

January News

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Reflection

The Epiphany is one of the oldest and most important feasts of the liturgical year, in some places both a holy day and a national holiday. Though you would not know it from the way we observe it, it ranks alongside Christmas and Easter as a church feast. Here it is hardly noticed, since by Epiphany most of us have tired of carols and taken down the tree and trimmings.

But why all the fuss about Epiphany anyway? There is no feast of the shepherds. Why remember three kings? Why does a visit from some exotic strangers rank with Christmas and Easter?

Actually, the gospel tells us so little of Jesus' early life. We don't even have an exact date of the year of his birth. You might wonder why the opening

chapters of Matthew's gospel tell us a quaint story of a star and star-gazers, while it omits basic historical details about Jesus himself.

When we ask these questions, we betray a basic misunderstanding of the Epiphany, the nature of the gospels, and indeed of the symbolic way religion must talk about God. Why do we think this? Because such questions focus solely on historical facts and concrete events. The gospels do relate such historical information, but they also interpret it. They do contain history, but they also express faith.

The gospel story of magi and the feast of the Epiphany are not about a single event in the life of Jesus as a light for the world. As

such they talk about him in the same way we talk about and worship God-with the signs and symbols.

The story of magi is an expression of faith in God's self-revelation to the world. Jesus' whole life, death, and resurrection reveal who God is, what life is about, and how we are to achieve its purpose.

The gospel story expresses that faith with symbols: star gazers, light, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Administrators' Message

Dear Parents,
Welcome Back.

Please accept on behalf of the staff our warmest wishes for a healthy, holy and happy New Year.

I hope this message finds you well in health and spirit. The beginning of a new year brings the joy of anticipation and hope for peace in ourselves and in others.

Keep your calendars close for

the events and times of the events that will be happening in January. Check out the web site regularly for changes and updates.

Mrs. Cathy Nissen
Mrs. Theberge, Mr.
Hatch, Mrs. Ramsankar



New from the ART ROOM

- Recycling images-Could you please send in any colourful 2008 calendars as the images greatly assist the students with composition .

- February 5th -The Fine Art Cuba Trip (April 9th-16th) Parent and student information night

Mark your calendar, next Fine Art Festival and Auction

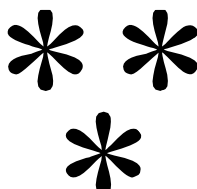
May 21th, 7 to 9 pm

Semester Change Info

A Reminder to students that at semester change your books have to be returned (or paid for) before others are issued. As well school FEES have to be paid before registration is complete. As well Grade 12 students need to have all Fees/Fines paid in full prior to graduation. If not you will not Graduate.

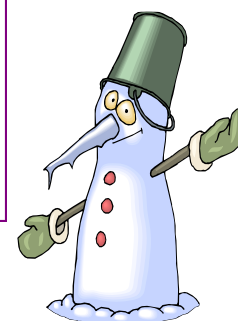
LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has been cleaned out and the computers have all been replaced, although we have some more work to do it is taking on a 21 century look and the resources are now being updated with the help of Faculty Council. Thank you to all that have put many hours into this project.



EXAMS

Exams are right around the corner so students are reminded that if they remain at school during hours that they are not writing they are to be in the Library studying, this will ensure that all students that are writing will not be disturbed by hallway noises.



YEAR PLAY

The Night of One Acts, called “**Too Many Girls**” our year play for 2009 will soon be upon us so buy your tickets early so you are not disappointed. Shows run Feb. 18th—20th at 7PM in the Holy Trinity Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available the first week of Feb. from the Theatre Arts office.

School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is February 10th at 7PM in the CTS lab. Anyone that would like to add an item is asked to please email Mrs. Nissen at nissenc@ecsd.net at least a week prior to the meeting date.

Music News

Concert Band

Monday rehearsals will begin again on the first Monday in February

. They continue to be from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. All students are invited to take part in Concert Band.

Flute Ensemble

Rehearsals are Tuesday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30

Clarinet Ensemble

Rehearsal is from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

Please see Ms. Trepanier if you are interested in being in the Woodwind Ensemble.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band Rehearsal is from 7:45 to 8:30 on Wednesday morning. Please see Ms. Trepanier if you are

interested in being in Jazz Band.

The Year End Fine Arts Evening

To be held on May 21st. The Grade

11 and 12 Music class and Ensembles will be performing.

The Concert Band and Jazz Band will also be performing. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. Musicians will need to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for warm up and tuning so that we can start on time. We are looking forward to lots of support. The Art students will have Art on display for this festive occasion.

Fine Arts Trip

All students interested in music or art have the opportunity to take part in our Fine Arts Trip to Cuba. Please see Ms. Trepanier or Mrs. Milan for more information.

BAND SHARE DAY

The Concert Band will be taking part in the Band Share Day. This will take place on March 17, 2009 at the Winspear Centre. All are welcome to come out and hear our students perform. More information will come on this when we find the time that we are scheduled to perform. **Kiwanis Music Festival** It is our intention to take part in the Kiwanis Music festival. Dates will be announced later



Senior Girls Basketball Team

#3	Jennifer Hamilton
#4	Brittany Silva
#7	Vanessa Harris
#10	Andee Atienza
#11	Josee Gulayets
#14	Anna Wiczorek
#21	Jessica Kennaugh
#23	Jennifer Santos
#24	Andrea Koropeski
#31	Vanessa Gulayets
#32	Rhonda Bannis
#44	Kendra Linton

Coaches: **Trevor Scott**
Frank Spilak

Junior Girls Basketball Team

#23	Alexis Conti	Forward
#13	Alexis Devilla	Guard
#21	Alysha Duncombe	Forward
#30	Angela Marr	Guard
#15	Julie Nunez	Guard
#20	Katharina Gonzales	Forward
#25	Lorraine Lei	Guard
#22	Miranda Dela Cruz	Forward
#10	Natalia Molina	Forward
#24	Nicole Goudie	Forward
#11	Stephanie Naong	Guard
#12	Tara Larson	Guard

Coaches: **Ryan Lupa, Mr. Mendez,**
Ms. Cairo

Senior Men's Basketball Team

Dean Sapon	3
Harri Bajas	11
John Capicio	12
Allen Tabernilla	14
Maverick Cardinal	20
Kyle Stanislaus	21
Lale Mackus	22
Ramses Resuena	23
James Schweiger	25
Maureso Yegru	32
Chris Weale	35
Bobby Fry	50

Coaches:

Ed Kiryuk
Jason Ryan



Junior Boys Basketball Team

Veer Bajwa	forward
Mario Cruz	forward
Manny Dubon	forward
Decklan Lemont	forward
Joe Lutshyn	guard
Peter Nickodemus	guard
Saddy Palavecino	guard
Wess Palo	guard
Joe Parcasio	guard
Kevin Saquing	forward
Ryan Serafico	guard
Clinton Wright	forward

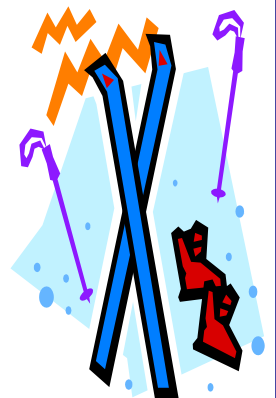
Coaches: **Phil Wilson**
Ernesto Castellon
Sebatian Bianco

Teacher Sponsors:
Larysa Eliuk, Lesia Sefaniw

For Tournament Information please check with the individual coaches

SKI TRIP

The ski trip to Jasper is planned for February the 11 and you should have received the permission forms home already. This is on a first come first serve basis so in order to avoid disappointment get those forms in....



Important Dates

Jan. 5 - Classes resume Day 2

Jan. 14 - Diploma exams begin

Feb. 2 - First Day of Classes for Semester 2

Feb. 3 - Faith Development Day **NO CLASSES**

- Please see the calendar at the back of the newsletter for the exam schedule.

Students are responsible for ascertaining the date and times of their exams and for arriving early!

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Faith Development Day

Every year Edmonton Catholic schools has a day where all their staff come together to celebrate their faith, this year it is on Feb. 3rd. Therefore there will be **NO SCHOOL** for students



CHECK OUT OUR
WEB SITE AT
www.holytrinity.ecsd.net



It's January and it's
Edmonton, so please
remember that the
temperature can change
drastically over the
course of the day.

Remember to bring
along warm clothes just
in case you have to walk
or wait.





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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

*Compassionate Companion and Faithful Friend,
thank you for the opportunity to walk into another year of life.
Help us to be faithful, to be generous, to be yours*



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Edmonton Catholic Schools believes in nurturing strong partnerships between schools and the community. As part of these partnerships, we include organizations with strong ties to the community. Some examples include: Catholic Social Services, Edmonton Police Service, Edmonton YMCA, City of Edmonton, Junior Achievement, NAIT, MacEwan College, Edmonton Public Library, Alberta Health Services, the University of Alberta and many others. Community partnerships are one of the many ways Edmonton Catholic Schools helps to provide families with additional supports in our city.

A good example of this type of partnership is a new initiative that will begin in January. As part of our commitment to literacy and in an effort to enhance the quality of life for children and families in our District, we have worked with the Edmonton Public Library to develop a program where every student in our District will receive a free library card with access to a library close to their school. The program will be phased in and the first schools will have their cards early in 2009.

In January we will be holding our annual Second Language Learning evening. This evening will provide information on the benefits of giving your child the gift of a second language. In addition, there will be school group performances, student testimonials and Senator Claudette Tardif will also be in attendance. Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 29th at West Edmonton Mall – Centre Fountain (close to The Bay).

Satisfaction surveys will be delivered to all schools at the end of January. The satisfaction survey provides our school district with important information about what works well and what needs to be improved. This is your opportunity to add your voice to the future of your child's education. Please make every effort to complete and return the parent survey by February 13, 2009.

Planning for next school year is well underway as we complete our goals and priorities for 2009-2010. Our list of new and expanded programs for next school year has also been updated and is available on our website at www.ecsd.net.

Many blessings during the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Joan Carr
Superintendent

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CHRISTMAS VACATION	2 CHRISTMAS VACATION	3
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4	5 School Re-Opens Classes Begin at 8:35 a.m.	6	7	8	9 J.H. BASKETBALL TOURN.	10 J.H. BASKETBALL TOURN.
6	DAY 2	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 1	DAY 2	
11	12	13	14 English Diploma Part A (9:00-11:30 a.m.)	15 Social Studies Part A Diploma 9:00-11:30 DAY 2	16 Last day for Semester 1 classes	17
13	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 1			
18	19 Grade 10/11 Exams begin Math 30/App. Part A (a.m.) Math 30/App. Part B (p.m.)	20 Chem30 Part A (a.m.) Chem30 Part B (p.m.)	21 Bio.30 Part A (a.m.) Bio.30 Part B (p.m.)	22 Physics 30 Part A (a.m.) Physics 30 Part B (p.m.)	23 Science 30 Part A (a.m.) Science 30 Part B (p.m.)	24
20	25	26 English 30 Part B (a.m.)	27 Social 30/33 Diploma Part B (a.m.) Conflicts p.m.	28 Book Pick Up for Semester 2	29 Book Pick Up for Semester 2	30 Book Pick Up for Semester 2
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