



Here's a question for you – what do the 2010 Olympics, Remembrance Day and Catholic Education Sunday have in common? The common thread is all in the question....'Do You Believe?'...the question that you hear from every young Olympic hopeful at the close of each Olympic promotional TV spot. I have wondered why the need to ask such a question – of course we believe in our youth! On further thought, though – do we as Canadians really believe, or do we just sit back and throw in some armchair support? Do we believe...in the same dreams as our Olympic athletes?

The theme for Veterans Week (November 5-12) this year is 'How Will You Remember?' – not just **do** we remember, but **how**? In other words, how do we plan to honor the sacrifices made in wars dating back as far as 1914 in Europe to today's war in Afghanistan, and all the peacekeeping missions in between? How do **we** commit to peace? Do we believe...that peace for a weary world is within our grasp? Do we believe that each one of us is responsible for peace in our families, school, community?

'Catholic Schools – Good News For All', is the theme for Catholic Education Sunday – November 8. It is the Sunday reserved for celebrating the right to Catholic education in Alberta. Given that precious right, do we believe we are all responsible to nurture and support our Catholic schools? Do we believe that the values inherent in Catholic faith and education truly do bring the good news of Christ to all?

'Do you believe?' The question speaks simply and directly to each of us in our lives, too. We may not be hopeful Olympians, but we believe that each and every child has tremendous potential, talents, and gifts. Most of us will not be heading out to Afghanistan to join Canadian peacekeepers, but we believe that the courage of the armed forces can be honored here at home through a commitment to peace in our lives. And, we believe that our right to Catholic education is cause to celebrate and continue to nurture.

As we enter into the busy weeks of November, maybe it would be a good idea to reflect upon that one small question....'Do you believe?'

Mrs. Baier



Important Dates

- Nov 16 Report cards go home
- Nov 16 Phone for P/S/T interview times
- Nov 18 P/S/T Interviews
- Nov 19 P/S/T Interviews
- Nov 19 No school for ECS
- Nov 20 No school
- Nov 23 No school for students
- Nov 26 December newsletters posted online
- Nov 30 Xmas Concert ticket order forms accepted
- Dec 16 & 17 Xmas concert

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Uniting the Arts and Gospel values

Principal – Shelley Baier

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All
God's
Children

Excellence
in
Learning

Sacramentality

Our
Collaborative
Community

Ministry

Stewardship

Last School Newsletter – We are going Digital!

Our school newsletters will no longer come home in print form after the December newsletter. You can view them online at www.holyspirit.ab.ca/st.pat. You will be able to access them there at any time after they are posted. If you wish to receive your newsletters automatically by email, there is a place on the website where you can sign up to have them emailed to you as they are posted to the website. It is located on the righthand side of the home page. As well, our website is the place to check when you have questions regarding school activities. You can access it any time of day or night from home, from work, from anywhere that there is a computer! The interactive events calendar on the site has details regarding times and days for all activities. If you click on any day where events occur, a detailed description of the event will pop up. The website is always up to date. We encourage you to visit the website and try out the various features there. Please add it to your favourites.

www.holyspirit.ab.ca/st.pat



Welcome to our Professional Semester 1 Students

We are very pleased to welcome two PS1 students from the U of L. Katie Grant will be working with Mr. Flaig in Grade 4 and Thea Costello is in Miss Ferrari's Grade 3 room. We know that their time at St. Pat's will be a real learning experience for them (especially with Christmas concert coming up.) We hope that they will have a great experience here.

Kindergarten Teddy Bears

The kindergarten classes will be sewing their teddy bears at school on Tuesday, November 3rd in the library. The morning class will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the afternoon class will begin at 1:00 p.m. The students will be assisted by their Grade Three reading buddies. However, parent volunteers are welcome to assist with threading needles, gluing and sewing. Please let Mrs. Forrest know if you are available to assist on this day.

We will have our Teddy Bear Picnic at school on Tuesday, November 24th from 6:15 to 7:30 pm in the gymnasium. More details will be forthcoming.

PAT Results

Results for Saint Pat's PATs can be viewed on our website:

www.holyspirit.ab.ca/st.pat

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held the evenings of Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19. For kindergarten students only, Mrs. Forrest will also conduct interviews during the daytime on Thursday, November 19. Consequently, there will be no kindergarten classes on November 19. There will be no classes for any students on Friday, November 20 as the school will be closed in lieu of interviews. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, November 16. This is also the day that parents may begin phoning to set up interview times.



Students with allergies:

Please note that students with food allergies should not purchase food at the canteen as we cannot guarantee that the food is safe for them to eat. This also applies to food sold at bake sales at school. Please discuss this with your child.

INTRAMURALS / FOOD BANK

To enhance the 50th Anniversary celebrations at the school, on Tuesday, November 17, come dressed in Decade Theme Wear. Choose a decade and dress accordingly. You could come dressed as a pioneer, a greaser (50s), a hippie (60s), an 80's rocker or a yuppie – the list is endless. If you come dressed in theme wear, you will earn points for your team and a chance to win the team pizza party at the end of the year.

During the month of November, we will be collecting non perishable food items for the Lethbridge Food Bank. Each team is challenged to bring 50 items. Please send in food items beginning November 2. We will continue to collect for the entire month. The food will be displayed in our entrance hallway according to the intramural teams. On Friday, November 27, the teams will meet and create a sculpture with the food that they brought. Check out <http://www.canstruction.com/> to see what has been created from non perishable food.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catholic Education will be recognized on Sunday, November 8th at all local parish masses. Having the right to a Catholic Education in the province of Alberta is something we all value and need to treasure even more as extra challenges are imposed on the education system in this province.

Members from the Gideon society visit our school on the morning of November 4th and will present each grade four student with a personal copy of the New Testament. This book also contains the Psalms and Proverbs and is distributed to students with Bishop Henry's approval. Many students express great delight in receiving the printed Gospels and are encouraged to read them often.

A Student Retreat will be held in conjunction with the school's 50th Anniversary, on the morning of November 26th. Students will be exposed to a few experiences that Catholic students may have experienced four or five decades ago. School council is even supplying a 'retro' lunch as part of the festivities. Be on the alert for notices outlining other specifics for this special retreat experience.

At the last Crusaders assembly, we recognized a couple of students from each class who demonstrated 'courage' in their faith by doing what is right even if it is not easy. Those acknowledged receive a special bookmark and a canteen certificate for a peanut free treat. The recipients include Talia P., Madison H., Kaelan S., Tanner P., Anna N., Isaac G., Christen F., Allison M., Jocelyn M., Hunter W., Jenna D., Chloe D., Corrigan G., Zachery N., Lauren E., Jayde F., Jordyn M., Lauren M., Shylo M., Faith R., Amanda F., Estefani H., Seth R., Kendra C., Addy G., Kiara M., Jared B. and Andrew S.

WISDOM is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and during the month of November, students are encouraged to put their faith in action by learning more about the gift of wisdom, and using it for themselves and everyone else around them.

FINE ARTS

Drama I and Dance II wrap up the first block of fine arts clubs at the end of this month, however, both choirs continue during Block II. Students will soon have the privilege of participating in Art Clubs during the second block. Once again, we thank and commend staff who offer so much of themselves for these extra fine arts activities.

Next time you are in the school, please take some time to enjoy our newest display from the Alberta Foundation of the Arts Travelling Exhibition "Built to Last". This is just one more example of how your children get to 'taste' a bit more of the arts in their lives while attending St. Pat's.

A big heads up for the **Christmas Concert** which will be held on **Wednesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 17th** at the University of Lethbridge Theatre, with the dress rehearsal being the afternoon of December 16th. This presentation is a very special highlight of the year for students, staff and parents alike! If you know in advance that your child may not be able to attend all the performances, please inform the teacher at P/S/T interview time. You will be able to purchase tickets beginning Monday, November 30. A note with details and an order form will come home approximately the middle of November.

CLUBS

Div I Drama: The division one drama club completed its last session on October 22, 2009. It was a great experience for the children as they worked on the various aspects of drama. We look forward to seeing some of their new drama techniques being infused into different performances throughout the year.

Div I Choir: Choir rehearsals continue every Wednesday at noon. Mrs. Lazzaretto commends the young children for their dedication and enthusiasm, and is also most appreciative for parents who are able to assist at some of the rehearsals. We are currently preparing for the '*Breakfast with Santa*' event at the Regional Hospital on Saturday the 14th, a delightful experience for all members of the family!

Div II Choir: We continue to rehearse every Monday and Thursday. We are preparing many pieces for Christmas. Please stay tuned regarding upcoming performances.

Running Club: Many thanks to Tanya Vanderburgh and Cathy Metzler who came out faithfully and helped the Running Club. They had good ideas and were very encouraging. The students enjoyed their enthusiasm and ran that much better for it. Thanks also to Miss Kennedy, who did a lot of laps with the students. The Running Club has shut down for the winter, unless we get some unseasonably warm weather, and we will start up in the spring. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to be active throughout the winter. Winter sports are lots of fun.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair. Yahoo!! This month the library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during the parent-teacher-student interviews. At the last book fair we sold almost \$1,800 of books which translated into \$900.00 worth of books for the library. Our goal this year is to see if we can hit the \$2,000 mark. With budgets even tighter this year, this presents a big boost to purchasing for the library.

It is the perfect time to pick up books for your children as well as helping out the library with building the collection. There is always a wide selection of books available for all reading levels and a variety of interests. Fiction, non-fiction, levelled reading, as well as some teen and adult books are available. Think of Christmas shopping for the whole family. A flyer will be going home just prior to the fair that will highlight just some of the books available.

Thanks go this month to the following for their donations to the library: Addysen Green, Ty Sarazin, Mackenzie Putland, Natalie Garcia. Madison Hanelt and Lauren Erler. You make a difference.

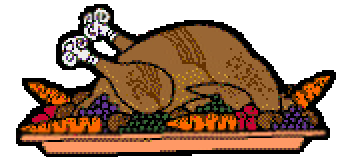
Important Information Regarding the Annual Hot Turkey Lunch

The air is cooling and it will soon be that time of year again when we anxiously prepare for the Christmas season, and with that our annual Hot Turkey Lunch. This year, we are planning to enjoy the feast on December 15th which will lead nicely into the Christmas Concert Performances scheduled the following two evenings. Regrettably, this will be the first year that we will be unable to accommodate the student's families for the Hot Turkey Lunch. As the student population continues to grow, there just simply is not enough seating capacity to safely accommodate our families. Thus, this year the Hot Turkey Lunch will be reserved for all students, staff and those parents who volunteer their time that day.

Like every year, we will be depending on your donation, either a monetary or a food donation, to ensure the success of this meal. We will be sending out a form at a later date with the specifics of what we will require. We would appreciate your support in helping to continue this tradition for our students.

Wreath Delivery

The Christmas wreaths will be delivered sometime in the last two weeks of November. We will send notes home as soon as we have a confirmed date for you to pick them up.



Parish News

St. Martha's Parish

Grade 3 Reconciliation Meetings at St. Martha's:

Meeting #3 Parents & Candidates
Wed., Nov 4 @ 6:30-8:00 pm **or**
Sat., Nov 7 @ 9:30-11:00 am

Meeting #4 Parents & Candidates
Wed., Nov 25 @ 6:30-8:00 pm **or**
Sat., Nov 28 @ 9:30-11:00 am

St. Peter & Paul Parish

1st Holy Communion Preparation

We are once again preparing to offer our Ukrainian Greek Catholic 1st Communion preparation program – “**We Are Children of Light.**” The program introduces children to the holy mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist and Repentance (Confession).

The program also introduces the Divine Liturgy to children. Once children have completed the program they are ready to celebrate their 1st Confession and their 1st Holy Communion. Please contact Fr Gary at St. Peter & Paul Parish in Lethbridge, 403-330-6969, for further details.

All Saints Parish

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Children is a process for children of catechetical age (i.e. aged 7 years or older) who **have not** been baptized. RCIA (Adapted) prepares children (and families) for sacramental initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and, where appropriate, Confirmation). You can register at the parish office or at a Tuesday evening session. RCIA (Adapted) sessions are held weekly on **Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the Upper Meeting Room at Assumption Church. For more info contact Gary Hudak at 403-327-8931.

First Reconciliation Child-Parent Workshop #3 is this Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's hall. Parents and their children are expected to participate in all 3 parish workshops.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation is Thursday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's Church.

Book of Remembrance - Please write the names of your deceased family & friends in the Book of Remembrance so we can pray for them throughout November.

2009/10 School Council

Chairperson	Jayne McCarthy
Vice Chairperson	Carrie DeMaere
Treasurer	Linda Lindsay, Tracy Roemmele
Secretary	Stephanie Gokarn
Hot lunch	Shelley Thom, Angie Dower, Jayne McCarthy, Jennifer Babits, Stephanie Gokarn, Tracey Roemmele
Social	Linda Lindsay, Suzy/Neil Green, Jayne McCarthy, Carrie DeMaere, Laurie Mitchell, Cynthia Helm, Jennifer Babits, Rebecca Sullivan, Wayne & Lisa Bosch, Michele Mear, Sheila Weger
Gifts	Cathy Metzler, Harolyn Grant
Fundraising	Shelley Thom, Sheila Weger
Principal	Shelley Baier
Room reps:	

ECS AM

Cathy Metzler
Carolyn Scott

ECS PM

Nicole Daminato

Grade 1K

Brenda/JP Sutherland
Lynn Uytterhagen
Linda Adrian
Tricia Sande
Wendy McAdam
Tammy Pickles
Pat Smith-Putland
Mike Medhurst
Patti Kroker

Grade 1P

Chantal Obara
Kathy Clapton
Harolyn Grant
Cynthia Helm
Jennifer Babits
Danielle Hillock
Lisa Gerla
Wayne/Lisa Bosch
Michelle Borbely
Verna Mabin

Grade 2C

Dollie Mustard
Penni Wilson
Stephanie Gokarn
Shoba George
Darlene Ponjavic-Vornbrock

Grade 2P

Judy Koshuta
Carrie DeMaere
Teresa Ryan
Rebecca Sullivan

Grade 3F

Angie Dower
Joanne Floer
Jayne McCarthy
Brenda & JP Sutherland
Kathy Clapton
Greg Deak

Grade 3S

Chantal Obara
Cathy Metzler
Sheila Weger
Linda Adrian
Tamara Nelson
Richelle Gross
Linda Lindsay

Grade 4F

Judy Koshuta
Cathy Drain
Kathy Nicolacopoulos
Sandi Dixon
Helen Monteith
Stephanie Gokarn
Teresa Ryan
Tamara Nelson
Glenda Keohane

Grade 4R

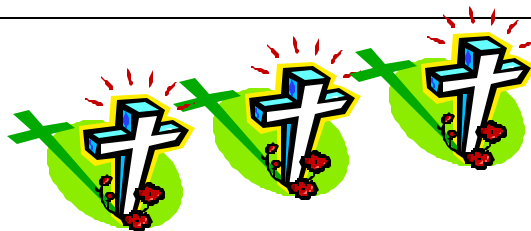
Dollie Mustard
Chantal Obara
Carrie DeMaere
Sue Deak

Grade 5

Shelley Thom
Suzy & Neil Green
Michele Mear

Grade 6

Penni/Pat Wilson
Cheryl Sarazin



Holy Spirit School Division News

“Telling Our Story” - Through the Eyes of Our Parents/Guardians

The division is looking for “stories” from our parents/guardians about the good work that takes place in our schools. You can go online to “Featured Survey” on the division website (<http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca>) or provide a paper copy to your school principal answering any or all of the questions below:

1. What do you love about your child's school?
2. Describe a time where a staff member at the school went “above and beyond” to help your child to learn a new skill, or try something different?
3. How is Catholic Education making a difference in your child's life?
4. How has current assessment practice inspired your child to want to learn more?
5. How is your child's school meeting the needs of your "21st Century" child?

Your responses, which can apply to either this year or the last school year, may be used in the annual “Telling Our Story” brochure that the Lethbridge Herald will be helping us publish this coming January 2010. Please record your name and the name of your child's school on your response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anisha Gatner at (403) 327-9555.

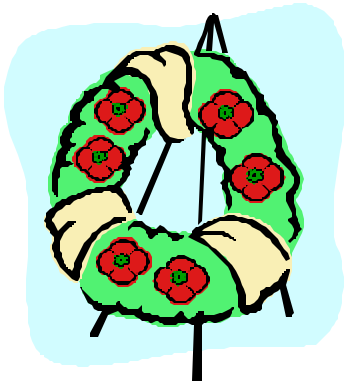
Thank you in advance for your responses, and your continued support of the Holy Spirit School Division.

NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF RELIGIOUS PERMEATION

The *Alberta Human Rights Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, institutional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.

All of the schools in this district are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises.

Every course of study and educational program, all institutional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.



Lest We Forget

Transportation Update

Thank you to all parents who filled out the Holy Spirit Transportation Survey. The H.S. Board of Trustees has asked for school administration and central office to review the information. The issue is to be addressed at the October 28 Board Meeting.

H1N1 Update

Please check our website for the latest update.

St. Patrick Fine Arts School November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Matthew 5:1-12a All Saints Day	2 Staff Meeting Early dismissal @ 2:35 All Souls Day	3 Kindergarten Teddy Bear sewing	4 Gideon bible presentation to Grade 4s @ 10:45	5	6	7
8 Mark 12: 38-44 Catholic Education Sunday	9	10 Remembrance Day celebration @ 11:13 School Council 7:00	11 Remembrance Day School Closed	12 Kindergarten classes to Green Acres Animal Hospital	13	14 Div I Choir @ Breakfast with Santa @ LRH @ 9:00
15 Mark 13: 24-32	16 Report cards come home Begin alling the office to arrange for interview times	17 Decade Theme Wear Crusaders Assembly @ 9:52	18 Pizza lunch by Gr 6 P/S/T interviews 4:30—8:00	19 1st block of Fine Arts Clubs finish (except for choirs) No school for ECS P/S/T Interviews	20 No school in lieu of interviews	21
22 John 18: 33b-37 Feast of Christ the King	23 PD Day No school for students	24 Div I Art club starts Kindergarten Teddy Bear picnic @ 6:15 Gr 5 & 6 FSL classes make taffy to celebrate La Sainte Catherine	25 Div II Art club starts	26 Student Retreat AM Fr. Fernando blesses our new classrooms 50th Anniversary Celebration PM Hot lunch	27 Food bank sculpture building @ 8-44 am	28
29 Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 1st Sunday in Advent St. Patrick School participates in 11:00 mass @ St. Martha's	30 Christmas concert ticket order forms will be accepted at the office beginning today.	Dec 1 Advent Celebration by 1P & 4R @ 12:45				Clubs starting Nov 24: Div I Choir: Wednesday Div II Choir: Monday & Thursday Div I Art: Tuesday Div II Art: Wednesday

