



St. Patrick Fine Arts
Elementary School

SCHOOL NEWS

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From Mrs. Baier's Desk – January, 2010

With many good wishes and hopes for the new year, we welcome 2010! The fresh slate of January is before us, and we wonder what sorts of challenges and celebrations the next twelve months will bring. St. Patrick Fine Arts has just celebrated its 50th birthday as an elementary school, and continues to flourish as a vibrant, strong Catholic community with a focus on teaching and learning through the arts. We know that the coming year will continue to challenge us to think creatively in the face of upcoming challenges; for example, the new transportation (bus) policy specifically may impact our enrollment greatly or slightly – we are unsure at this point in time. However, we are confident that with our parental support and input, as well as the support for our program from the Holy Spirit board of trustees and senior administration, we will find our way through this challenge and emerge stronger than ever.

One of the goals of the school this year has been to 'see' community – to identify opportunities for collaboration and cooperation and take action. Our teachers continue to meet weekly to address learning needs in classrooms through professional dialogue and planning. Our School Council Social Committee has done a great job of gathering the school community for events and School Council as a whole continues to be strong supporters and advocates for our school. Our fine arts clubs continue to provide creative, enriching arts experiences for our children, and, added to that fun will be the Grade 5 and 6 city basketball league. A new addition at our monthly assemblies has been the recognition of students whose everyday actions demonstrate Christian values.

We must recognize the contributions of those on whose support we so heavily rely. Our gratitude to classroom reps who organized parent volunteers for Christmas Concert, and many thanks to those volunteers. Also, thanks to the Pizza Day volunteers, and to the Hot Lunch committee for the scrumptious turkey dinner and the 50th Anniversary old-time lunch. Our appreciation to Parrish Hanelt at Sobey's for cooking and carving those turkeys.

Thanks to our business donors – especially to Tim Hortons – Dave and Siobhan Hughes for lending us their van for our costumes and props, and for digging us out with their bobcat after that huge early December storm.

And, of course, my gratitude to the staff at St. Patrick Fine Arts for the enormous amount of work and effort they so freely gave to the Christmas Encore production this year. This production requires every one of our staff members to contribute their talents and time, and the commitment evident in creating this magical event for our children and families is nothing short of amazing.

With such a giving, enthusiastic and committed learning community of children, parents, staff and parish, St. Patrick Fine Arts School has much to look forward to in this new year. Let's pray that all continue to be richly blessed in 2010.

Mrs. Baier



Important Dates

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**School starts
January 4/10**

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pel values*

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All
God's
Children

Excellence
in
Learning

Sacramentality

Our
Collaborative
Community

Ministry

Stewardship

FINE ARTS

Congratulations to students and staff for a fabulous concert at the U of L theatre! Many of us look forward to the arrival of the DVD recordings of "Christmas ENCORE" so we can replay our favourite portions of the show and share with family and friends who were unable to attend in person.

Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival will be held March 16th to 27th, 2010 and there are plans to have some limited school involvement this spring. Please be aware that you may also choose to enter your own child in the festival. There are categories such as Speech Plan II and Vocal Solos that are designated for students who do not take private music or speech lessons. The provincial syllabus and other information about this year's festival can be found on the following site: <http://kiwanislethbridge.org/musicfestival2.html> . Entry date deadline is January 8th and **late entries will not be accepted**. Entry forms are available on-line and photocopies are also available from the school office. Please call the festival office at 403-381-6512 for more information.



St. Pat's continues to offer many fine arts experiences for our students, and whether it is taking special note of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Art Shows we display at school several times each year, club activities, guest performers, student created art, and so much more, our school community is truly blessed to participate in these wonderful opportunities.

RELIGION

We are still in the Christmas Season for a while yet, and although most stores present a different approach, please consider celebrating these special days of the Christmas Season until the **Baptism of the Lord**, Sunday the 11th.

Crusaders Theme Recognitions

The theme for our Crusader program this January is "**Temperance**". Students will be focusing on showing love through temperance by encouraging others to care for their bodies, by helping them to be healthy, and by setting a good example themselves.

There is quite a bit of information and more suggestions provided in the student agenda, on how to develop this virtue and families are encouraged to spend some time researching this particular **Fruit of the Holy Spirit**.

Hope has been the theme for the month of December. The following students received their recognition at the December Crusaders assembly:

AM Kindergarten: Martin Scott, Riley Condie

PM Kindergarten: Bergen GobleLidstone, Avery Dean

1K: Kate McAdam, Madisson Whelpley

1P: Joel Mabin, Olivia Grant

2C: Ty Hubka, Ellie Jurgens

2P: Brooklyn Mantello, Brayton Lancaster

3F: Abigayil Clapton, Callie McCarthy, Nicolas Bruntjen

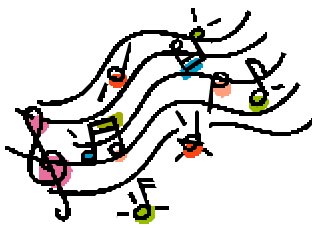
3S: Nicole Donaghy-Hughes, Cruz Campbell, Shelby Slavich

4F: Ryan Kawa, Ashton Wesley, Sawyer Moerkerk

5C: Joyce Barnett, Brooke Janzer, Harry Jurgens

6L: Kinsley Lyons, Aurnyn Barnes, Savannah Ruston





CLUBS

Div I Choir:

The performance at City Hall was well received, and Mrs. Lazzaretto was astounded that 57 children showed up to sing for the early morning radio show, in spite of the mix-up of dates! Our parents are extremely supportive and this is most evident in their willingness to assist in so many ways. We will continue to rehearse on Wednesdays in the new year and are preparing for a presentation at the Public Library, Saturday, January 30th, for the special kickoff event for Literacy Week.

Div II Choir:

We will be featured on the television show "A Public Education" on Global TV on Saturday, December 26 at 6:30. The show will be rebroadcast on Thursdays at noon and 7:00 pm on Shaw. We look forward to learning new songs in the new year.

LIBRARY NEWS

Students are asking if they can borrow books over the holidays and the answer is a big "YES!". For those quiet times and travelling, the time can pass nicely with a good book. It is a favourite time for many students to catch up on books they have been wanting to read.

There are many new titles in the collection, thanks to some substantial donations and of course purchasing through the Scholastic book fair last month. There are many best sellers, books based on movies, book on the provinces of Canada, animals in the wild, fiction for older students, and early and leveled reading. These would not yet be in the library collection without the assistance of Tanya Vanderburgh and Jayne McCarthy who so willingly lend a hand each week.

Donations this month were received from Rianna Vornbrock (again!!), Mrs. Demory, the Kawa family and Allison Mof-fat. A big thank you and wishes for a happy and holy holiday and good reading.

Grade 5 News

The Grade 5 class will be cake baking to celebrate Fete des Rois in French Class. Wendy Urquhart, the French consultant from our Board Office, will be coming to the school to help with this on Tuesday, January 19 from 10:45 to 11:45.

Mrs. Calder is looking forward to coming back to school in the new year!

Grade 5/6 Basketball

Grade 5 & 6 basketball begins in January and runs through March. The coach for the boys team is Miss Ferrari and Mr. Pariseau is the girl's coach. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable season.

Enjoy your holidays

Registration for New Students

In previous years, St. Patrick Fine Arts School has begun accepting registrations as of January 1 for new students for the fall. We will not be taking registrations in January this year because Holy Spirit School District schools will now have a common registration date for all schools in the district. The date for registering new students will be Monday, February 8, 2010. This includes kindergarten students. We look forward to seeing you at that time.



St. Patrick's 50th Anniversary Celebration

We made sculptures out of multiples of 50 items donated for the Food Bank.



The opening of our Time Capsule was a highlight of the day.

Mr. Asplund from The Prairie Tractor & Engine Society taught classes in our old-fashioned school room.



Art Shows coming to St. Patrick Fine Arts

Small Beginnings January 6-29



A Community show from Brooks and the County of Newell.

Sixty-four artists: sixty-four five-and-a-half-inch square shadow box pieces. Each piece is in some way about a beginning.

These 64 small frames are open doors and the Small Beginnings to a broader understanding of the artist community in the Books area.

Doug Haslam's Cabinet of Curiosity

Date not set but likely around January 20 for grades 5 and 6

The seventeen Albert artists featured in the Cabinet of Curiosities were approached by Doug Haslam to create an original work of art based on the them *The Strange and Wondrous in the Miniature*.

Each artist created a unique miniature work of art based on personal stories and perspectives.

Haslam then created a context for the submissions and built a cabinet with moving parts and hidden compartments to house each artist's piece.



St. Patrick Fine Arts School January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 School starts Staff meeting- Early dismissal @ 2:35	5 Boys Basketball begins	6 Girls basketball begins	7	8 Deadline for festival entries 	9
10 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	11	12 Gr 5 Fete des Rois @ 10:45	13 LAC Meeting	14 Pizza lunch sponsored by 2C	15	16
17 John 2:1-11	18	19 1P @ Galt Museum @ 10:30 Gr 6 Evidence & Investigation presentation @ 9:20	20 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 St. Martha's 1st Eucharist Meeting @ 6:30 (need only attend this meeting or the one on Saturday)	21	22	23 St. Martha's 1st Eucharist Meeting @ 9:30 (need only attend this meeting or the one on Wednesday)
24 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21	25	26 Tacky Tourist Day Crusaders As- sembly @ 8:44	27 St. Martha's Confirmation Meeting @ 6:30 (need only at- tend this meet- ing or the one on Saturday)	28 Pizza lunch sponsored by Div II choir	29	30 Div I Choir @ Lethbridge Public Library @ 12:30 St. Martha's Confirmation Meeting @ 9:30
31 Luke 4:21-30					Clubs: Div I Choir: Wednesday Div II Choir: Monday & Thursday Div I Art:: Tuesday Div II Art:: Wednesday	