



Holy Spirit Flyer



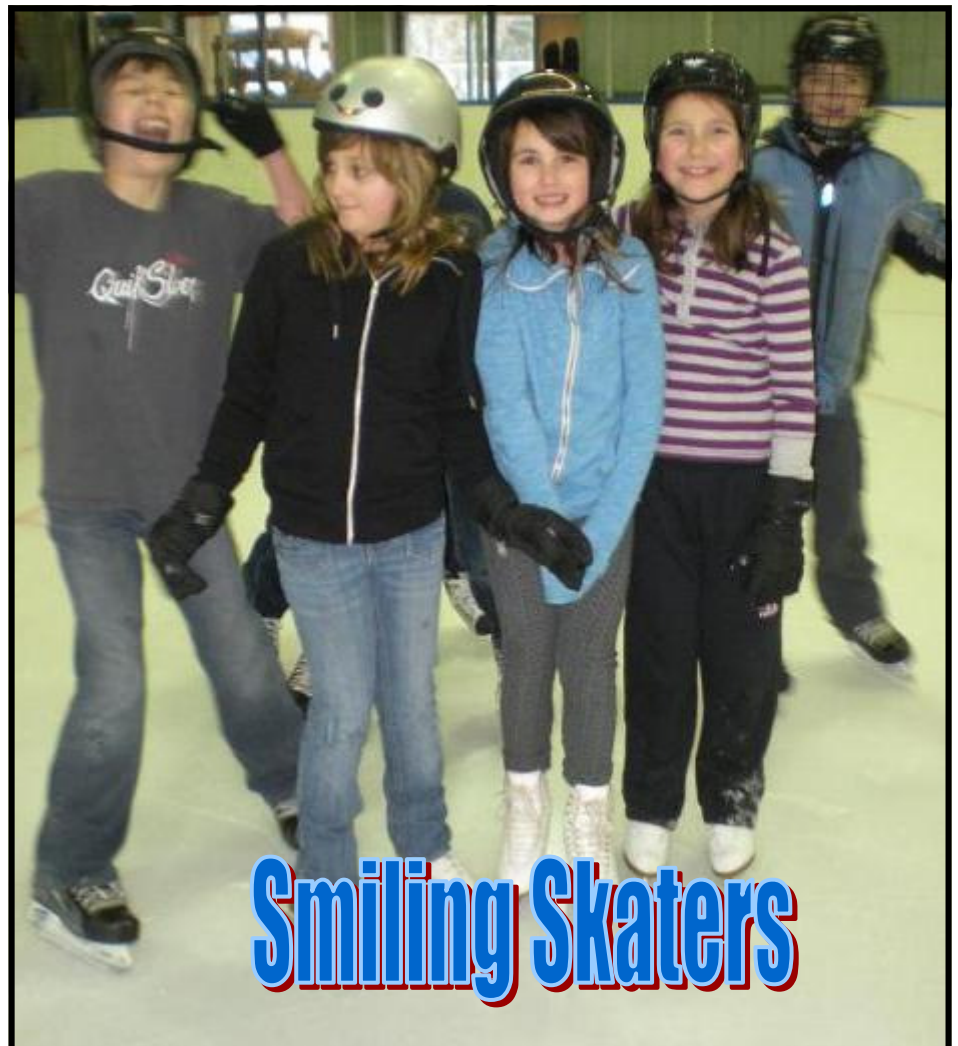
"Grow With the Spirit"

Volume 6 Number 7

Serving Grade K- 8 Students in Devon, Alberta

March, 2011

- † Principal
Mr. Steve Dempsey
Email:
sdempsey@ecsr.ca
- † Assistant Principal
Sheila Glebe
Email:
sglebe@ecsr.ca
- † School Address
100 Michigan Street
Devon, AB
T9G 2H6
- † School Phone:
(780) 987-5730
- † School Fax
(780) 987-5834
- † School Web Site:
www.hscs.ca



Smiling Skaters

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, March 14th, 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 March 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** *NEW: PAC Meeting Minutes are now posted on our school website so check it out!

Although cold temperatures cut skating short the week of February 14th several classes enjoyed this walking field trip to our local rink. Pictured here are grade 4 students having a great time. March 8th & 10th are booked for those classes who were not able to skate on the earlier dates. Thanks to Chris Fish for rebooking.

Inside this issue: Grade 3 Tunisia Day, Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winners, Retreats & Learning Days for students and parents, Spring Cleaning, Report Cards **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

March 2 Early Dismissal 1:45
March 8 Shrove Tuesday
March 9 Ash Wednesday
March 11 PD Day No Classes
March 13 First Sunday of Lent
March 14 Report Cards
March 16 & 17 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 25 Talent Show
March 28th—April 1st Spring Break

Challenge Girls 10-16 yrs
Meet every Monday evening
6:30-8:00 pm at Holy Spirit.
Call Nicole 780-987-5649



Lenten Youth Retreat March 13th 6:00 pm

All students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome to attend this special retreat with Father Paul Moret at St. Maria Goretti Parish here in Devon at 6:00 pm. Fun way to learn about faith.



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Nathaniel Wilhelm Barron
Born February 1, 2011
7 lbs. 14 oz.

Congratulations to the Barron family and a warm welcome from Holy Spirit.



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

You may contact Angela Psalios at
(780) 987-5730 extension #115

It has been a pleasure getting to know the staff, students and families of the Holy Spirit School community. Recently, I have been going from class to class to introduce myself and talk about the role of a counsellor in the school. In my travels, I have been sharing two different stories and doing some activities. In case your child mentions them or you are looking for ideas about how to encourage self-esteem, assertiveness and healthy problem-solving, I have listed them below. If you should find yourself looking for other ideas or resources, please feel free to contact me at the school at anytime. Counsellor's Book Picks for March:

1) One by Kathryn Otschi (discusses self-esteem and bullying for young children)

2) The Hurt by Ted Doleski (discusses the importance to sharing your feelings for older elementary students)

Another valuable resource is the **Kid's Help Phone**. They provide anonymous, free, confidential counselling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by telephone or via the internet as well as online quizzes, games and activities that focus on health and wellness for children and youth.

Kids Help Phone- Phone number 1-800-668-6868 or online at www.kidshelpphone.ca

Mrs. Psalios ☺

Current Events



Grade 3 Celebrates Tunisia Day with Food & Culture

On February 9, the grade 3 classes celebrated Tunisia Day as part of the grade 3 Social Studies curriculum. Tunisia Day is one of 4 cultural days that the grade 3 classes celebrate. This Tunisia Day, students participated by decorating plates (below) in the Tunisian fashion, playing Tunisian games, sampling authentic Tunisian and African food (above) and acting out African legends for parents and the other class. Tunisia Day is a great way for students to experience characteristics of Tunisian culture firsthand. Holy Spirit would like to sincerely thank all the parents who help out with food and activities that make these days a great success.



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**. * Please Note: Our Evergreen Board of Trustees recently changed this cut off date at their most recent February meeting. Alberta Education requires all schools in our province to take a copy of your child's birth certificate. Also, a \$10 non-refundable registration deposit fee is required at the time of registration. If you have any questions, please contact our school office at (780) 987-5730.



Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winners

Pictured to the left are the winners from the Knights Poster contest. Congratulations to all who participated.

Regional Spelling Bee

Sunday February 20th, 2011 the Edmonton Journal Northern Alberta Regional Spelling Bee took place at the University of Alberta, Horowitz Theatre. Robbie Kelly from Holy Spirit did exceptionally well finishing in the top 20 out of 70. We are very proud of his efforts and hard work. Well done Robbie!



Upcoming Events



Holy Trinity Parish Youth Rally 2011 for Grades 7–12 Sat. March 19th 10 am–9 pm

Featuring: Bob Rice,
Archbishop Richard Smith,
Anaphora Music Ministry,
Great Food, Mass, Recon-
ciliation and Adoration.
Registration includes lunch,
supper and a t-shirt.

COST :\$40

This is a great opportunity for youth to have fun with friends and learn more about our Catholic faith. Please contact: Roxanne Persson at (780) 987-4807 or Mike Landry at (780) 960-0135 for more information and registration forms.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

When: March 8th 5–6:30 pm
Where: Holy Spirit Gymnasium
School Council and The Devon
Knights of Columbus will be cooking up delicious pancakes for only a small donation. Come out and enjoy!



LOCKER CLEAN UP

Pictured above are Noah, Megan & Kayla doing a great job of cleaning out their lockers. Before Spring Break each class will be taking a few minutes and making sure their personal items are organized and things that belong at home are brought home. Please encourage your son or daughter to bring home gym clothing for cleaning weekly and to take a little time to organize study notes regularly. Effective learners tend to be well organized, so clean often.

TALENT SHOW Friday March 25th, 2011

***Tentatively 1:00 pm**

Interested students will bring in a consent form and preview their routine during lunch hours the week of February 28th–March 4th. Please encourage your child to prepare and practice their talent ahead of time. It is a great opportunity to show off individual talents and is NOT a competition and no prizes will be awarded. We have many talented students and we wish to celebrate with them the effort and enthusiasm they display.

Scholastic Book Fair March 14 -18

Open to students during the week of March 14th our 6th Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be great fun again this year. Please plan to visit Mrs. Stecyk before or after Parent Teacher Interviews the evenings of March 16th and 17th from 4:00–7:00 pm.



Holy Spirit Catholic School Explore Club Montreal/Ottawa/Quebec Trip

The trip to Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec is only a couple of weeks away. This year, 19 travelers will leave March 24th for Central Canada. They will meet at the airport at 5:00 am sharp! For last minute information contact Mr. Hardy: khardy@ecsrd.ca
Happy Travels!

LITERACY & LEARNING DAY FOR PARENTS

Saturday April 9th, 2011

This **FREE** conference for parents is held at NAIT and offers close to 60 different workshops taught by local experts like members of the Edmonton Police Service and internationally acclaimed speakers. If you want to learn more about topics like Literacy, Math Play, Motivating Your Kids, Drug Culture or Cybercrime and many other topics please visit:

www.literacyday.ca

to register early and tell your friends to join you for a free lunch!

Devon Community News

DEVON PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AND GENERAL MEETING

The 2011-2012 Preschool
Registration and General
Meeting will be held on Sun-
day, April 17th, 2011 at 7 pm
in the Dan Claypool Room at
the Devon Community Cen-
ter. Please bring cheques
and

Alberta Health Care Number.
For more information please
contact Teacher/ Adminis-
trator :

Janice Morris
(780)987-3711

LEARNING CLICKS

The Learning Clicks program motivates Albertans to pursue education and training be-
yond high school through **free presentations** delivered in communities across the
province by post-secondary students and graduates.

LEARNING CLICKS PRESENTATIONS

Learning Clicks Presentations are often 45 minutes in length and are catered to the
needs of participants. Ambassadors attempt to address common questions regarding
post-secondary, provide accurate information to help participants chart their own paths,
and motivate participants to **see education and training beyond high school in a
new light.**

SUCCESS TO DATE

Learning Clicks is in its seventh year of operation and runs primarily during the school
year. In Year Six, the program provided nearly **one thousand free presentations** in
nearly 350 schools and other venues. 98% of participating students, 99% of teachers
and nearly 100% of adult participants showed strong satisfaction with the presentation

WHEN: **Monday, March 14, 2011**

WHERE: **Riverview Middle School-Drama Room**

TIME: **7 P.M. FREE**

LEARNING CLICKS IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JOHN MALAND
HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS COUNCIL AND THE TOWN OF DEVON

*** Please Note: Grade 8 Holy Spirit Students will enjoy this same presen-
tation Wednesday March 16th from 10:30 am—11:40 am.**

Looking for Extra Money???

The Devon Soccer Association is
seeking individuals, male or fe-
male 13 years and up, to be-
come referees for the 2011
outdoor soccer season.

Approximately one hour per day, 2-3
times per week for 10 weeks.

This is a PAID position and FREE
training is provided.

For more information, please contact
the DSA at 780-983-3822.

Devon Dolphins

Registration Night

Get Ready for a SUN filled FUN Summer!
With Devon's Summer Swim Club!!

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

6:30—8:00 pm

Devon Community Centre (Front Foyer)

Early Registration Discount!

Please bring 3 cheques, Alberta Health Care Card
& swimmer for sizing.

For more information please call Kelsey @ (780)
987-4818

Community News Continued

Leduc Community Drug Action Committee has a new blog:
www.leduc.ca/smartchoices
Helpful information is a click away.

Nurturing Teen Spirituality

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to offer a presentation by Dr. Nancy Reeves called Nurturing Teen Spirituality: How Teens Experience God. It is a follow-up on the very popular presentation hosted last year on nurturing children's spirituality and evolved based on the comments from the evaluation forms. This **FREE** workshop is held on



Thursday March 10th, 2011

From 6:30—9:00 pm

At Good Shepherd Catholic Parish
18407—60 Avenue NW, Edmonton

This workshop is ideal for parents, grandparents, teachers, catechists, youth ministers and leaders in young adult ministry, RCIA and RCIA Adapted for Children, or anyone who actively engages with youth. To register for this free workshop,

contact Danielle Robanske at:

drobanske@caedm.ca

Or 780-469-1010 ext. 2286

Dove real beauty Workshop for Girls

This workshop is designed to promote positive self-esteem within girls aged 8—13.

Date: Sunday April 10, 2011

Time: 10 am—2 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Location: Rotary Room at the Leduc Recreation Centre

- ❖ A healthy lunch will be served and is included in the cost of the course.

Guest Speaker: RCMP Kim Watson
Please register at LRC Guest Services or call (780) 980-7120 space is limited. For more information call: Chelsey Kerr (780)980-8466

Safer Internet Day 2011

This Safer Internet Day, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection is reminding parents, educators and everyone else with children in their lives why it's important to educate themselves on how to keep children safe online. The days where children spend the majority of their free time outdoors are behind us. Today's reality is that kids are spending a great deal of their time online.

According to recent statistics published by the Pew Research Centre, 93% of teens aged 12-17 are now on the Internet, 89% of them go online from home and 77% of them go online from school. Since most children's online activity happens at home or at school, parents and teachers are positioned to teach kids about safer Internet practices. While the Internet opens doors leading to a world of great information, communication and entertainment, it can also be a direct path to danger for children. Please take a moment to visit **The door that's not Locked**

(www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca) where you will find a number of new internet safety resources at your finger tips to help keep your kids safe online.



2011 Holy Spirit Ski Club Dates

March 3 & 9

Please remember to have your forms in to the school office before noon the Monday before you plan to go to Rabbit Hill as no late registrations will be accepted. We need to arrange for the appropriate number of rides. Also, skiing is weather dependant and if the temperatures are below -20 we may decide not to go for safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding.



Holy Spirit Sports News



Basketball



February 2nd both the Junior Boys and Junior Girls teams faced the Leduc Junior High Panthers. Pictured above Sebastian makes a beautiful foul shot keeping our Flyers in the lead. The next day, we hosted Thorsby teams with Flyers winning both matches. Pictured below is Vanessa making a foul shot with great follow through.



Playoffs: The Junior Girls finished a successful season narrowly losing in their quarter final game in Wetaskiwin. The girls finished tied for third after the regular season ended. Thanks to all of the girls for their hard work and exemplary attitude and effort. The Junior Boys won their quarterfinal match against Sacred Heart in a very close game. The boys will play their semifinal match at Holy Spirit on March 3rd and then will play in the gold or bronze medal match in Leduc on March 10th. Special thanks to all the parents, referees, scorekeepers and fans we appreciate your support. Good Luck and GO FLYERS!!!



JOURNAL GAMES: Track & Field

Wednesday, February 23rd, the girls and boys Journal Games teams went to the Butterdome on the University of Alberta campus to compete against several other schools. The girls team, pictured above, placed third in their heat and the boys, pictured below, came from behind to finish an impressive second. The lower photo shows Jordan making big strides around the inside corner. The dedication and practice paid off.



HOT LUNCH , HEALTH TIPS & FUNDRAISING

To order Hot Lunch items online please go to:

<https://holyspiritdevon.hotlunches.net>.

Enter Access Code:HS2010HL

The program then guides you through entering your information. If you have any questions, we would be happy to help. Similar to last year, our hot lunch is pre-ordered and pre-paid, with strict deadlines and no exceptions. **Please note the cut off dates as follows:**

ORDER BEFORE THESE CUT OFF DATES!

- ❖ **March 16th** for the Menu dates April 4th—28th
- ❖ **April 20th** for the Menu dates May 2nd- June



FUNDRAISING UPDATES

STILL NEED 75 RECIPES FOR COOKBOOK

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed many wonderful recipes to our Cookbook it will be a great resource once it is published. Most of the recipes so far are main dishes and desserts so we need all other categories like appetizers, salads and vegetables just to name a few. Please pick up a form at the office as the recipes are scanned in. Or if it is more convenient for you please visit the website:

cookbookprinter.com

A LOOK AHEAD AT POSSIBLE EVENTS

Family Carnival has tentatively been set for Saturday June 4th, 2011. Fundraisers are also looking into the possibility of a Dinner Theatre/Silent Auction event with our Junior High Drama Group and a Family Movie Night. Stay tuned for more information in future HSCS Newsletters.

Spirit Gear pictured to the right is still available while quantities last. Please ask for an order form at our school office if you are interested.



March is Nutrition Month

Spring is just around the corner, and we would like to remind you that March is Nutrition Month! This national campaign gives Registered Dietitians the opportunity to promote healthy eating messages to the Canadian public. This year's theme is based on "Celebrate Food... from Field to Table" with four key messages and points to focus on:

❖ **Celebrate...Local Foods**

Do you know where your food was grown? Try new foods that are grown nearby.

❖ **Food...Cook it yourself**

Preparing meals as a family teaches important skills including math and science not to mention fun bonding time with those we love.

❖ **Field...Discover where**

healthy foods are grown Visit a farm to see where the freshest ingredients are raised and grown.

❖ **Table...Enjoy meals**

together Share stories with your family about your day.

For more information go to:
www.albertahealthservices.ca



Grade One Goes to Texas!

Students in Mrs. Vant Hoff's grade one class didn't actually go to San Antonio, Texas, but they did get to spend an hour with a grade one class from Heritage School in San Antonio through video conferencing. On Thursday, February 24th, grade one students from Holy Spirit School gave a presentation highlighting all the important points about Devon. They then answered questions from students in Texas. These students then told us all about their city. Grade one learned many interesting things and then they were able to ask questions also. It was 37 degrees below zero with the wind chill that day here in Devon and a much warmer 23 degrees in San Antonio. It was interesting for the students to compare how differently the two classes dress for their climate. Special thanks to Mrs. Glebe and Ray Cote from Evergreen Outreach and Distance Learning Centre for facilitating the technology that made this visit possible.



Perogies \$5 per dozen



St. Maria Goretti Parish has been selling delicious homemade perogies with all profits going directly to the church mortgage fund. In March, perogies will be available for sale at Holy Spirit Catholic School on Fridays. Place your orders in the envelopes provided at the school and indicate the amount you wish of each kind:

- ❖ Cheddar cheese & onion
 - ❖ Cottage cheese & onion
- If paying by cheque, please make it payable to **St. Maria Goretti Parish**.
Contact: Donna Power 987-2398 or Pat March 987-6242 to pre-order.

St. Patrick's Nutrition Word Search

R	U	T	A	B	A	G	A	M	A	F	I	B	E	R	Y	Y	O	U
A	L	F	A	M	I	L	Y	W	V	E	G	E	T	A	B	L	E	S
S	E	R	V	I	N	G	R	A	I	N	S	A	Y	I	S	H	A	P
O	V	E	E	W	A	P	R	O	T	E	I	N	L	N	L	S	F	I
U	O	S	R	T	H	R	E	W	A	I	N	D	S	B	A	R	O	N
P	O	H	F	F	O	E	R	T	M	I	L	K	G	O	L	D	H	A
E	L	U	C	K	Y	P	R	A	I	I	N	T	E	W	A	B	E	C
S	E	I	O	D	H	A	E	T	N	H	E	F	I	R	F	I	S	H
E	E	L	O	A	T	R	U	M	O	N	A	S	T	E	R	Y	Q	G
H	K	T	K	E	L	E	R	T	O	C	H	O	E	E	E	U	R	
Y	S	O	U	T	A	H	O	G	S	N	E	A	M	Y	V	O	A	U
L	O	L	V	E	E	N	E	A	A	U	R	M	A	Y	O	O	S	U
A	C	A	R	B	H	Y	D	R	A	T	E	R	T	N	L	D	H	A
L	A	B	L	E	Y	O	U	D	U	R	R	O	O	H	C	E	A	R
T	B	E	M	R	I	G	B	E	H	I	T	C	D	T	E	S	I	R
E	B	L	I	R	N	C	L	N	L	T	U	K	D	N	I	N	G	H
E	A	S	A	I	L	T	I	H	Y	I	F	O	O	I	D	W	A	R
M	G	S	U	E	N	S	N	H	I	O	N	E	A	A	N	D	F	U
N	E	G	G	S	E	X	E	R	S	N	A	C	K	S	C	I	S	E

CARBOHYDRATE	FRESH	FIBER	PROTEIN	FISH
DUBLIN	BERRIES	LEEK	SHAMROCK	SQUASH
NUTRITION	SOUP	EGGS	CLOVER	
HEALTHY	LABELS	TOMATO	SERVING	
LUCKY	COOK	SNACKS	MILK	
VEGETABLES	GRAINS	SAINT	CABBAGE	
RAINBOW	PREPARE	GOLD	RUTABAGA	
MONASTERY	FAMILY	VITAMIN	SPINACH	



The remaining letters are an Irish Blessing just for you. Can you figure out the riddle?

If you think you have it figured out bring your answer to Mrs. Vani for a small prize.



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: Stay in touch with school

Earlier glitches have been ironed out so please try again if you were not able to use this wonderful link to our school. 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 March 1-14 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.

Four Grade 6 students visited the University of Alberta to learn about WISEST: Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology.

Mrs. Matter attended the 21st annual WISEST Conference with Bailey, Britney, Brooklyn and Ravyn (pictured to the right) to learn about the opportunities for women in these interesting fields of study. They participated in various science experiments and group challenges to encourage girls to consider these subjects for career goals.



Lost & Found

Spring Break is just around the corner and our lost and found bins are overflowing! Parents and students are strongly encouraged to check lost and found often. We regularly give lost items to charity, so the sooner you look for lost items the better. Thank you .

WHO TO CALL ABOUT BUSSING?



Parkland Student Transportation website is <http://www.parklandtransport.ca/> Valuable updates on bus routes. *Check this website and listen to major radio stations to find out when busses are late or not running due to road conditions. *It is up to parents to arrange rides to and from school when busses are cancelled. For info call 1-780-963-8452.

March 2011



“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.” 1 John 3:18

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Early Dismissal 1:45pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00—6:30 pm	9 Ash Wednesday	10	11 PD Day No Classes	12
13 First Sunday of Lent	14 Report Cards	15	16 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm—7:00 pm	17 Happy  St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Second Sun- day of Lent	21 PAC Meeting 6:30 pm	22	23	24	25 Lenten Mass 9:15 am Talent Show	26
27 Third Sunday of Lent	28	29	30	31	SPRING BREAK March 28—April 1	

Upcoming April Events:

April 3 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 April 4 Classes Resume
 April 6 Early Dismissal
 April 10 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 April 17 Palm Sunday
 April 19 Way of the Cross
 April 21-25 Easter Break

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



Holy Spirit Catholic School
 100 Michigan Street
 Devon, AB T9G 2H6

Phone: (780) 987-5730
 Fax: (780)987-5834
www.hscs.ca