



Holy Spirit Flyer



"Grow With the Spirit"

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Serving Grade K- 8 Students in Devon, Alberta

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Grade 8 Farewell May 13th our senior class of twenty-four Grade 8 students enjoyed a special Mass at St. Maria Goretti followed by a Dinner at the Devon Community Hall. Everyone enjoyed the walk through memory lane from baby pictures to a great game of Jeopardy. It has been amazing seeing these students grow over the past six years into the bright and thoughtful young men and women that they have become. There are many people to thank for the wonderful celebration: Father Tadek for saying Mass, Teen Spirit for music, Catholic Women's League for preparing a wonderful meal, Shan Tebb and Denise Pittman for set up at the Community Hall, many special guests including Mayor Anita Fisher, M.L.A. George Rogers and Deputy Superintendent of Evergreen C.S.R.D Michael Hauptman. Pictured below Grade 8 Retreat.

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Evergreen serves Catholic families in Devon, Hinton, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Westlock. For more information call the board office at 1-800-825-7152. The next school board meeting is **Monday June 13th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Division Offices at Holy Trinity Church in Spruce Grove. Our next School Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held on **Thursday September 8th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** We welcome all parents to come to meetings and get involved with your school.



Inside this issue: Volunteer Appreciation Strawberry Tea, Volunteer opportunities for Fall 2011, First Communion and Confirmation, Pictures from Devon Days and the Art Club Finale, Fundraising and Hot Lunch updates, Mother Mary Marigold Garden **and much more!**

Evergreen CSRD #2 Schools: St. Joseph - K-4; St. Marguerite - Gr. 5-8; St. Thomas Aquinas High School - Gr. 9-12, Spruce Grove; John Paul II - K- 8, Stony Plain; St. Mary - K-12, Westlock; Holy Spirit- K-8, Devon; St. Gregory- K-4; Gerard Redmond - 5-12, Hinton

Important Dates

- June 1 Early Dismissal 1:45pm
- June 4 Confirmation 5:00pm
- June 10 Kindergarten Test Drive
- June 14 Grade 3 PAT Lang. Arts
Grade 6 PAT Social Studies
- June 15 Grade 6 PAT Lang. Arts
- June 16 Grade 3 PAT Math
Grade 6 PAT Math
- June 17 Grade 6 PAT Science
- June 24 West Edmonton Mall Water Park
- June 27 Sports Day
- June 28 Awards Day & Last Day of School!



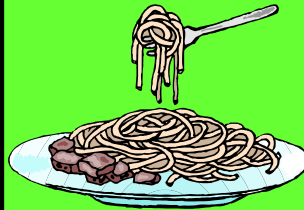
*Reflect on your blessings, of which every person
has many, not on your past misfortunes,
of which all people have some.
Charles Dickens*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and
forget not all His benefit.
Psalm 103:2*

Junior High Exam Schedule

- June 21 8:30-9:00am Study Hall
9:00-11:40am Lang. Arts 7 & 8
11:40-12:20pm Lunch
12:20-12:45pm Study Hall
12:45-2:45pm Social Studies 7
& Math 8
- June 22 9:15am School Year End Mass
10:30-2:45pm Study Hall
- June 23 8:30-9:00am Study Hall
9:00-11:40am Social Studies 8
& Science 7
11:40-12:20 Lunch
12:20-12:45pm Study Hall
12:45-2:45pm Science 8
Math 7

Challenge Girls Fundraiser



Pasta Night!!!
Friday June 10th
5:00—7:30 pm

This Delicious come-and-go supper is held at St. Maria Goretti Church, all proceeds go to send our Challenge Girls to camps and retreats. Come out for great food and fun and support a wonderful group of girls.

TICKETS: Only \$22 for a family, \$8 for adults, kids 6 and up \$5. Tickets are available at Holy Spirit Catholic School Office and at St. Maria Goretti Church or
**Call Nicole Howrish 780-987-5649 or
Lisa Gaffney 780-987-4914**



Confirmation Mass

Saturday, June 4th, 5:00 pm
St. Maria Goretti Church

Thirty-five students have been preparing at St. Maria Goretti for Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey and grow in faith for this important sacrament.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Psalios is available to students 11 am- 3 pm Tuesdays-Thursdays. *You may contact our school counselor Angela Psalios by email at apsalios@ecsr.d.ca*

Summer is just around the corner and another successful year of growth is coming to an end. While summer is a fun and exciting time, having less structure can be challenging for some kids. It may be worthwhile to start talking about summer plans or to even look at a family calendar together so that kids can feel a part of the plan. Sometimes the smallest tidbit of input or talking about worries can be just the thing to help with a smooth transition into summer fun. If your child requires support with any problems over the summer, please remember that the Kids Help Phone is a free, informative, anonymous professional counselling service that is available 24 hrs/day, 7 days /week. Kids Help Phone can be accessed by phone, 1 800 668 6868 or online at KidsHelpPhone.ca. Have a safe and happy summer. I'll look forward to seeing you in September.



Volunteer Appreciation Strawberry Tea

Each year we are grateful for the huge contribution that volunteers give to Holy Spirit Catholic School. Many parents, grandparents and parishioners donate their time helping new readers, distributing hot lunches and facilitating Rainbows grief support groups among many other tasks around the school. Thursday May 26th we thanked a few of these generous volunteers at our annual Strawberry Tea and Volunteer Appreciation Assembly. Pictured below to the left Cordell thanks his Mom for all the help she has given. Pictured below right is Madison giving her Mom a red carnation and a Holy Spirit bag in appreciation for her contributions this year. Volunteers are love in motion and our school benefits greatly.



Current Events



The Birth of the C.P.R

May 13th the Canadiana Musical Theatre Co. presented a fun history lesson. Pictured above is Matthew playing a starring role and musicians are pictured below. Who knew the railway was so exciting?



Wheel to Holy Spirit

More than 90 students and staff participated in our first ever wheel to school day on June the first. Mr. Hardy met a group at the corner of St. Lawrence Avenue and Michigan Street while on the other side of town, Mr. Dempsey met another group at the corner of Oakland Blvd. and Michigan Street. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this fun activity. Stay active!



2011-2012 School Year Calendar

School Calendars have been posted on our School Web-site. Please visit this site to download and print the calendar for Devon:

hscs.ca

Then, follow the Parent's link to Calendar looking for the "New" 2011-2012

Classroom News



First Communion was celebrated at St. Maria Goretti on Saturday May 14th with 18 students receiving the Eucharist for the first time. It was a beautiful service. Congratulations to all the families and students who spent weeks preparing their children for this important sacrament.



Devon Days Float

This year there was no rain on our parade and everyone had fun in their finest western wear. Pictured above and to the right are eight students enjoying the day.



Mother Mary Marigold Garden



Thanks to the many families who donated marigolds during Teacher Appreciation week and to Ms. Teasdale for painting Mother Mary the Grade 1 students enjoyed planting a very special prayer garden Friday May the 27th. Some of the plants were started from seeds and lovingly nurtured in the classrooms.

Track and Field



Wetaskiwin Track Meet Tuesday May 31st several Junior High Students competed in Track and Field events in Wetaskiwin. Congratulations to the great effort by our fine young athletes. Pictured above on the left is Vanessa throwing the javelin and on the left is Zach showing excellent form over the high jump. Thank you to Shan Tebb for the pictures, Floyd Pittman and Lois Skjel for helping Mr. Hardy. Run faster , jump higher.



Foosball at Camp

With a lull between school sports it looks like Mr. Hardy, Sebastian, Levi, Austin and both Zachs have found a new sport to play. This foosball match was held at Camp Encounter during the Grade 8 Retreat May 11th & 12th. It's great to try new sports any chance you can.

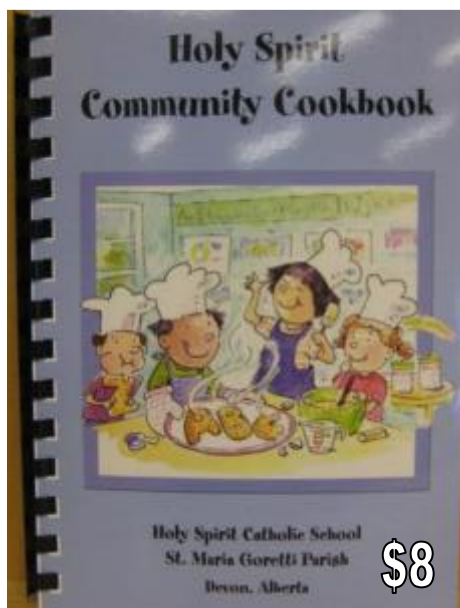


Art Club Finale On May 18th many fine student artists proudly displayed their sketchpads. This after-school art club has been meeting faithfully for most of the school year. The drawing skills have been growing and the enthusiasm for art has been remarkable. Excellent work and keep it up through the summer!

WANTED!

Lego and K'nex sets are needed for upcoming Science Units. If you no longer need them and can donate these items to our school we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Amie Gardner for more information at agardner@ecsr.ca Or call 780-987-5730 ext.109

FUNDRAISING UPDATES



New Cook Books are here!

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Fundraising Committee is proud to announce, in cooperation with the staff, students, parents and St. Maria Goretti Parish a new 250 recipe book for only **\$8.00**. All proceeds will go towards the new playground. Thanks for your support and enjoy these great ideas!



SPIRIT GEAR: Order Forms at Office

Holy Spirit Catholic Fundraising Committee is proud to offer the three items pictured above. Limited edition Dove ornament is \$15 stand is not included. The black gym bag is only \$5 and the water bottle is also only \$5. As a special promotion you can purchase the water bottle and the gym bag together for only \$8 which is a \$2 savings! Order forms are available at the office. Orders filled weekly by volunteer fundraisers.

Family Carnival Deferred to September 8th, 2011

The Carnival will run from 3—7 pm. We will need several volunteers to work game booths as well as donations of prizes. If you are able to assist in this fun fundraiser day for our community please set that day aside on your calendar. Thank you.



Hot Lunch: Currently recruiting Volunteers

Run by many committed volunteers our popular Hot Lunch Program at Holy Spirit is winding down for this school year. To keep this valuable service thriving we are currently looking for more volunteers. As many of you know, Trina Collins has been our Hot Eats Cook for the past three years and is looking for an assistant. The Volunteer Cook's Assistant would be involved in menu planning, shopping and preparing food. We will also be looking for additional parents who can help serve the food at lunchtime between 10:45am and noon. If you would like to help out with the Hot Lunch program for the 2011-2012 year please email Mrs. Swityk at tswityk@ecsrd.ca

Parent Advisory Council

As the Holy Spirit Catholic School Parent Advisory Committee winds down for another year, we would like to thank all members of the committee and the parents and teachers in our school community for everything they have done this year and in years past. The Parent Advisory Committee is a great way to know other parents and provides an opportunity to some input into your school community and your child's education.

We encourage parents to consider becoming a member of the Parent Advisory Committee for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. We will meet for the first time on Thursday, September 8th after the school's Open House and BBQ which begins at 5 pm.

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in the school reach higher levels of achievement than children whose parents are less involved. The commitment can be as much or as little as you are able.

For more information about Parent Council as well as information on our Fundraising Committee and where are the funds spent, please visit our website at www.hscs.ca You will find the link for the Parent Advisory Committee under the Parents tab. Thank you for considering these important roles .

Meet the Teacher BBQ

Mark your calendars now for Meet the Teacher BBQ September 8th, 2011! Staff will be serving Hot Dogs at 5 pm first come first serve. Then at 7 pm we will call everyone into the gym to introduce staff and nominate the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2011- 2012 school year.





Phone Directory

Staff	Extensions	Assignment
Mr. Dempsey	111	Principal
Mrs. Glebe	110	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barron	115	Counseling and Special Education
Mrs. Herriman	100	Kindergarten
Ms. Teasdale	101	Grade 1
Mrs. Vant Hoff	102	Grade 1
Mrs. Pocha	105	Grade 2
Mrs. Johns	104	Grade 2
Mrs. Joyce	107	Grade 3
Mrs. Laarz	106	Grade 3
Mr. Bolkowy	201	Grade 4
Ms. Lapointe	202	French/Grade 4
Mrs. Jensen	206	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Tamblyn	207	Grade 5TD
Mrs. Dittmer	205	Grade 6
Mrs. Kearley	200	Grade 8
Ms. Gardner	109	Grade 7
Mr. Mazurek	107	Grade 7
Mr. Hardy	137	Phys. Ed
Mrs. Tamblyn	207	Special Ed.
<u>General Office</u>		
Mrs. Vani	300	School Secretary
Mrs. Swityk	116	Financial
Mrs. Stecyk	133	Librarian

Support Staff

Mrs. C. Jensen	Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Shields	Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Hugh	Teacher Assistant
Ms. Dittmer	Teacher Assistant

Custodial Staff

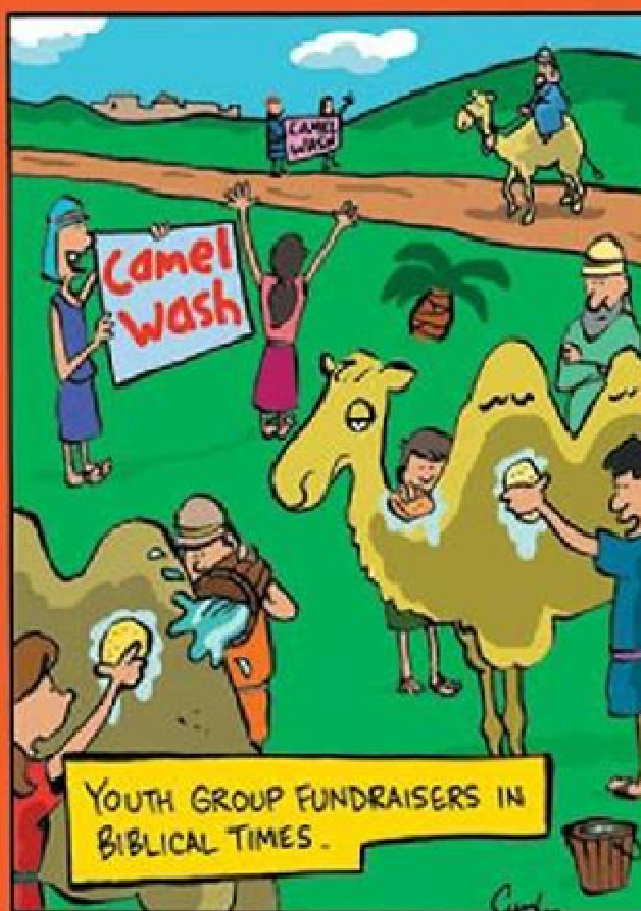
Goran Ilievski
Amy Tkachuk

Home logic: What's for homework?

We strongly encourage students and parents to regularly check what's new on Homelogic. The website for Homelogic is:

<https://homelogic.ecsrd.ca/>

This is an excellent tool to help students and parents keep track of their attendance and homework. *Grades will be unavailable June 13-24 while Teachers prepare report cards. If you have any questions regarding Homelogic please contact us (780)987-5730 we would be happy to help you familiarize yourself.



Parkland Student Transportation website is <http://www.parklandtransport.ca/>
Valuable updates on bus routes on this website and major radio stations broadcast cancellations. For info call :
1-780-963-8452.

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Confirmation Mass 5:00pm
		Grades 1 and 3 Swimming			<i>Grade 6 and Outdoor Ed. Camping</i>	
5	6	7	8	9	10 Kindergarten Test Drive	11
		Grade 6 Swimming				
12 Pentecost Sunday	13	14 Grade 3 PAT Lang. Arts Grade 6 PAT Social Studies	15 Grade 6 PAT Lang. Arts	16 Grade 3 PAT Mathematics Grade 6 PAT Mathematics	17 Grade 6 PAT Science	18
19 Holy Trinity	20	21	22	23	24 West Edmon- ton Mall Water Park	25
26	27 Sports Day	28 Awards Day Last Day of School!	29	30		

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Have a wonderful summer!

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