



February Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- **Ski Trip**
- **Ash Wednesday**
- **School Council Mtg.**

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Reflection

Lord,
 I long so eagerly to love You more.
 Too often my love for You is cold,
 Calculating, indifferent, and I so easily slip into apathy.
 I dream nostalgically of might - have-been.
 And You seem a million miles away.
 Frankly, I find it easier by far to love my family and friends than to fervently love You.
 I make this confession shamefully and with the full knowledge that You already know my heart's dullness.
 Can You change me Lord?
 The disciples pleaded with You

to teach them to pray.
 Right now I plead with you to teach me to love.

A Morning Tribute

In all the years of my childhood, I doubt that we ever lived in a house where the sweet fragrance of roses didn't permeate the air.
 I have never forgotten the summer ritual that made every breakfast a special event. Every morning my father would come in from the backyard with a freshly plucked rose bud-his token of love for my mother. Usually I would be setting the table when Dad made his presentation..."Here it

is, sweetheart-your morning tribute".

One morning while sunbeams played leapfrog on our kitchen wall my mother stopped stirring oatmeal. She dropped her wooden spoon and threw her arms around my father. "I'll never forget her words: "There are ten thousand ways of loving and you know them all!"

Love knows no limits to its endurance; no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

Administrators' Message

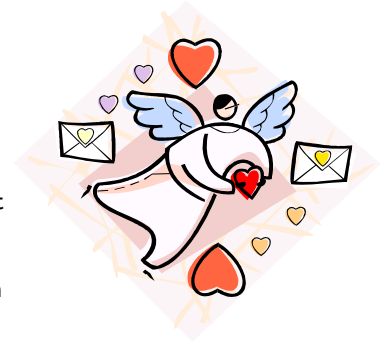
Dear Parents,
 Happy Valentines Day!
 The calendar for February is full. With Ski Day, Family Day, Faith Development Day and Teachers Convention. The month will be over before we know it.
 You should have accessed grades for all subjects via Power School. If you are experiencing difficulty please refer to the last page for instructions.

Please watch the web page for

updates and any changes to the schedule.

Our February parent council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 10th at 7 PM in the conference room
 Mrs. Cathy Nissen

Mrs. Theberge, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Gauthier





REMINDER

PLEASE PAY OUTSTANDING
SCHOOL FEES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

(Grade 12 fees must be paid before Grad
tickets may be purchased)

Please contact the school if you are unable
to pay in full.

School Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is the primary method of communication, advice and consultation between the school and home. Please join us on February 10th at 7PM in the conference for our next meeting. If you have any items you would like on the agenda please email those to nisenc@ecsd.net before the 5th of February.



OPEN HOUSE

March 2, 2010 at 7PM is when we host our open house at Holy Trinity. It is an opportunity for us to show case the wonderful talents of our students and staff. word of mouth is the best advertising that we have, so tell your extended families, friends and neighbors to come out and discover what Holy Trinity has to offer has to offer.

YEAR PLAY 2010

Please purchase your tickets early for this years "YEARPLAY, " To Kill a Mocking Bird" tickets will be available Feb. 20 through the Drama department . See you March 10, 11, & 12 at Holy Trinity!



Ash Wednesday Mass

Please join us on
Wednesday Feb. 17th at
10:00am at St Theresa's
church for our Mass.

**IB Information Night
For Junior high Par-
ents and Student
Feb. 24th @ 7PM
7-8PM IB**

Athletic News

CURLING TEAM

We have started tryouts for the curling team. The team will be in competition for the Provincials Championship which will be held on March 5&6 in Okotoks. Practices will be at Ellerslie Curling Club. League competition will take place at the Ottewell Curling Club and will begin February 1, 2010. Mr. Hamaluk is the team coach and Miss. Androschuk and Mrs. Cochrane will be the teacher sponsors. Best of luck.



INTRAMURAL SOCCER

Intramural Soccer will begin on Monday February 8 and will run during lunch in the gym. We have 10 teams including 2 teacher teams. It is a popular activity for both players and spectators so please drop by the gym to check out the competition.



Senior Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team has started the season with a bang. They are now in second place in the Premier division of the Metro League. The boys have amassed a 4-2 league record and have also won the Louis St. Laurent tournament. Upcoming tournaments are Edson (Jan.29-30) and Percy Page (Feb 4-6). The regular season resumes with games at Louis St. Laurent and St Francis in early February.

Junior High Basketball Tournament

Sixteen junior teams competed in our annual basketball tournament on January 7-9, 2010. The games took place at Holy Trinity, Holy Family, Fr. Troy, St. Hilda, and Percy Page. Thank you for allowing us to use your facilities. We saw some tremendous talent and the competition was exciting all weekend. We would like to thank family and friends that came out to watch and support the players. Also, thanks to the Holy Trinity basketball players and physical education students that helped with organization and minor officiating. You made the tournament a success. Congratulations

GIRLS: Silver Medalists Father Michael Troy and Gold Medalists V. Barford

BOYS: Silver Medalists Father Michael Troy and gold Medalists V.BarfordG

TOURNAMENT ALL STAR PLAYERS

GIRLS TOURNAMENT MVP- Lindsay Anderson-Vernon Barford

HOLY FAMILY- Tiffany Silva-MacDonald

ST CLEMENT- Hanna Corpuz

FR MICHAEL TROY- Tiffany Evans

ST HILDA- Mady Chauvet

VERNON BARFORD- Cathy Lee

ST CECILIA-Tessa Anderson

SIR JOHN THOMPSON-Shaykota Anderson

DS MACKENZIE- Emily Moore

BOYS TOURNAMENT MVP -Mike Goertz - Vernon Barford

HOLY FAMILY -Daniel Licup

ST CLEMENT - Patrick Barauga

FR MICHAEL TROY-Caleb Diiwe

ST HILDA - Trecito Gansan

ST CECILIA-Austin Trachak

SIR JOHN THOMPSON-Mitchell Rando

DS MACKENZIE-Tanner Ferguson

VERNON BARFORD-Jason Shergill



Grade 12 Graduation

Pictures:

GRAD PHOTOS

Lifetouch will be taking Grad photos on February 25th and 26th (Teacher's convention) in the cafeteria.

Book your photos at the reception desk two weeks prior.

Sitting fee was included in the Grad fee charged at registration therefore no payment necessary at time of photo.

GROUP GRAD PHOTO

Group photo will be taken at the Legislative building approximately 4:00 on Saturday May 29th.

Order forms will be available at the reception desk the week prior.

Order forms complete with payment must be taken to the Legislative building and given to the photographer.



Ceremonies:

The **following information** will be repeated in a letter that parents of Grade 12 students will be receiving in April.

The **graduation liturgy** will commence at 7:00 p.m., Friday May 28, 2010. The liturgy will be followed by commencement ceremonies. The graduands are required to be at the church at 6:00 p.m. Following commencement, there will be a celebratory tea.

The **graduation banquet** will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Shaw Conference Centre. The reception doors will be open at 5:45. Because the graduands will be entering the banquet hall as a group, they are to meet outside the doors to **Hall D at 6:15 p.m.** The procession into the hall will begin at exactly 6:30 p.m. Please be there on time, because the seating of the head table and the "March of the Graduands" will occur at exactly 6:30.

You will receive a ticket **order form** in the mail (sometime during spring break). Tickets will go on sale on April 12, 2010 until April 15, 2010. Tickets will be sold during the lunch hour, on a first come, first served basis. When we sell the tickets we will request that the student inform us of any dietary restrictions. Each grad is guaranteed 8 tickets. If you would like more than 8 tickets, you will be asked to pay for them at the same time that you purchase your tickets and if the extra seats are not available, you will be refunded. Buying extra tickets has not been a problem in the past. Tables seat ten people, no more. If you wish to be seated with another family, (for example, four people from one family and six from another) then the students must bring the two order forms in together.

If your party is larger than ten (10), you will not be able to sit at the same table, but you will be seated at adjacent tables. **Other special seating arrangements** (such as being seated at a table next to or close to friends) **are not possible** due to the large numbers; however, after the speeches, guests are free to join other tables.

All the seats and table settings at each table are accounted for; if you try to bring an extra person to the banquet at the last minute, there will not be a chair or a place setting for that person and he/she will be asked to leave. If you trade seats with a family, the table to which you move will NOT have the correct number of chairs or plates. All chairs and plates are assigned to tables based on the seating arrangement that Holy Trinity has given to the Shaw Centre at least one week prior to the banquet.

Tickets for **everyone** who attends the banquet will cost approximately \$55.00. Because we have not yet selected the menu, we are unsure as to the exact price. "Dance Only" tickets are available for 15.00. If you plan to attend only the banquet and not the dance, the price for the banquet ticket WILL NOT be reduced.

We look forward to a wonderful weekend with our grade 12 graduands!

Superintendent's Message –February 2010

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." (1Corinthians 4:1)

As we enter the second half of the 2009-2010 school year, Edmonton Catholic Schools is facing some exciting times and some unique challenges. All district staff will come together on February 2nd at the Shaw Conference Center to hear speaker, Jerry Goebel, share his views on the theme: " **Act Locally, Think Globally...The Hands of Social Justice.**" Modern technology allows us to be "connected" instantly to the world around us, to people and events in faraway places. How do we as a Catholic educational system address the many opportunities that this technology presents? In addition, Wednesday, February 3 beginning at 7:30 p.m., all parents are invited to hear Mr. Goebel's presentation, 'Raising children and teens for a meaningful life,' at Louis St. Laurent School.

I would like to thank all school communities for their support for this year's Sign of Hope campaign. To have our district staff still maintain such a high level of personal support and to have half of our schools undertake a project as part of 'Kids' Care Challenge' to support Catholic Social Services' programs is very heart-warming given the difficult economic times facing many families in our city.

The Year of the Priest, which was called by Pope Benedict XVI, will culminate in June, 2010. During this special year honoring priests, I would like to thank all priests for their leadership and their support of District staff as we work daily with our students and their families to evangelize, and nurture their journeys of faith. Participation in school – based celebrations, classroom visits, staff and student retreats, teaching masses, and working closely with school personnel to encourage the participation in the sacraments are just a few of the ways in which our priests enhance the school-parish-home relationship. We ask God to continue to bless our priests that "...they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of God's Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them." (from Prayer for Priests)

February marks the beginning of Semester Two for many of our high schools, and the beginning of junior high school open houses. We encourage all parents with students in Grade 6 to take the time to check out the various programs that are available and to dialogue with your child and your child's teachers in order to make the best educational decisions for your child. The celebrations of Random Acts of Kindness Week and Family Day will also bring many opportunities for special activities and family outings. We anticipate the provincial budget to be announced on February 9th.

February 17th, Ash Wednesday, begins our six week period of Lent in which we prepare for the great feast of Easter. May our Lenten journey allow each of us to become more 'rooted' in our faith, and have a deeper understanding of our call to courageously serve others as we embrace our life's work.

Sincerely,



Joan Carr
Superintendent

Important Dates:

Feb. 02 Faith Development Day

Feb. 10 - School Council Meeting 8:45am

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 - Family Day—NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 24 - IB information Night 7PM

Feb. 25, 26 - Teacher's Convention

March 2 - OPEN HOUSE 7 PM

March 10-12 -Year Play

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Registration time

We have begun taking
grade 10 registrations for
the 2010/2011 school term.
Please let your neighbors
know.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

