



Holy Spirit Flyer



"Grow With the Spirit"

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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, January 9th 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 January 10th in our Staff Room at Holy Spirit School.** All Holy Spirit School parents are welcome.

To celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas a very special visitor delighted students at Holy Spirit December 6th, 2011. Pictured above is William receiving a little gift from this historic figure. St. Nick gave out golden chocolate coins and reminded students and staff alike that Jesus loves us. This tradition started back in the 4th century when the Greek Bishop, who became a saint, had a reputation for secret gift giving. In some countries he is the patron saint of students and from the joy he brought we understand why.

Inside this Issue: Christmas Concert Pictures, Bethlehem Walk, Spelling Bee, Charity in December: Food Hampers for the Devon Christmas Elves and Donations for Chalice, Student Union Big Week-O-Fun before Christmas, Guitar Club, Oliver Twist date setand 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

- January 9 First Day of Classes 2012
- January 11 Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
- January 13 AMA Safety Patrol Training
11:30-12:30
- January 20 Family Dance
- January 23—27 Literacy Week
- January 27 Mid Year Progress Reports
- January 30 Explorer Idol 1:50pm
- January 31 PD Day No school for students
- February 16 The Musical Adventures of
Oliver Twist—Mark your calendar!



Spelling Bee Champion 3 years in a row!

This year's Spelling Bee was a real nail biter! It was the longest competition in the history of Holy Spirit School. The competition began at 10:30 and had to be carried through after lunch for another half hour! Robbie Kelly finally emerged the champion for his third straight year in a row. He will now write a spelling test using a CD supplied by the Edmonton Journal. If he qualifies, Robbie will compete in Edmonton in the early spring. Again, if he qualifies there, he will go on to compete in Ottawa. Way to go Robbie and congratulations to all of those students who made the effort to participate in this competition. Go Flyers!

Parish News

Catholic Girls League

Welcoming girls ages 10 -16

Join us January 7th & 21st, 2012 from 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

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for Children's Liturgy of the Word and many other jobs at our Parish. Call the Parish St. Maria Goretti at 780-987-2858 or Margaret Cargill, Education Co-ordinator at 780-987-0353.

Ambassadors For Christ Youth Group

Welcoming youth aged 12 to 18 years old

January 13—Adoration at 7pm followed by Street Hockey until 9pm at St. Maria Goretti. Bring your labeled hockey sticks and a snack to share. Hot Chocolate provided. Need 2 hockey nets.

January 27—7-8:30pm Gym Night at Holy Spirit bring clean running shoes and water bottles.

Contact: Connie Fraser 780-987-5425

Blessings From Father James

Dec 23rd Father James celebrated Christmas Mass with the whole school. He wishes all Holy Spirit families joy and happiness as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ! He also extends a warm welcome to Mass anytime. You can call the parish at 780-987-2858



Current Events



Bethlehem Walk a Wonderful Journey Through Time

Grade 6 and 8 students had the opportunity to experience Bethlehem on December 8th. Walking through the streets of Bethlehem, tasting the food and for some, holding baby Jesus in the stable was an experience that will stay with the students. Students felt the experience was incredibly realistic, indescribable, and it gave students an idea of what it would have been like in the streets of Bethlehem. Sheep ran through the streets followed by their shepherds. Pictured above is Marcello walking past the Bethlehem Inn and Felicia holding baby Jesus. Students and teachers were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to the Schoenfelder family for donating the bus for this field trip and to all the actors from West Edmonton Christian Assembly who brought His story to life. Over 20,407 lbs of food and \$12,668 were raised for the Edmonton Food Bank. Wow!

Pre-Christmas Week-O-Fun with Student Union:

The week before Christmas was super fun with all the activities Student Union organized. Monday, December 19th, was Christmas Hat Day and pictured below is 1V looking festive. Wednesday was Cheesy Sweater Day and Jackson pictured to the right was very creative in how he made his sweater Cheetos cheesy! Nice job!





Basketball



Basketball Season will start soon and our Flyer teams have been practicing their skills already. We look forward to the excitement and athleticism shown by these bright young athletes as they compete and learn.

Health & Wellness News



No Gym No Problem

While the stage was set up in the gymnasium for Christmas Concert practice many fun alternate activities amused students in December like Foosball and Air Hockey. Pictured are grade one students enjoying daily physical activity.



Rainbows

These Grief Peer Support groups will begin in the New Year and run once a week during lunch for 12 weeks. Dealing with divorce and death can be tough and knowing you are not alone helps. Please contact Mrs. Vani at 780-987-5730 for information



GET INVOLVED IN SKI CLUB!

To qualify for group rates we need a minimum of twelve skiers. If you are interested in this healthy outdoor winter activity contact Mr. Dempsey.



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Arts & Entertainment

The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist



This year, our school is producing the musical "Oliver Twist" slated for February 16th, 2012! There will be a matinee and an evening performance so mark your calendar.

Guitar Club

Mr. Bolkowy is excited to announce the reformation of the Guitar Club at Holy Spirit School! The club will be open to anyone in Grades 4-8 with access to a guitar (acoustic preferred). Please bring your guitar to the Art/Music room after school on **Wednesdays** until 4:00 pm, beginning on Wednesday, January 25th, 2012. There will be no Guitar Club on Early Dismissal Wednesdays. The Guitar Club will run until mid-June. You may store your guitars in Mr. Bolkowy's classroom during the day on Wednesdays. (Pictured above is Kaytlyn looking cool.) Hope to see you there. Rock on!!!



Shine Your Lights K-3

December 1st Kindergarten through Grade Three students performed a musical entitled 'Shine Your Lights'. The dancing and singing was a wonderful gift to the appreciative audiences at both performances. Pictured to the right is Ms. Teasdale's grade one class performing Christmas ABC's.



Christmas in the Country Grades 4-6

Our older students performed a musical entitled 'Christmas in the Country'. So much talent and hard work made this wonderful.



Gratitude Graffiti



We have so much to be thankful for again this year. We are grateful for friends that make us laugh, and make us creamy hot chocolate. We are grateful for teachers who dress goofy and encourage a little silliness to make the day happy. We are grateful for parents.



We appreciate the love and support from our family and community that support our learning. And we are grateful to be able to share this love with others who may not have enough from time to time. Thank you for all you do!





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
Ms. Swaren	203	Grade 5
Mrs. Jensen	206	Grade 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 Secretary
Mrs. Stecyk	133	Librarian

Teacher Assistant

Mrs. C. Jensen	Mrs. Berube
Mrs. Shields	Mrs. Marshall
Mrs. Hugh	Mrs. Miron

Custodial Staff

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Amy Tkachuk



Chalice

Rated Number 1 International Aid/Development Charity in Canada according to MoneySense Magazine, Chalice, is a worthwhile cause. Chalice sponsors over 45,000 children and elderly in 15 developing countries with one of the highest percentage of spending going directly to programs when compared to similar charities. Based in Nova Scotia, Chalice is rooted in Catholic social teachings that affirm the sacredness of life, and the dignity of all people regardless of colour, nationality or creed. Holy Spirit grade three students collected pocket change two weeks before the Christmas break. Thanks to your generosity \$1205 were raised which is \$400 more than last year. Wow. This money will be used to purchase buy several farm animals, a water system for a community and transportation fare for the people to get to schools and hospitals. Great leadership Grade 3! For more information or if you want to contribute please visit the Chalice website:
www.chalice.ca



Lost & Found Items

Conveniently located by our school gymnasium are two large lost and found bins. Please encourage students to check these bins regularly for missing items like gloves and gym wear.



All of our Evergreen Schools use Parkland Student Transportation busses. When busses are cancelled due to weather it is announced on major radio stations like 630 CHED and CISN and on their website. Please contact Parkland Student Transportation for more information:
1-780-963-8452.

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I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Psalm 146:2

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christmas Vacation						
8	9 <i>First Day of Classes in 2012</i>	10	11 <i>Early Dismissal 1:45</i>	12	13 <i>AMA Safety Patrol Training</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Family Dance</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Mid Year Progress Reports</i>	28
Literacy Week						
29	30 <i>Explorer Idol 1:50pm Musical Theatre</i>	31 <i>PD Day No School For Students</i>				