



Holy Spirit Flyer



"Grow With the Spirit"

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The Way of the Cross was performed by Mrs. Jensen's and Mrs. Matter's grade 6 students depicting the Passion of our Lord Jesus in tableau format. This play has become part of our school tradition and adds meaning to how we as a community celebrate Easter. Special thanks to Ms. Teasdale, our grade 6 students and The Way of the Cross Singers (pictured below) who did a wonderful job this year. Happy Easter Season Rejoice!

Holy Spirit



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 May 16th, 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 **Monday May 16th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** We welcome all parents to come to meetings and get involved with your school.



Inside this issue: The Way of the Cross, Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen, Stone Soup, Student Union Activities: Twin Day and Retro Day, Classroom News from Grade 1, 3 & 5 **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

- May 3 Junior High Box Lunch Social
May 4 Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Class Pictures
Holy Childhood Mission Day Mass
May 5 ECS 2 Class Pictures
May 6 Celebrity Day- Dress up
May 10 Kevin Brooks Gr. 5-7 1:45pm
May 10,11 Grade 8 Retreat- Camp Encounter
May 13 Musical Theatre 9:00 am
Grade 8 Farewell 6:30 pm
May 17 Grade 3 Lang. Arts PAT
May 18 Grade 6 Lang. Arts PAT
May 20 PD Day—No Classes
May 23 Victoria Day—No Classes
May 24 Trustee Lunch with Student Council
May 26 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Cartoon Day
May 27 Easter Mass 9:15 am



White Elephant Sale

Nick, Olivia and Audrey managed to spot some treasures at this recycle sale to raise money for Holy Childhood.

Catholic Girls League

Welcoming girls ages 10 -16

St. Maria Goretti Church

We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.
Contacts are Mrs. Arnold (780)987-9169 &
Mrs. Persson (780)987-4466

Ambassadors for Christ Youth Group

Welcoming youth grades 7-12

Wind Up BBQ

Friday May 6th from 6-8 pm At St. Maria Goretti
Hotdogs and juice provided. Bring salad, appetizer or
dessert to share. Bring games. Ping Pong! Bible Skits!

Please R.S.V.P. by May 4th

Contact Connie Fraser (780)987-5425

Calling all Challenge Girls...

Wind Up Party

Monday May 30th...an evening of bowling and pizza!!!

5:30-9:00 pm

For more information:

Call Nicole Howrish 780-987-5649



Confirmation Mass

Saturday, June 4th, 5:00pm

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

Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen



Current Events



Junior High Drama Group Puts on a Great Show

After many hours of practice our grade 7 & 8 students put on a wonderful version of Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen on April 27th & 28th. Pictured above is Sebastian practicing his role as Bluebeard. Top right photo shows Sam as Dandy, Allie as Lady Emma Huffington, Kalum as Lord Hector Huffington, Nancy as George and the photo bottom right shows Austin as Roger Goodman. This production is a collaboration of many people's time and talents from Mrs. Kearley as Drama Teacher to Ms. Teasdale painting sets, an amazing lighting and sound crew of the following six students: Josh, Kyle, Parker, Carter, Cordell and Gabe as well as Devon Home Hardware and our parents for donations. The Thursday night performance was our first ever "Dessert Theatre", and a huge thank you to Donna Power for organizing this sweet event, Margaret Cargill, Catholic Women's League and Challenge Girls also helped make this event hugely popular. A big thank you to everyone who helped with this production, we could not do it alone. To all the cast and crew thank you for your hard work we loved the entertainment!



Evergreen Schools are Currently Accepting

Kindergarten Registrations for 2011/2012 school year.

Holy Spirit Catholic School in Devon, offers fully funded, full day 475 hour per year programs. Registrations are being accepted in the school office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Children must turn five years of age before **March 1st, 2012**. Alberta Education requires all schools in our province to take a copy of your child's birth certificate. \$ 10 non-refundable registration fee will be put towards next years fees upon acceptance. If you have any questions, please contact 780-987-5730.

Pre-Registration for 2011-2012 School Year

Purple Pre-Registration Packages were sent home before Easter. It is very important that all the contact information we have here at the school is accurate. Thank you for taking the time to fill out one form for each student. This information is key to planning for next school year.

More Current Events



Theme Days Several theme days including Twin Day, Pirate Day and Retro Day gave students and staff a fun opportunity to dress up. Pictured above are the twins, to the left is Mrs. Vant Hoff's pirates and below is Caedon, Juliana and Alexandra in fantastic retro wear. Thanks to Student Council!



Grade 1 Field Trip to Stony Plain

Grade one students enjoyed a fun and educational trip to the Stony Plain Multicultural Center. Students were able to participate in planting activities, bake gingerbread cookies in an old fashioned oven and to observe a red wiggler compost hard at work. Some students were even brave enough to touch the worms! **Do worms eat your garbage?** Five great reasons to use worm composting : 1. reduce garbage, 2. it's easy, 3. help the environment, 4. improve your garden and 5. reduce chemical fertilizers. Go worms!



Classroom News



Grade 1 Bridge Builders Grade one students enjoyed a visit from The Housewright who brought several different types of bridges into Ms. Teasdale's classroom. Pictured to the left you can see what a wonderful hands on learning experience it was. Perhaps these little engineers will be working on a bridge near you one day. Keep asking questions Grade 1!



Grade 5 Poetry Beatniks At the end of a Poetry Unit Mrs. Tamblyn's grade five students had a Poetry Café and they recited their poems on a stage set up in the classroom. They dressed like Beatniks and had snacks like in a café. Everyone looked very cool and the poems were out of this world groovy man! Well done Grade 5.



Grade 3 Stone Soup

Both Grade 3 classes performed the play Stone Soup for parents and friends. This play encourages cooperation within a community resulting in a wonderful soup. Each student brought vegetables and other delicious items which volunteer parents made into a yummy soup which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you grade 3!



Holy Spirit Sports, Art & Science News



Badminton



A full team of 22 Flyers went to the district badminton playoffs in Leduc Saturday April 16th. Everyone played very well with several students qualifying for the semifinals and six players qualifying for the zone championships in Beaumont on April 30th. Go Flyers! A special thank you to all the players, parent drivers along with Mr. Dempsey, Miss Dittmer, Mrs. Kearley and Mr. Hardy for their time and effort throughout the badminton season.



Grade 4 Art

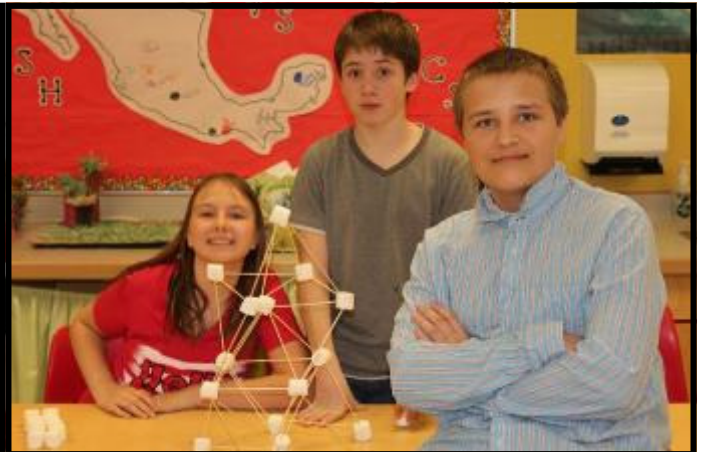
Mr. Hardy's grade 4 Art class had a visit from the Clay Teacher. Students had the opportunity to explore and develop a clay sculpture using a variety of techniques. You will see the fantastic results at home in the near future. Well done grade 4!

Track and Field

Attention all athletes who love to run and jump; this is your time to shine. Track and Field tryouts will begin in early May. Listen to announcements for details and practice times. See Mr. Hardy for more information.

SMOOTHIES

Delicious healthy smoothies continue to be sold most Friday's. Vouchers are available in the office for \$1 to help avoid carrying money around school.



Junior High Science Grade 7 students used marshmallows and wooden skewers to learn about structures and forces pictured above. This challenge was for them to create the tallest and most stable structure they could in twenty minutes using 40 marshmallows and 40 wooden skewers. One of the challenges for Eric (above) was resisting the temptation to eat a marshmallow. Grade 8 students faced another challenge recently when they dissected cow eyeballs. Fortunately no one was tempted to eat them. Learning can definitely be fun in Science!

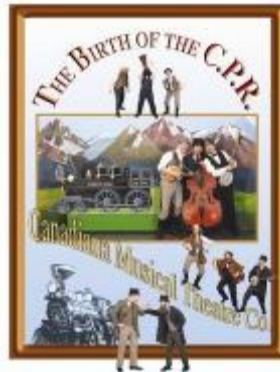
WANTED!

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

Musical Theatre: The Birth of the C.P.R.

The Birth of the C.P.R., a rip-roaring boogie-woogie, bluegrass musical that tells the story of the building of Canada's great railway. Join Sir John A. Macdonald, William Van Horne, Andrew Onderdonck, and A.B. Rogers as they dare the impossible. Surveyors will brave the elements, navies will blast mountains, and workers lay miles of track as they dream of a rail journey across a new country. The performance will be May 13th at 9:00am in our school gym.



Upcoming Events

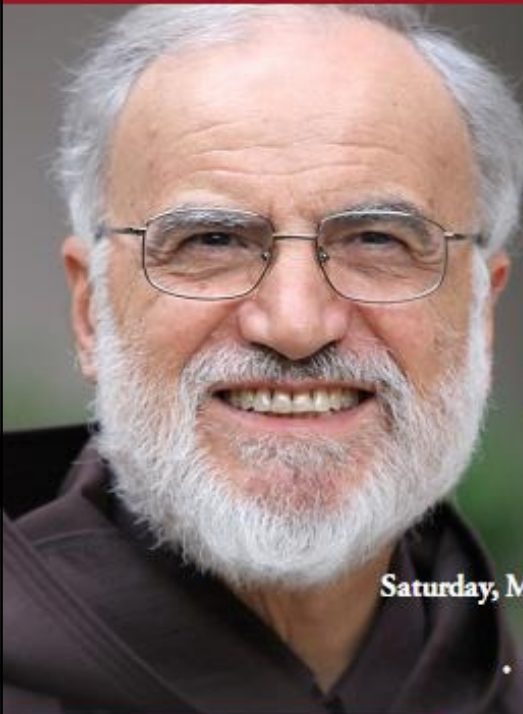
Imagine if you woke up one day and you couldn't wiggle your toes...

Kevin Brooks knows all too well the horror of one day waking up to learn that life has been changed forever...

His will to fight and never give up have inspired many to face their own challenges in life with new confidence and strength. His positive outlook on life has motivated thousands to appreciate life in a profound new way. And Kevin's keen knack for telling a personal story impacts audiences like none other.

One minute he will have you laughing...The next minute he will have you crying...And by the end Kevin will have you so moved that you can say that your life has been forever changed from hearing his story...Come and see Kevin Brooks speak to our Grade 5-7 students on May 10th at 1:45 in the school gym.

NTC Newman Theological College presents FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESSA OFM (Cap.)



2011 Anthony Jordan Lectures

*Ready to Give Reason
for Our Hope:
the New Evangelization
and the Challenges of
the Modern World*

Saturday, May 7 at St. Joseph's Basilica

Lectures:

- The Challenge of Atheistic Scientism - 9 a.m.
- The Challenge of Rationalism - 11 a.m.
- The Challenge of Secularism - 2 p.m.

THE POPE'S PREACHER

Tickets (all 3 lectures)
Early Bird (by April 22) \$25, students/seniors \$15
Regular (after April 22) \$35, students/seniors \$25

For tickets & more info: 780.392.2450 or reception@newman.edu

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Family Carnival June 4th

Please watch for more information coming soon regarding our annual Family Carnival. 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.





FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY DURING LENT



Extreme Makeovers



Junior High students hosted an Extreme Makeover event that transformed eight lucky winners. The cost was minimal to raise money for a worthy cause but the fun was maximized by colorful make up, hair gel and accessories. Thank you to Mrs. Shields, Cordell, Kayleigh (pictured above) and the other participants for being such good sports. Thank you to Ms. Gardner for organizing this entertaining event for The Holy Childhood Association.



Sundae Sale Both Grade One classes served up Ice Cream Sundaes to the delight of everyone with a sweet tooth in the school. Pictured above is Ms. Teasdale with Justus and Eleena ready to make a few people happy. Thank you for all your hard work Grade One.



Bake Sale

Grade 6 students did a great job selling the baking that Kindergarten and Grade 3's donated.

RAISING MONEY FOR HOLY CHILDHOOD

Thank you for helping us help others. Each class contributed to raising money for Holy Childhood this year with the following activities:

- ❖ Grade 1: Ice Cream Sundae: April 7-8th
- ❖ Grade 2: Hot Dogs : April 15th
- ❖ Grade 3 and Kindergarten: Bring In Baking: April 29th
- ❖ Grade 4: White Elephant Sale, April 29th
- ❖ Grade 5: White Elephant Sale, April 29th
- ❖ Grade 6: Sell Kindergarten & Grade 3's baking: April 29th in the gym with White Elephant Sale
- ❖ Grade 7: Extreme Makeover on April 20th
- ❖ Grade 8: Box Social on May 3rd
- ❖ Mission Day Mass on Wednesday, May 4th Two kids per class. Mrs. Stecyk and Mr. Hardy to go 10am to St. Theresa Parish in Edmonton.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Did you know? 25 cents can buy notebooks and pencils in Haiti. One loonie can keep 20 children safe from tuberculosis in Bangladesh. Once our numbers are in we will announce how much Holy Spirit families raised for Holy Childhood this 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. Matter	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.

General Office

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.



Living Rosary Garden

Marigold seeds were planted back in March by all Holy Spirit students to beautify our school yard. Watch for more information regarding the planting of this new prayer garden.



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.

May 2011



“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Junior High Box Lunch Social	4 Early Dismissal 1:45 Class pictures .Mission Day Mass	5 ECS 2 Class Photos	6 Celebrity Day	7
8	9 Testing Week	10 Kevin Brooks Grade 5-7 1:45pm Grade 8 Retreat	11	12	13 Musical Theatre- 9am . Farewell Cele- bration for Grade 8- 6:30	14
15	16 Parent Advi- sory Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Grade 3 PAT Language Arts	18 Grade 6 PAT Language Arts	19	20 PD Day No Classes	21
22	23 Victoria Day No Classes	24 Trustee Luncheon with Student Council 11:45am	25	26 Volunteer Appreciation Tea . Cartoon Day	27 Easter Mass 9:15am	28 Devon Days Parade
29 Sunday in the Park	30 Swimming Les- sons start for Grades 1,3 & 5	31				

Upcoming June Events:

June 4 Family Carnival 1-4pm
June 4 Confirmation Mass 5pm

Art Club: On Early Dis-
missal Wednesday, our
Wednesday's Art Club
will meet at lunch re-
cess.



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