



Holy Spirit Flyer



"Grow With the Spirit"



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Serving Grade K- 8 Students in Devon, Alberta

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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, November 8th 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 November 15th at 6:30 p.m.** All Holy Spirit Catholic School parents are always welcome.

Friday October 29th Holy Spirit Students and Staff celebrated Halloween with our traditional parade through the hallways and a dance in the gym for Grade 6, 7 & 8 students. We welcomed students from our sister school John Paul II in Stony Plain to the dance. Several other activities were enjoyed in individual classrooms like pumpkin carving in the Kindergarten room.

Inside this issue: Fundraising updates, Upcoming events like Remembrance Day Celebration, Christmas Concert Dates, Hansel and Gretel Opera Presentation, multiple ways to donate and volunteer around our school, sports news, Farewell to Father Frank Laverty and much 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

November 1—All Saints Day

November 2- All Souls Day

November 3—Early Dismissal 1:45 pm

November 7—Catholic Education Sunday

November 8—Evergreen Board Meeting
2:00 pm Spruce Grove

November 10—Remembrance Celebration
10:30 am Holy Spirit C.S.

November 11—Remembrance Day No School

November 12—In Lieu Day No School

November 13 - Fundraiser at The Shoe Company 6:30 pm South Edmonton Common

November 15—Parent Advisory Meeting 6:30

November 17—Shoebox Donations Due

November 18—Gr. 4 Bibles 1:00 pm Church

November 25—First Report Cards Home

November 28—First Sunday of Advent



First Communion Classes

Mondays 3:15 pm—4:15 pm at
St. Maria Goretti Church
Starting November 1st, 2010
Cost \$20 for Workbook
Contact Donna Power at (780)722-5558



Christmas Bazaar
St. Maria Goretti Church
Saturday
Dec. 11th
11:30am—2:00pm

Crafts and Baking from Catholic Women's League and Catholic Girls League will be for sale. Currently accepting Silent Auction Donations please call the church office at (780)987-2858

Catholic Girls League

Welcoming girls ages 10 -16

Saturdays November 6th & November 20th
3:00-4:30 PM at Church

Preparing for Christmas Bazaar

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

St. Maria Goretti Youth Group



Welcoming youth grades 7—12

Friday Nov. 12th 7- 8:30 Games Night at Church

Friday Nov. 26th 7-8:30 Gym Night at
Holy Spirit

Connie Fraser (780)987-5425 &
Phedelia Arnold (780)987-9169



Volunteers Needed

for Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at St. Maria Goretti Parish,
Devon. Call (780)987-2858 for
more information

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. ~World Health Organization, 1948

Counselling in schools provides students with opportunities to share and explore their feelings in a safe environment. We are currently planning a one day retreat for our Grade 7 female students on December 10th to increase self-acceptance. See page 3 for more information. If you have any questions or concerns about issues your children are facing, please contact me vbarron@ecsr.ca or (780) 987-5730 and leave a message on my confidential voice mail extension 115.

Mrs. Barron, Registered Provisional Psychologist



Upcoming Events



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2010



Practice is well underway for the annual Christmas Concerts.

K-3 ❖ Students from **kindergarten to grade three** will present a variety of performances all centered around the theme "Gifts of the Season." Their performance will be held on Wed., Dec. 8th at

1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Grades 4-6 ❖ "The Fumbly Bumbly Angels", a musical drama, will be performed by students in grades 4 to 6. Their performances will take place on Thursday, December 9th at 1 and 7 pm. **Mark your Calendars!**

❖ ITEMS TO DONATE FOR CONCERTS:

Old metal coat-hangers, old white sheets, one old blue sheet, old costume jewelry, old bags of fiberfill that you may have bought but never used, old bathrobes, old ties, old squares of cloth suitable for headdresses for Shepherds and handkerchiefs.



Retreat

Holy Spirit Grade 7 Girls will enjoy a one day retreat December 10th, 2010. Designed to foster healthy habits and self-esteem this special day will be very meaningful. If you are able to donate items for gift bags or door prizes please contact our School Counsellor, Vicki Barron at

(780) 987-5730 Ext.

115 or email:

vbarron@ecsr.ca



Bible Presentation

Grade 4 students will be presented their own Catholic Bible from the Knights of Columbus at St. Maria Goretti Parish on Thursday, November 18th at 1:00pm. We thank all the Knights for this valuable gift. The word of God truly can enlighten our path.



FUNDRAISING UPDATES



❖ Magazine Sales

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the magazine fundraiser this year we sold close to \$15,000 worth.

❖ Parent Teacher Night Raffle & Haunted House

Thank you for helping raise \$178 for our playground. Kindergarten student Abbygale Giles won the festive basket. Mrs. Power's Haunted House also raised \$125 for the Fundraising Committee. Great job!

❖ Shoe Shopping Special Event—What could be more fun?

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 13th at 6:30 pm we will have the opportunity to privately shop at The Shoe Company in South Edmonton Common. Discounts and fun for all shoes addicts!

RSVP to: dpower1082@yahoo.ca

❖ COOKBOOKS

Please continue to send in the wonderful recipes for our cookbook on the scan able forms. We hope to have 240 recipes and when completed the book will be a very reasonable price around \$10. Website: cookbookprinter.com

❖ Christmas Poinsettia Sales: Watch for a poinsettia order form to be sent out Mid-November.

❖ Dinner Theatre: In conjunction with our Junior High Drama Department, more info to follow soon.

❖ If you prefer to donate directly, our School Board Treasurer can issue **tax receipts** for amounts over \$25. Cheques need to be made out to Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional Division No.2. Please contact our school office first so we can ensure the proper paperwork is completed. Thank you.

More Upcoming Events



At Holy Spirit Catholic School we endeavor to promote the arts as well as academics and sports. It has been our tradition to bring an opera performance to our school every year at Christmas time. This year's performance will be held on Friday, December 3rd at 1:30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend. There is no cost to students. **Hansel and Gretel will captivate students** with this lively musical theatre rendition of the classic fairy tale. With four performers, an original musical score, and set and costumes by award-winning designers, Hansel and Gretel will provide a truly engaging theatre experience for our whole school community. As you may recall, Hansel and Gretel live in an impoverished homestead on the edge of the Black Forest. With dreams of a more lavish life they run away and find themselves lost amongst the dark trees. Lured by a candy trail, the Witch, disguised as an old woman holds them prisoner and the pair need to work together to escape back to the comfort and simple beauty of the home they left behind.

Free Public Influenza Clinics

Wed. Nov. 3rd

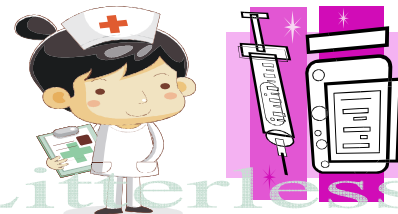
9:00am-8:00pm

Wed. Nov. 17th

9:00am-4:00pm

NO CHARGE

Devon Community Center



Litterless Lunch



Both Grade 4 classes organized a school wide Litterless Lunch Challenge to recognize Waste Reduction Week from October 18-22. All classes were asked to reduce their lunch waste as much as possible, by using reusable containers and more eco-friendly products. The Grade 4 students collected all the waste and weighed each classes, determining the average student waste in each class. The champions were the Kindergarten classes, who had less than 14 grams of waste per student. Incredible!!! Much of the reduction in waste was due to composting. Thank-you to all who participated in the challenge. Remember, try to have a litterless lunch everyday.



HOT LUNCH

If you have not already checked out how to order Hot Lunch items online please go to:

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

Enter our **School 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, for with strict deadlines and no exceptions. **Please Note the cut off dates are as follows for the next five rotations: ORDER BEFORE**

- ❖ **November 17th** for the Menu dates Dec. 1st—Jan.27th, 2011
- ❖ **January 19th** for the Menu dates February 2nd—28th
- ❖ **February 16th** for the Menu dates March 1st—25th
- ❖ **March 16th** for the Menu dates April 4th—28th
- ❖ **April 20th** for the Menu dates May 2nd- June 16th

Smoothies



Fridays
\$1





Holy Spirit Sports News

Evergreen Cross Country Run



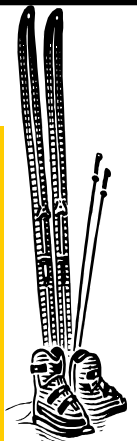
Holy Spirit's Running Club participated in the Evergreen Cross Country Run on October 6th at St. Joseph School in Spruce Grove. The runners enjoyed a beautiful fall day and finished in good standings in their age categories. All their hard work and training on Tuesdays and Thursdays really paid off. Here is the list of finishers and how they placed: Leading the Grade 6 girls was Karolina Oakley who took 1st place. Grade 6 boys: John Boogers-3rd place, Carter Van Slyke-4th place, Liam Collins- 5th place, Carson Rawlyk-6th place & Austin Saunders-8th place. William Miller placed in the top 15 of Grade 5 boys and William Politeski placed 7th in Grade 4 boys. Well done everyone!



Basketball tryouts will begin in early December. We will have a Junior girls and boys team as well as a co-ed developmental team. Please listen to announcements and check the athletic bulletin board for further information.

WANTED!

If you have any cross country skis, snowshoes, etc. gathering dust, our Phys.Ed. department will accept all sports equipment donations. Items will be greatly appreciated and used often.



Intense Competition



Volleyball

Both girls and boys volleyball teams are doing really well this season. The boys are in 3rd place out of 10 teams and the girls are in 2nd place out of 10 teams. The Flyers attended their first tournament in Spruce Grove



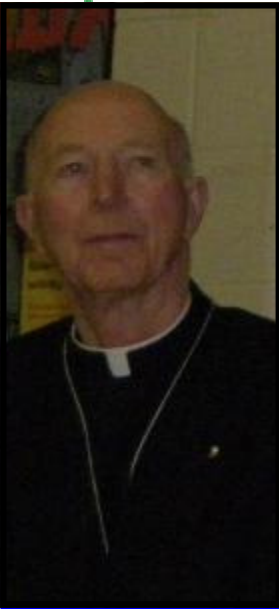
October 29th and 30th. Both teams gained valuable experience and showed great team spirit. Both teams played four games each. We will host the Junior Boys Volleyball Championships on November 15th starting at 2:00 p.m. Come out and cheer our Holy Spirit Flyers team on!



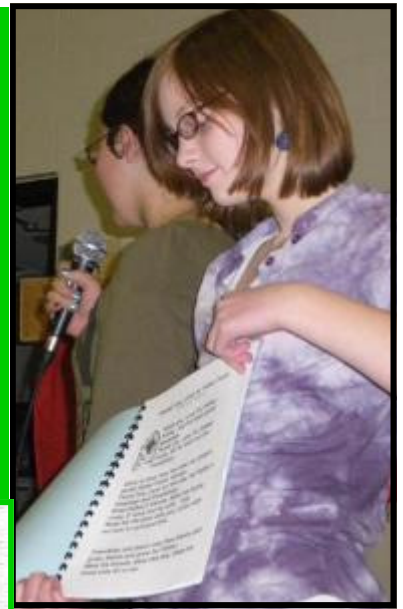
Mini-Coaches



Father Frank returns to Ireland



A special Farewell Ceremony was held for Father Frank Lavery on October 28th, 2010. Our Devon community was blessed to have Father Frank as our Parish Priest at St. Maria Goretti Church for several years. He was instrumental in making Catholic Education possible here. Our Holy Spirit Library was named in Father Frank's honour to remember the work he did and his love of books. Junior High students presented Father with a special booklet they made with personal comments of gratitude and good luck wishes for his journey back home to Ireland. Many of these students were baptized and celebrated their first communion and first reconciliation with Father Frank. Fare thee well!



Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome all parent volunteers to Holy Spirit Catholic School. If you would like to volunteer our office staff would be happy to give you more information about how to get started and where we need the most help.



Do We Need Movies at Lunchtime?

During lunch time at Holy Spirit School, you will often find our students watching movies for 10 and 15 minutes while they eat their lunches. We at Holy Spirit want to know what you think of movies during the lunch hour. If you would like to express an opinion, please send an email to Mrs. Glebe at sglebe@ecsr.ca or phone (780)987-5730 extension 110.

Shoebboxes to Santa Clara

We will be once again collecting items to send to the small community of Santa Clara in Mexico for Christmas. These items will be placed in shoeboxes and will be delivered by Glen Fraser and his daughter Gail. We need all the items sent to the classrooms by Wednesday, November 17th, as Mr. Fraser will be picking the boxes up on Friday, November 19th. If you would like to help Mrs. Herriman package these boxes, so they all have the same content, please email her at nherriman@ecsr.ca or phone (780)987-5730 ext. 100





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

Holy Spirit Parents View Homelogic!

You will now be able to view your child's schedule, attendance, class assignments, grading information, grades history and more from your computer at home. A letter



was sent home mid-October to all families explaining how to access this site that will help you stay informed. Please take a moment to visit this website to make sure your personal Login Name and Password work. The website for Homelogic is:

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

We trust you will refer to this site often and stay in-the-know all the time. If you have any questions regarding Homelogic please contact your homeroom teacher or our school office anytime and we would be happy to familiarize you with this valuable tool.

Holy Spirit Travel Club



The trip is set for late **March 2011** to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older students! This trip is open to grade 6, 7 and 8 students during the 2010-2011 school year. Space is limited so if you are interested please see Mr. Hardy as soon as possible or email khardy@ecsrd.ca

Happy Travels!

Lost & Found Items

Each year our Lost & Found Boxes overflow with items that are not claimed. We have two large plastic containers located near the gymnasium. One bin is designated for Holy Spirit Gym Wear and the other one for everything else. Please take time to look for any lost items regularly and if you do not have success finding missing items let the office know. Thank you for your help.



Parkland Student Transportation website is <http://www.parklandtransport.ca/>
Valuable updates on bus routes.
For info call 1-780-963-8452.

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November 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

More and more children and staff have life-threatening food allergies. For these people, smelling, eating or touching an allergy-causing food can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction also known as anaphylaxis. Peanuts and other nuts are one of the more common foods that can cause anaphylactic reactions such as swelling, itching and difficulty in breathing. In some cases these anaphylactic reactions is followed by anaphylactic shock. If not treated, it could lead to collapse and death. In some cases, these reactions may occur within seconds or minutes of contact with the allergy-causing food, while in other cases it may take an hour or longer to appear. **The only way to prevent this type of reaction is to avoid contact with allergy-causing foods such as peanuts.**

To this end, we are asking all parents, whose children have a child/staff member in their class with a peanut/nut allergy, to try and refrain from packing these items in their lunches. The children/staff with these allergies are well aware of how to deal with these allergies and will take all the precautions necessary to avoid contact with these foods. However, if your child chooses to bring foods such as peanut butter or peanuts to school (only if there is a child in your class with severe allergies) we will ask them to join a friend and eat their lunch in an alternate location, away from the child/staff member with the allergies.

While anaphylaxis has the potential to cause death, fatalities are rare and usually avoidable. However, we feel these measures indicated above will reduce the risk of accidental exposure to foods that could cause an allergic reaction. We hope that this letter will assist us in ensuring that Holy Spirit Catholic School is a safe environment for all of our children and staff. Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Steve Dempsey
Principal

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>All Souls Day</i>	3 <i>Early Dismissal 1:45pm</i>	4	5	6	
7 <i>Catholic Education Sunday</i>	8 <i>Evergreen Board Meeting 2:00pm Spruce Grove</i>	9	10 <i>Remembrance Day Celebration 10:30am HSCS</i>	11  <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12 <i>In Lieu Day No School</i>	13 <i>Shoe Fundraiser South Edm. Common 6:30 pm</i>	
14	15 <i>Parent Advisory Meeting 6:30 HSCS</i>	16	17 <i>Shoebox donations due to homeroom classes</i>	18 <i>Grade 4 Bible Pres- entation at Church 1:00pm</i>	19 <i>Glen Fraser picking up shoeboxes for Mexico</i>	20	
21	22	23	24	25 <i>FIRST REPORT CARD GOES HOME</i>	26 	27	
28 <i>First Sunday of Ad- vent</i>	29	30 					
	Kindergarten—Grade 3: Wednesday December 8th, 1pm & 7pm Grades 4—6 : Thursday December 9th, 1pm & 7pm						