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June 2010 Newsletter

Message from the Administration

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On May 13, the staff of Our Lady of Victories celebrated our awesome parents with a luncheon. As some of you were not able to attend, we wish to share our gratefulness with you for all that you have done over the year. Here is our year in review.

September seems like only yesterday as the year certainly has passed quickly. From our School opening celebration to school photos to the very fun family dance and silent auction, it was very busy.

October began with a fantastic READ –IN week which was organized by Mrs. Theroux and run so smoothly by our fantastic parents, not to mention the awesome book fair. Students were involved with skating and the CAPHER and Terry Fox runs. We celebrated the OLOV Feast day and Thanksgiving at St. John's Church. This month ended with a very entertaining Halloween parade.

November was a time to raise monies for Kid's Care Challenge. Once again your children did a fantastic job.

December had us collecting mittens on our Mitten Tree which were then donated. The highlight of this month was the Christmas Concert. Thanks to terrific direction of Mrs. Kneller and Mrs. Mooney, the children sang and acted like pros! The choir enjoyed going to the Meadowlark Senior's home to sing for them. Thanks Mrs. Cuffe for being their piano accompanist.

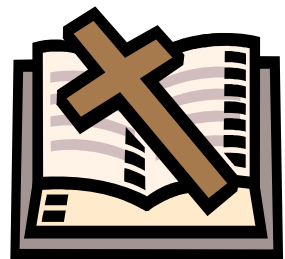
January had our Academic Support classroom visiting and helping the Hope Mission. Students also enjoyed skiing this month at Rabbit Hill as well as riding the stationary bikes in order to collect energy to run the standing lamp in the Academic Support classroom.

This month also allowed our students to be very creative under the direction of our Artist in Residence leader, Eva Colmers.

February was also a very busy month. Our very successful Open House occurred. Children were involved with raising monies for Haiti with a hot dog sale. Our religious education residency occurred this month also. Pancakes were enjoyed by all for Mardi Gras.

March brought our runners to the Journal Games. How exciting that was! Students enjoyed our Alberta Opera presentation entitled "Hansel and Gretel". The grade ones and Language and Learning students led us in a very meaningful "Stations of the Cross" in tableau format.

April had our Junior Kindergarten students learning some fantastic dance moves under the direction of Gail Hay. All the school went to Annunciation Church for our Easter celebration.



May had the staff very spoiled with the wonderful staff appreciation that you had for us all week. It was greatly appreciated! Thanks also to Mr. Kootenay and Mr. Alexis who assisted Mrs. Stewart in organizing our Aboriginal day.






June is coming upon us. The grades sixes are very excited to be going to Camp Warwa. We will honor them with a Pot luck dinner early this month. Grades 3 and 4 are looking forward to swimming lessons and we are all looking forward to our annual Talent show! June also bring Provincial Achievement tests!

Beyond the above mentioned items, we sincerely thank our parents for all their support. Funds given to us from your fundraising and casino dollars allowed us to purchase SMART boards and install them, library books, printer, document camera, field trips, skating, swimming and skiing lessons, and many other items. THANK YOU!!
Finally June is a time to say goodbye to students and staff where new journeys begin.

Marilyn Landreville (Principal)

Pat Bounds(Asst. Principal)

AT A GLANCE JUNE 2010

DATE	Explanation and time	REASON
Tues. June 1	School Band from Campbell River Grade 2 and 4 F.T. to Fort Edmonton	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Wed. June 2	Parent Appreciation Day Grade 2 Fieldtrip to Telus World of Science	Stop for coffee in the am
Fri. June 4	AMA Patrollers Picnic	11:00 – 2:00 p.m. @ Rundle Park
Mon. June 7 and all month	Lunch will occur at 12:20 p.m. instead of 12:00 p.m.	We are trying recess before lunch all this month.
Mon. June 7, 8	Grade 6 Camp Warwa	
Mon. June 7,8,9,11	Grade 3 and 4 Swim @ J.P. Pool	Grade 3 – 9:00 a.m. Grade 4 – 10:00 a.m.
Wed. June 9	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	
Tues. June 15	Gr. 3 LA Part B test Gr. 6 Social Studies Test	
Wed. June 16	Gr. 6 LA Part B Hepatitis B Grade 5 pm	
Thurs. June 17	Gr. 3 and 6 Math tests Part B	
Fri. June 18	Gr. 6 Science	
Thurs. June 24	OLOV 50 th anniversary	
Fri. June 25	June Birthday Celebration at lunch	
Mon. June 28	Sports day and Talent Show	
Tues. June 29	Year end celebration at school with Father Josef. Report Cards are given to students today.	
Wed. June 30	Summer holidays begin for students. No classes today for students.	

Superintendent's Message

You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy, and your help brings pleasure forever.” (Psalm 16)

The month of June can be a month of mixed feelings for students, staff members and their families as another school year/semester closes. For some, June brings tremendous change as their lives “in school” are completed, and either post-secondary opportunities or the world of work beckon. For others, June means leaving a group of cherished classmates and peers to go to another school, another grade or another teacher. As June is a time of transition for your families, I hope you find time in the “busyness” of your lives to reflect on what this transition means for your children and yourselves. We bid a fond farewell to those students who are graduating from our District, and wish them much success as they pursue further studies or career opportunities.

Recently, Edmonton Catholic Schools received the **May 2010 Accountability Pillar Report**. This report published in both October and May provides our District with our ‘report card’ in various areas. In **all** twelve areas measured in the May 2010 Report, Edmonton Catholic Schools’ performance improved significantly, improved or improvement measures were maintained – no measures declined or were of an issue. These results can be directly attributed to the wonderful learning opportunities, delivered within a Catholic environment, that are available in our District. The success of our students is due to the tremendous efforts of dedicated teachers, support staff, administrators and parents who work together to provide rich learning experiences.

We are especially proud of the improvements made in the 3-Year and 5-Year High School Completion rates for the District, as evidenced by a decrease in the number of students who drop out of school and a larger number of at-risk students receiving both encouragement and the supports necessary to succeed. For more information regarding the Accountability Pillar, please check the District website www.ecsd.net.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families during this summer season as you enjoy some restful family time together, or perhaps pursue some adventures both near and far.

Sincerely,



Joan Carr
Superintendent



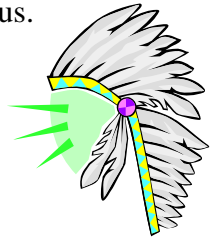
School Council Meeting - June 9

Please join us at our final school council meeting. It will occur on Wednesday June 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.



May 21 - School Spirit Day

We welcomed Mr. Kootenay and Mr. Alexis who shared Aboriginal teachings with us. Students participated in a Sweetgrass Ceremony, learned about the peace pipe and participated in a round dance. It was a very special day. Throughout the week, students also created Aboriginal Art, and read many of our new aboriginal books we purchased and are displayed in our library for students and parents to view. We thank Mrs. Barb Peacock who made bannock for everyone, and Mrs. Lillian Peacock who said a Cree grace before lunch.



Recess before Lunch

For the month of June our students will go outside to play at 12:00 and then eat their lunches at 12:20 p.m. Research has shown that this is a successful plan. An article entitled, **The Reverse Lunch Hour**, which was found in the AT.A. (Alberta Teacher's Association) Magazine can be accessed from the following website:

<http://www.teachers.ab.ca/Quick%20Links/Publications/Magazine/Volume%2090/Number3/Articles/Pages/TheReverseLunchHour.aspx>

Sacramental Preparation for St. John the Evangelist

Important news from St. John the Evangelist Parish

Dear Parents,

As part of your child's ongoing faith development, it is important for them to prepare for and receive the sacraments of the Church.

Typically we do preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade 2 (age 7+) and Confirmation in Grade 6 (age 11+).

Please contact the parish offices to register your children as soon as possible: at St. John the Evangelist: Parish: 780-452-3988

After registering, you will receive an email in October/November from the parish with more information. The programs begin in January, please note there is a parent meeting prior to the start of the programs; the date and time to be determined. Once the sessions begin new registrations will not be accepted for the current year. We will require a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate as part of our registration process.

If you have any children older than the "typical" ages for our programs who have not yet prepared for and/or received these sacraments, please contact us and we will be able to help the children to prepare and receive the Sacraments. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to call us!



Are you spring cleaning?

We are looking for clothing items for our spare closet, we would appreciate receiving **sweat pants** to fit all sizes. This is appreciated by the students who accidentally get wet as they play outside.



Suggestions for School Growth and Improvement

We want to hear from you with regards to our school programs, plans, policies and procedures. Please feel free to share your ideas with us.



Library Summer Reading Club

The Jasper Place Library invites students to walk on the wild side this summer when they join our Free TD **Summer Reading Club: Destination Jungle.**

With all the jungle themed programs, activities, and draws, this year's reading club is sure to get your students swinging into the library and excited about reading all summer long.

Just a reminder library cards for children are **FREE** and work at all 16 Public libraries. To get a library card, just bring one of your parents with you to the library and we can make you your own card in a few minutes.

Location: Jasper Place Library 9010 – 156 St.
Phone number: 780-496-1810



Year-end Talent Show June 28 9:00 a.m.

Auditions which will be screened by home room teachers will be completed by Monday, June 21. Students will be screened for:

- effort and preparation,
- appropriateness (music, content, dress, language),
- originality/creativity/talent
- No commercials or lip syncs
- Children may only perform once unless the whole class is involved
- 3 minute maximum for each performance



50th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of Victories School
7925—158 Street
Thursday, June 24, 2010

Formal Presentation

5:00 pm



Games and Picnic BBQ

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Sharing Stories with friends

5:00 p.m. Formal Program

Everyone Is Invited!!