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SCHOOL NEWS

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JUNE 2009

## *Principal's Message*

Summer time has traditionally been a time of travel and sightseeing. It is a time to reflect and to renew ourselves in so many ways. I have heard so many people say it is “so good to sit on the deck and relax in the evening”

It prompted thought for me. When we travel and see new sights we are excited and full of enthusiasm, but why??

I think it is because we have a home to return to!!! Can you imagine not having a home? How would we answer the question, “How was your trip?”

Travelling is joyful only when we travel with the eyes and ears of our loved ones. These are the people we would share our stories with, who want to see our photographs and hear our stories.

This is what life is about. It is being sent on a trip by a loving God, who is waiting at home for our return and wants to hear all about our trip. When we travel, we travel with the eyes and ears of God who sent us.... And we will be happy to return home!!

**JUNE 1 – Early Dismissal**

**JUNE 12 – P. D. DAY – No School for Students**

**JUNE 25 – Last Day of School**

## Did you know . . .

When you sign up on line for the newsletter you will also receive important bulletins throughout the month. Eg: A bulletin was sent out when the track and field day was cancelled on May 8.

Visit our website [www.flvt.ca](http://www.flvt.ca)

RESPECT

BALANCE

FAITH

GROWTH

SUPPORT

## GRADE CONFIGURATIONS FOR 2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

At this time we are trying to confirm the details on grades for next school year. The budget has not yet been finalized and this will have an impact on configurations. As soon as we can, we will communicate this to the school community; possibly, even at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> School Council meeting.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

When your child is absent from school, it is important that a parent or guardian call the school in the morning to inform the office of this absence. When this is not done, a large portion of the day is spent calling parents to confirm these absences. Unfortunately, this results in calls not being made in a timely fashion. Our concern is for the safety of the children. Please help us make sure all students are accounted for by calling in early. A message may be left on our answering machine if you are calling before 8 a.m. or you can send an email to [ponomarw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:ponomarw@holyspirit.ab.ca) at anytime. If you know ahead of time your child/children will be away, you can inform the office beforehand.

***Thank you for your help.***

*Please note: If you are letting the teacher know of any absences, please also inform the office.*

## REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009

Registration forms for the 2009-2010 year were sent out to everyone in Kindergarten to Grade 8 a few weeks ago. **If you still have the registration form at home, please complete it and send it in to the office as soon as possible.** We require these to fulfill our legal mandate from Alberta Education. If your child is not returning to this school in September, please notify the office. There are extra registration forms available in the office if you have misplaced yours.

## CANTEEN

**June 1** – Pizza bagels special \$1.75 for half - \$3.50 for whole bagel. (NO PIZZA ORDERS THIS MONTH).

**June 1 – June 19** – regular lunch items only for sale.

**June 18** – Taco in a bag special. \$3.50

**June 19** – Last day canteen will be open.

## It's a BLAST PROGRAM

The “before school” Blast program will run if they receive 6 full time students for next year from our school. Sign up will take place June 9 at their office, 1010 – 4 Ave. South. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Call 403-320-3988 for more information.

## LIBRARY NOTES

I can't believe it is the end of May already! Now the job begins of getting all the books back and ready for the fall.



All library books need to be returned to the library by Thursday June 11. There will be fine notices coming home in the next couple of weeks for those students who either have not returned books on time or have lost books. Please check with your students to see if they have any of these notices to clear up before the end of the school year.

For Jr. High students, each textbook is to be brought with them to the final exam for that subject. For example, when they come to write their math exam, they bring their math textbook with them. However, if the student is exempt from any exams, they can return their textbook as soon as classes are finished, so that I can get a head start on the textbooks. Please remember that the students are responsible for the condition of their textbooks. Notes were made at the beginning of the year as to their texts' condition. If there is damage or loss, then they will be charged for repairs or replacement; which will be assessed on an individual basis. I am very pleased to say that in the last 2 years damage to textbooks has been minimal, especially in comparison to years past. I would like to thank the students for taking good care of their texts, and I anticipate they will be returned in very good condition again this year. Most textbooks cost between \$50-70 each, and need to last for many years, and any damage to them greatly decreases their usability over time.

Again, I would like to give another round of applause for those volunteers who assisted me in the library this year. Your help, whether it was on a weekly basis, helping with book fairs, or a few hours here and there whenever you were available, was greatly appreciated! Also, many thanks again to all of my community service students, and other students who gave of their time to keep the library running smoothly. I couldn't keep up if it weren't for your assistance! Another thanks to all who purchased books from Scholastic Book Orders and Book Fairs throughout the year. Your continued support helps us to keep current with new library materials.

## ARTCETERA

**JUNE 4, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

Come out and help us celebrate fine arts at FLVT. The evening will include drama, musical selections, a Junior High Art Show, and refreshments. We look forward to sharing some 'family time' with you and showing off your child's talent.

*Fine Arts Staff*



# JR. HIGH

## *Final Exams....*

All Junior High Students write their exams in the gym beginning at 9:00 a.m. Grade 7 and 8s will write subject finals and Grade 9s write the Provincial Achievement Tests. Students are given 2 hours to complete the test.

***Course textbooks are to be returned on the day of the subject exam.***

**June 17 ... Gr. 9 Social Studies PAT**

**June 18 ... last full day of classes for Jr. High**

**June 19 ... A.M. Language Arts ( Part B)  
P.M. – Tutorial for Gr. 7, 8  
(Social) & 9 (Science)**

**June 22 ... A.M. - Grade 7 & 8 Social exam  
P.M. – Tutorial for Gr. 7, 8 & 9  
Science**

**June 23 ... A.M. - Science  
P.M. – Tutorial for Gr. 7, 8 & 9  
Math**

**June 24 ... A.M. - Mathematics  
P.M. – Teachers available for  
Post exam discussion**

**All p.m. session will be held in the home ec room (14) starting at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your materials needed to review the days' subject matter.**

**Buses will run as usual.**

***REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED OUT IN JULY***

## MATH NOTES



We are nearing the end of the school year, and a few Junior High students have been coming to Math class without calculators. It is very important for every student to have a good working calculator, preferably a scientific calculator. When it comes time for Final Exams and PATs, students must have their own calculators, as we do not have enough extras to lend out. Please check that your child has a working calculator!

## ACHIEVEMENT TEST PRACTICE GRADES 3, 6, & 9

Students who have Internet access at home, and who wish to practice Achievement Test type questions are invited to go to [www.exambank.com](http://www.exambank.com) Our school user name is "hs.leonard", and our password is "wheat." This website offers practice exams and immediate feedback.

# GRADE 9 FAREWELL



The Grade 9 farewell will take place at St. Martha's Parish on Friday, June 12. The mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

The time is drawing near to celebrate Farewell 2009. This year Parent Council along with the Farewell Committee have been selling tickets for beef on a bun, salads, desserts and refreshments that will be served at the school after the June 12<sup>th</sup> Farewell Mass. Ticket prices are **\$3 per person.** Order forms were sent home with the Grade 9 classes. There will be a **limited** number of tickets for sale at the door. Please note that *each person attending* in your family will need their own ticket. Please return your child's ticket order form along with your payment (cheques made payable to FLVT) to your homeroom teacher no later than **MONDAY JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>**. No late order forms will be accepted, as final numbers will be needed at that time.

***NOTE: THESE TICKETS ARE FOR THE REFRESHMENTS ONLY – FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE DANCE AND OTHER FESTIVITIES FREE OF CHARGE.***

The Grade 9 farewell will take place at St. Martha's Parish on Friday, June 12. The mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 11** - Rehearsal (students will be bussed to and from the church in the morning)

**Friday, June 12**

**6:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Martha's Church  
Celebrant: Father Fernando**

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(After the Mass there will be a presentation to the students by School Council.)

**7:00 p.m. Refreshments** at Father Leonard Van Tighem (lunch room for Grade 9 students and families.)

**7 :00 – 10:00 p.m. Dance** for ALL F.L.V.T. Junior High students.

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## ELEMENTARY

### *Elementary Swimming Party... Tuesday, June 24*

Elementary swim day is scheduled for June 24.

**Grades 1 - 3** will be using parent drivers to head to the Max Bell Swimming Pool from 10:00- 12:00.

**Grades 4 – 6** will then have their swim time from 12:45 – 2:45.

Please look for more detailed information and field trip permission forms from your child's homeroom teacher in the upcoming weeks.



## ***Elementary Sports Day Thursday, June 11***

Sports Day for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be held Thursday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

This year, parents of students from Grades 4-6, will be contacted by their Room Reps, and asked to participate in organizing and helping with lunch provided the day of. This lunch is supported by Parent Council and has always provided a great way to end the morning activities.

Please contact your Room Rep if you are interested in helping, or if you have any options for food donations for the day: ie: hotdogs, buns, condiments, juices, freezies, chips, etc.

If there should be inclement weather, the sports day will be postponed to Monday, June 15; however we will go ahead with the lunch for students on June 11.

## ***GRADE 3 AND 6 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS***

**June 16** – Grade 3 Language Arts (Part B)

**June 17** – Grade 6 Language Arts (Part B)

**June 18** – Grade 3 & 6 Math

**June 19** – Grade 6 Social

**June 22** – Grade 6 Science

## ***ELEMENTARY - LAST DAY OF CLASSES – JUNE 25***

Our final day for Elementary students is Tuesday, June 25. Students will receive their report cards that morning and will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

## ***KINDERGARTEN***

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Sports Day* – AM & PM come at their regular times

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Year End Mass @ St. Martha's Church.* All AM /PM ECS students are to meet at the church no earlier than 8:40. We will be bussed back to school for 12:00 noon pick-up.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Mrs. Campmans class will have their Father's Day extravaganza at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Jetten's class will have their Fathers Day Event at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Going to the spray park. Dress appropriately.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Last day of Kindergarten*

## ***PRE-K***

The last week of Pre-K will be June 15 – 19.

## ***SHARE THE MISSION AWARD 2008/2009***

Nominations are now welcome for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's "Share the Mission Award." This award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community, dedicated to providing each student entrusted in our care with an education rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society, our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

*Our Catholic faith is the foundation of all that we do.*

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the "Share the Mission Award," please forward their name to Central Office by June 15, 2009. Nomination information is accessible on the division's website at: <http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=148>.

## ***FINAL MASS THURSDAY, JUNE 19***

**Y**ear-end Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. at St. Martha's Church. Bus students will be dropped off at the church. All other students must make their own way to the church and should arrive between 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. After the Mass, ***Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will be bussed back to the school for the remainder of the day.*** Junior High students will continue with year-end activities according to the schedule below:

**Grade 9's** – After the Mass, the Grade 9's will stay and be treated to a breakfast by St. Martha's Council of the Knights of Columbus. They will then be bussed back to the school for some year-end activities (Storm the Wall.) ***They will be dismissed for the day at approximately 1:00. No busses home.***

**Grade 7 & 8's** – After the Mass, the Grade 7 & 8's will be bussed back to the school for year end activities.

## HOW WOULD YOU GRADE YOUR SCHOOL WORK THIS YEAR?

The end of the year is drawing closer. Soon, your child will be bringing home her final report card. Perhaps it's time to take a few minutes to grade your own school behavior.

Kids learn best when schools and families work as a team. Did you do your share? Answer yes or no to each question below to find out:

1. Did you attend at least one parent-teacher conference this year?
2. Did you stay in touch with your child's teacher? Did you let her know if there were issues or concerns that might affect your child in school?
3. Did you help your child be responsible? Did you have a regular time for homework?
4. Did you talk about school with your child at home?
5. Did you encourage your child to do her best and try her hardest?

### **How did you score?**

Give yourself an A for each yes answer. If you didn't earn straight A's, that's okay. Set some goals for next school year.

### **PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**

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## **ST. MARTHA'S PARISH**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**When:** Saturday, June 13  
5:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Martha's Parish

**Reminder:** - If you are bringing baking, please place it on the table in the gathering area. All candidates and their sponsors are to be at the church **15 minutes** prior to the beginning of mass.

## **STORM THE WALL!!**



Again we have our BIG WALL up in the gathering space. We are looking forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Storm the Wall activity to take place on **Wednesday, June 10.**

This year the Grade 6, 7, 8 & 9 classes are invited and encouraged to take part in this event. Storm the Wall is a 5-person team relay or individual event. Including a 1.5km run, 400m sprint, 100m hill climb, 200m sprint and a 2.0km cycle, after which the whole team "storms" the 10' wall. This event will start at approximately 11:00 a.m. Ask your son or daughter for more information on this event or check out our web site ([www.flvt.ca](http://www.flvt.ca)) Parents are welcome to come join the fun and even put in their own team on this morning, 11:00 to approximately 1:00 on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Burgers will be available for a small fee. Students will be advised of the price when the details are available. Advance ticket purchase will be required. Tickets will be on sale June 9 – 16 during the lunch hour.

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

### **COMPUTER CAMP**

Learn to take a computer apart, put it back together and . . . take the computer home.  
This camp is for ages 10 – 15. Course fee is \$85.00 and space is limited. Register at Lethbridge Community Network - 317-7799.

### **SUMMER DANCE FUSION CAMPS**

A few day of dancing fun! Learning modern, jazz, and hip hop technique, steps, and movements. Exploring creativity and creation through movement, and learn a combination of movements to all the top hits!



Youth (8-12) M-F, July 13– 17, 8:30am to 12:00pm  
August 17 – 21, 8:30am to 12:00pm  
Teen (13-17) M-F, July 13 – 17, 1:00 to 4:30pm  
August 17 – 21, 1:00 to 4:30pm

Please contact the Registrar's Office @ 403-320-3323 to Register

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT LETHBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY, KIDS CORNER – READY, SET, READ!**

The Lethbridge Public Library's **Ready, Set, Read!** program provides your child with the opportunity to continue reading throughout the summer months. Ready, Set, Read! gives Readers, students who have attended Kindergarten through Grade 3, the opportunity to read with a Volunteer student Grade 4 to Grade 12.

This fun and informal program is one hour in length, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday. The Reader and Volunteer share 40 minutes of reading time, with the last 20 minutes spent in a fun group activity.

We are looking for enthusiastic Readers and energetic Volunteers for **Ready, Set, Read!** which begins Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and runs until Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Volunteers must attend a one hour training session. Volunteer registration deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup>. Readers are welcome to register throughout the summer. Registrations for Readers may be limited.

If you are interested in Ready, Set, Read! please call 403-320-4278 for more information and to register.

**\*\*Ready, Set, Read! is not suitable for children with learning and/or reading difficulties. All participants must be mature enough to attend the Program without adult accompaniment\*\***

## **DRAMA CAMP**

### **K – Grade 3**

July 6 – 10 – Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Fee \$125)

### **Grades 4 – 7**

July 6 – 10 – Monday to Friday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Fee \$125)

### **Grades 6 – High School**

July 13 – 17 – Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (one hour lunch break from 12:00 – 1:00)

(Fee \$220 plus \$10 lunch supervision fee if applicable)

To register or for more information regarding the Soaring Butterfly Theatre Summer Drama Camps, contact Lisa Van Osch at 403-929-0008 or visit the website at [www.soaringbutterflytheatre.com](http://www.soaringbutterflytheatre.com)  
More information available in the office.

## **Kids Love to Cook? Why not join Young Chefs?**



**What?** Kids have fun making simple and healthy snacks and meals while learning about cooking, baking, nutrition, and food safety. This program is **FREE**. All the food is provided and participants take home what they make.

**Who?** Kids aged 11 - 13.

**Where?** The Interfaith Chinook Country Kitchen. 1116 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Lethbridge.

**When?** Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Classes start July 7<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks.

**How?** Call 320-8138 to register or for more information.

\*Spaces are filled on a first come first serve basis so call early to ensure your spot!



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## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

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### ***LAST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE YEAR WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3.***


*This is a special meeting for parent council to have input into our school budget for next school year. As always, anyone is welcome to attend.*

School Council is looking for **volunteers for Sports Day held on June 11th**. Please contact Julie Sanderson @ [juliesan@telus.net](mailto:juliesan@telus.net) or Maureen Gaehring @ [bmtj@telus.net](mailto:bmtj@telus.net) if you can volunteer.

The Auction Committee and The Parent Council would like to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the donators, volunteers and participants that helped make the FLVT AUCTION a huge success!!



# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Early Dismissal 2:30 pm  1T Gymn.  <i>Pizza Bagels</i>	2	3 School Council Mtg. 7 p.m.  Gr. 5 gymnastics	4 Heritage Day  Artcetera Evening 7 p.m.   Gr. 5 gymnastics	5 2C Gymn-am 1B Gymn-pm	6
7	8	9	10 Closing Mass 9 am @ St. Martha Church  Storm the Wall  J. H. Spirit Assembly 2-3:30	11 Elementary Sports Day   All Library books due  Farewell rehearsal	12 PD Day <b>No School</b> For students  Grade 9 Farewell 6 p.m.. Church 7 p.m. Dance	13
14	15 Alternate Elem. Sports Day	16 <b>3 LA Part B</b>	17 <b>9 Social 6 LA Part B</b> Galt Museum 1B - a.m.  Full day for Jr. High	18 <b>3 Math B 6 Math B</b> Q4 end  Last full day for J. H.  <i>Taco in a bag</i>	19 <b>9 LA B 6 Social</b> Last Pre-K day Galt Museum 1T - p.m. Kindergarten Father's Day events Gr. 7/8 Social Tutorial Gr. 9 Science Tutorial <i>Last day for canteen</i>	20
21 <b>National Aboriginal Day</b>  <b>Father's Day</b>  	22 <b>6 Science 7 &amp; 8 Social</b>  Science Tutorial for Jr. High	23 <b>9 Science</b>  Math Tutorial for Jr. High  Gr. 2 & 2/3 Devil's Coulee	24 <b>9 Math</b> Last day for Kindergarten  Elementary Swimming  	25 <b>Last Day</b> of school for Elementary students  <b>11:00 a.m. dismissal</b>	26 Admin. Day For staff	27
28	29	30	<b><i>School resumes August 31st</i></b>			