully and use it fully get better marks.

Student achievement is the foundation of what we do at St. Francis. However we provide a broad education for our students to help "to bring to light the best we can become." In the last month, the French as a Second Language class, along with parents and teachers, went to Quebec. Trips such as this are a wonderful way to expose the young people of Lethbridge to the different regions and cultures that make up this great country.

Our fine arts students went on a trip to Edmonton where they played concerts and visited the Edmonton Art Gallery. In both cases staff mentioned how the students were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Track and field season has just ended and as usual our athletes excelled coming third in the city meets held earlier this month.

Prayer for June:

Eternal and ever loving Father
I offer to you everything I do this day.

My work, my prayers, my play, all my thoughts, my time with family and friends, my hours of relaxation, my difficulties, problems, distresses, which I shall try to bear with patience. AMEN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE



OUTSTANDING FEES:
**FAMILIES WHO HAVE AN OUT-
STANDING ACCOUNT MUST CLEAR IT
BEFORE JUNE 5, 2009.**

2009—2010 SCHOOL YEAR
**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO MOVE AWAY AND/OR YOUR
CHILD WILL BE LEAVING OUR SCHOOL FOR THE 2009-
2010 SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE LET OUR OFFICE KNOW.
THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP US PLAN FOR THE
NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.**

Locker Cleanup

Students will be emptying their lockers June 9th, 10th and 11th. Textbooks not required for final exams must be returned to the library at that time. All library books must also be returned and locks removed from the locker. Please check the lost and found for personal belongings.

Band

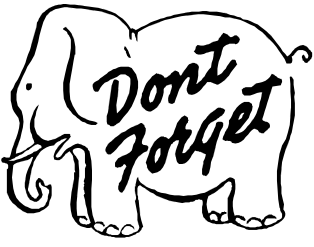
The Final Band Concert is on Wednesday, June 10 at St. Francis in the gym. All parents/guardians of Band 7, 8 and 9 classes are invited and encouraged to attend. The students are to dress in black for this performance.

Featuring Grade 7,8 and 9 band and Grade 8 choir.

Students are required to meet in the library 30 minutes prior to the concert time.



FINAL EXAM REMINDER



Students, please bring your HB pencils, pens, erasers and calculators to the Final Exam.

FINAL EXAM RULES

- Remember that students come to the school during exam week to write their exam and then leave the school, return home and prepare for the next final.
- Teachers are very busy at this time of year supervising exams and correcting them, as well as processing final report card marks and comments.
- Thank you parents for making appropriate transportation arrangements for your child.
- Also, for the final exams in June, the students will need an HB pencil because the test will have scantron answer sheets.



EXAM TIPS FOR STUDENTS



General Tips

Before you begin, find out: How much time do you have? Can you use a calculator, tables, diagrams, dictionaries, etc.?

- Ask questions if you are unsure of anything.
- Skim through the whole test before beginning.
- Read all directions carefully.
- Answer the easy questions first and then go back to the harder ones.
- Double check to make sure you have answered everything before handing in the test.

Multiple Choice Tests

- Skim through the entire test. Find out how many questions there are and plan your time accordingly.
- Do not spend too much time on any one question. Make a note beside difficult questions and go back to it if you have time.
- Read each question carefully, underline key words, and try to think of an answer before looking at the choices.
- Read all the choices and see which one best fits the answer.
- When you are not sure which answer is correct, cross out any choices that you know are wrong.
- If you don't know the right answer, guess.
- If time permits, recheck your answers.



Sometimes we use a measuring cup to measure things. If I were making some cookies, I would use a measuring cup to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk. I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over." (Psalm 23:1,5) Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, We can't use a measuring cup to measure it.

If we were building something, we might use a tape measure to measure the length, width, and height of different things. I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens. (Psalm 108:4) If God's love is higher than the heavens, we can't use a tape measure to measure it, could we?

We use a watch to measure time. could we use a watch to measure how long God's love will last? The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. (Psalm 103:17) Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, We can't measure it with a watch.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it -- we don't need to -- but we do need to experience it.

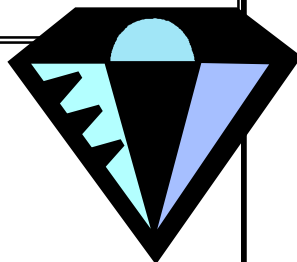
Thanks

A HUGE thank you to all parents and friends who came out to the Request dance on May 22 to lend support. It was a great success, with students enjoying dancing and games in a safe environment. - Student Council

St. Francis wins the National Award for Quality Physical Education The Canadian Association for Physical Education Recreation and Dance has acknowledged our school as an excellent role model and granted the highest level of recognition with the National Diamond Award.

St. Francis is leading the way in Physical Education of Canadian Children.

Thanks to all staff, students, parents and volunteers who helped St. Francis achieve this incredible goal!!





FINAL EXAM INFORMATION



REMEMBER: Students, please bring your HB pencil, pens, erasers, small pencil sharpener and calculators to the final exams.

June 17-24 - Final Exams *All Exams are written in the mornings (8:15– 10:15)*
Students are only required to come for the exams and should make arrangements to be picked up after the exam.

Thursday, June 25 - Athletic and Service Assembly and social activities. Students attend school this day.

Those **Grade 9** students who missed final exams must contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

Regular bus services are in place in the morning **ONLY. NO NOON BUS.**



If you kept your textbook for studying purposes, the text must be returned to the library prior to writing your exam.

ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID prior to completion of the school year.
PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE MAILED... PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE OFFICE HAS YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE YOUR REPORT CARD AND ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Final Exam Dates

Wednesday June 17 Social Studies Final

Friday June 19 English Language Arts Final

Monday June 22 French Language Arts Final

Tuesday June 23 Science Final

Wednesday June 24 Mathematics Final

Students are only required to come for Exams.

GRADE 9 FAREWELL MASS



Our Farewell mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at St. Patrick's Church. After the mass, the Grade 9 students and their parents are invited to come downstairs for a small reception. As we have done in the past, the Grade 9 Farewell Committee is asking the families of Grade 9 students to bring a food item. The following is a list of what students from each homeroom are to bring:

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| 9A - Dessert Squares (cut) or cookies | 9B - Sandwiches (¹ / ₄ size, serves 6-8) |
| 9C - Cheese (cut) and Crackers | 9D - Veggies & Dip Tray |
| 9E - Fruit Tray | 9F - Dessert Squares (cut) or cookies |

* Please have food items on DISPOSABLE plates if possible, with all food cut and ready to serve.

**Note - All items are to be brought to the lower Church Hall prior to Mass. School Council will provide the juice and coffee.

- Clothing for the evening is recommended to be that of which one might normally wear to church.
- There is limited seating at the church so we ask that each student please bring no more than four guests for the evening.
- We ask that only one program be taken per family.
- No tickets are necessary for the mass.

ATTENTION: GRADE 8 PARENTS

In previous years, the parents of Grade 8 students have volunteered to help serve the food and help with the end of the night clean up at the Farewell Reception. If you would like to help with the reception, please call Cindy Sabourin 328-2821 or Lana Haycock 380-6790

ATTENTION- Important Notice Regarding FSL At SFJHS



Please be advised that students must be enrolled in our French Second Language Program in grades 7 through 9 in order to participate in the Quebec trip in grade 9. This decision was made to better mirror the junior high FSL program within the Holy Spirit District. Thanks for your attention!



ACADEMIC AWARDS SUPPORT

Parents, we need your help! In the last few years we have lost some of our major donors for our awards. If you are interested in making a donation to our awards please contact the school.

Thank you

Comin' Alive Camp is back!!!!.....a half day camp running from August 4-7 2009, from 8:30 am - 1 pm daily. Registration forms will be available at all church entrances and through your child's schools (Assumption, St. Paul's, Ecole St. Mary's, St. Francis, CCH). Deadline for registrations is June 24, so get your child registered early to avoid their disappointment!!!!

End of Year Text Book Returns



Textbooks signed out from the Library must be returned to the Library. If your Teacher signed out your book please return it to them, unless they have made arrangements with Mrs. Chandler.

Make sure that the text you are handing in is the one that was signed out to you. If not—you will be charged replacement cost for a lost textbook. All textbooks **MUST** be returned before you write your final exam in that subject.

If you do not need the text to study, please return it on June 16th, so there is no chance that you will forget it on the day of the exam. If you have any questions please call me at the school.

Library books



All library books must be returned by June 12th. All lost books must be paid for by that date. Students will be allowed to take books out for Accelerated Reader after that date only if they have no overdue books or lost books.

Confirmation

Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors will be held on Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop F. Henry on Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church with a social to follow in the hall.

All Saints Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 7

2:00 p.m.

St. Paul School



Corpus Christi Procession

A Parish Activity for All

June 14, 2009

There will be two processions, one beginning at St. Basil's the other begins at Assumption, both ending at St. Patrick's. Details and maps will be available closer to this event.



Grade 9 Farewell

Student Council is sponsoring the annual



Grade 9 Farewell Social

at school on **Friday, June 12** starting at **6:30 pm.**

All grade 9s

are invited to attend, and there is no cost. Students

keen to be involved in

the planning should speak to the Student Council

presidents. Ideas are

always accepted as to how to make the night fun and successful.



June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Early Dismissal	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 No School	9	10	11 Grade 9 Farewell Mass 7pm	12 Grade 9 Farewell Social	13
14	15	16 Las t Day of Classes	17 Social Studies Final	18	19 English LA Final	20
21 Father's Day	22 French LA Final	23 Science Final	24 Math Final	25 Athletic and Service Assembly	26 Admin Day	27
28	29	30				