



# Holy Spirit Flyer



## "Grow With the Spirit"

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Serving Grade K- 8 Students in Devon, Alberta

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## 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, October 17th 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 **Tuesday October 4th in our Staff Room at Holy Spirit School.** All Holy Spirit Catholic School parents are welcome.

### Introducing our new Student Union!

Congratulations to all the amazing students who put their names out there for the Student Union elections this year. It is a daunting task to stand up in front of all your fellow students and teachers and to articulate your vision for another great year at Holy Spirit. We applaud your leadership and enthusiasm. Our student council this year is: Jennifer Hart—President, Kaytlyn Power—Vice President, Bailey Petryshen—Secretary, Kimmy O'Dell—Social Coordinator, Class Representatives: Skyla, Ian, Angus, Riley, Brooklyn, Sheldon, Shyla, Britney and Marcelo. Good work!

**FUNDRAISING: QSP—Reader's Digest Magazine Fundraiser runs from October 3rd to October 26th, 2011.**

**Inside this Issue:** Student Union Elections, Open House, Carnival, Petting Zoo Pictures, Many exciting Parish Activities for the whole family, Terry Fox Run, Volleyball begins ...and much more



**Evergreen CSRD #2 Schools: Holy Spirit K-8, Devon; 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; St. Gregory- K-4; Gerard Redmond - 5-12, Hinton**

# Important Dates

- October 5—Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
- October 6—Thanksgiving Mass 9:15 am
- October 7—PD Day No School for Students
- October 10—Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday
- October 13—Hot Lunch Begins
- October 26 & 27th Parent Teacher Interviews
- October 24 -28 BOOK FAIR All week!
- October 31- Halloween

## First Reconciliation and First Communion

For parents of children in Grade 2 or higher registration will be held on Tuesday October 11th at St. Maria Goretti Church. The session will begin with mass at 7:00 pm, followed by the registration. Volunteers are required to lead the student preparation sessions.

For more information contact:  
Margaret Cargill, Education Co-ordinator  
780-987-0353

## Catholic Girls League

Welcoming girls ages 10 -16

Join us Oct. 1st & 15th 3:00—4:30 pm

## St. Maria Goretti Church

We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.  
Come join the fun!

Contact: Mrs. Phedelia Arnold (780) 987-9169

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Children's Liturgy of the Word and many other jobs at our Parish. Call 780-987-2858

## Ambassadors For Christ Youth Group

Welcoming youth aged 12 to 18 years old

October 14 from 7-8:30pm at St. Maria Goretti

For Faith, Fellowship, Bible skits and Games Night. Bring a snack to share and a favorite game.

October 28 from 7-8:30 at Holy Spirit for Faith, Fun & Sports.  
Bring water bottles and a snack to share.

Contact: Mrs. Connie Fraser, Youth Leader (780) 987-5425



## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

As many of you know Mrs. Barron our school counselor is on maternity leave until early 2012. In her absence Mr. Dempsey and Mrs. Glebe will be available for day to day concerns.



**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2011**

St. Maria Goretti Parish invites all Holy Spirit Families to take part in the Oktoberfest Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Devon Community Centre. Cash bar, live and silent auctions, a German themed dinner catered by Bradbury's Family Restaurant and Catering. Dancing to the live German band "Sound Flight". The proceeds will go towards the Mortgage Fund at St. Maria Goretti Parish, and this year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Holy Spirit Playground Fund. **TICKETS:** Tickets are available as singles or in tables of 8. Please call John Hill at 780-987-2861 or Phil Buote 780-987-3767 for a table of 8. Single tickets are available at Devon Home Hardware, Devon Flower Shop or at Grounded Coffee House and Cakery. **VOLUNTEERS and DONATIONS** please contact Madelon Lefebvre 780-987-3009

# Current Events

## 7th Annual Holy Spirit Food Bank Drive

The week before Thanksgiving October 3-7 we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Our generosity can go a long way to help families who are struggling so please mark these dates on your calendar so everyone can have plenty to be thankful for this year. Sometimes the true gift is in the giving.



Happily serving up 500 hundred Hot Dogs in record time to Holy Spirit Families Mrs. Tamblyn, Ms. Lapointe and Mrs. Miron.



Pictured above are Kolby, Briana and Skyla enjoying the feathered and furry friends featured at the petting zoo during on September 8th.

## Holy Spirit School Council Needs You!

We are currently seeking out willing and able parents to fill the following three roles in our Parent Advisory Council:

**\*School Council President**

**\*School Council Vice President**

**\*Fundraising Treasurer**

These are all very important roles so please contact our Principal Steve Dempsey at 780-987-5730 or Past President Margaret Cargill 780-987-0353 before our first meeting Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 at 6:30 pm in our Staff Room. This is a great opportunity to share your time and talents in a way that helps our whole school community.

## Great Attendance for Open House!

Thank you to all the families who came to our Open House Barbeque. The weather was perfect for an evening with so much outdoor family friendly entertainment. The 500 Hot Dogs were gone in record time. The Carnival Games run by our wonderful volunteers, the petting zoo, Mud Sweat and Gears and the Fire Truck were enjoyed by kids of all ages. We are looking forward to this our 7th year at Holy Spirit Catholic School and encourage all families to get involved throughout the year.

Holy Spirit Students raised \$1234 during the Terry Fox Run September 28th, 2011. Fantastic!

# More Events

## The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton Youth Rally 2011

Saturday October 15, 10 a.m.—9 p.m.  
Archbishop O'Leary High School  
8760—132 Avenue, Edmonton  
\$50 per person

Speaker: Michael Chiasson Music: FX of Grace  
Contact: Mrs. Roxanne Persson 780-987-4807

## Milk Vouchers

Milk vouchers are 75cents each this year available at the office.

## Hot Lunch

Watch for many exciting new changes to Hot Lunch. Same great food and web based ordering and payment!

**SMOOTHIES** sold Fridays for only \$1 voucher at office.

## BEARS

### Cross Country Ski Team Registration:



Sunday October 16, 2011

1-3 pm, Devon Lion's Campground

Practices: October 23, 2011 to March 4, 2012. Sundays 1:30—3:00 pm and Wednesdays 6:00—7:30 pm.

Levels: Bunnyrabbit (4-5 year olds) \$50 plus membership.

Jackrabbits (6-9 years) \$100 plus membership. Track Attack (9-14 Years) \$100 plus membership. Ski rentals available. For information and registration: Visit [www.devonnordic.ca](http://www.devonnordic.ca) or contact Judy Hogan 780-987-8087

## International walk to school day: Wednesday

October 5th, 2011

"iwalk" is an international event for children promoting active travel to school and around their community.

[iwalktoschool.org](http://iwalktoschool.org)



# Sports News

## VOLLEYBALL

Both Junior Volleyball teams have been selected and along with the developmental team practices are well underway. Practices will be Monday and Wednesday 2:50-4:00pm for the Junior teams and Thursdays for developmental team. Junior League Games will be Tuesdays starting October 4th with the Final scheduled for November 15th. Parent Drivers are needed to help please see Mr. Hardy for information.

## PHYS. ED. PROGRAMS

Mr. Hardy's gym classes have just completed their golf unit with soccer starting soon. A huge THANK YOU to the families who have donated golf clubs and balls allowing this program to flourish! The great Fall weather has also facilitated more outdoor pursuits and opportunities for all Holy Spirit students to get active. We look forward to seeing families supporting our teams & showing Flyer pride!

## TIPS & TRICKS FOR ATHLETES

To perform your best on game day follow these tips from sports nutritionist P. Beith.

- Do not skip meals.
- Eat breakfast with some protein.
- Eat most vegetables & fruit in raw form.
- Eat all the colors of fruits and vegetables.
- Highly processed foods should be avoided in excess.
- Drink 64oz water daily.



# 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 5
Mrs. Kearley	205	Grade 6
Mrs. Weins	200	Grade 7
Ms. Gardner	109	Grade 8
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
Mrs. Miron		Teacher Assistant

### Custodial Staff

Goran Ilievski  
Amy Tkachuk

## Medication Policy For Students

Students needing occasional medications, such as puffers, allergy medication, aspirin, etc are to take those medications at home whenever possible. Medication that needs to be given at school must have a completed medication instruction form as well as an 'Authorization for the Administration of Medication' form filled out by a legal guardian. These forms are available at our school office. ALL medication that comes into the school must be turned into the office. We do not want students storing medicine in their lockers. For safety medicines are stored centrally at the office where they are supervised and safely administered when required. Also, for liability reasons we are not able to give over the counter nor prescription medicine to a student unless we have a waiver signed by the parent. We ask your full cooperation as we are primarily concerned with the health and safety of all our students. Thank you.

### No Child Without: Free allergy bracelets.

Canadian Medic Alert Foundation partners with school across Canada to provide Medic Alert bracelets at no cost to children 14 and younger. To enroll in the program please request a brochure from our school office.



## Computers FOR SALE \$125 !

These completely refurbished computers include an LCD monitor, keyboard and mouse are loaded with Open Office Software. They are fully internet capable. Make your cheques payable to Evergreen Catholic School Division No. 2. Drop by with your payment and pick them up while supplies last. At this price they won't last long.

## 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 is designated for Holy Spirit Gym Wear and the other 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.



If you plan on taking the school bus this school year please contact Parkland Student Transportation as soon as possible at:  
1-780-963-8452.

# Learning Opportunities for Parents

"Family, become what you are!" John Paul II

## **A one day conference for strengthening Catholic Families**

October 22, 2011—Blessed John Paul II's first feast day!!!

At Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 200 Boundary Road, Spruce Grove, AB

From 9:30am—4:30pm followed by Vigil Mass at 5:00pm.

Lunch provided  
Children's program (ages 4 - 12)  
Cost: \$15 per person or \$35 per family if registered by Friday October 14th, 2011 or \$20 per person, \$45 per family after that date.

Contact Holy Trinity Catholic Church for more information:

**780-960-0135**

You are invited to attend

## **SMART DISCIPLINE**

Program for Parents

- America's Most Well-Attended Seminar.
- For your peace of mind and your child's self-esteem
- Benefits include—stops fighting and bickering, ends homework hassled, and curbs negative attitudes.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  
1st, 2011 from 6:30 to  
8:30pm  
At St. Thomas Aquinas  
School, Spruce Grove, AB**

Sponsored by Evergreen Catholic ATA Local and John Paul II Parent Council.

Refreshments will be served!!!

**FREE ADMISSION**

Too busy to go out and learn something new? Try visiting Alberta Health Services website and reading their **Health TALK Newsletter** each month.

[http://  
www.albertahealthservices.  
ca/4203.asp](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/4203.asp)

This Public Health Newsletter is for Teachers, School Staff and Parents.

October 2011 edition is about Taking Control of Your Health.

Topics include:

- Handwashing
- School Immunizations
- Asthma
- Vision
- Eye See...Eye Learn

We encourage all Holy Spirit Families to role model and be a learner so that your children catch the enthusiasm for learning new things at home and at school.

## October 2011

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

*2 Peter 3:18*

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Oktoberfest</i>
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