



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, February 13th 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 February 7th, 6:30 pm** in our **Staff Room at Holy Spirit School.** All Holy Spirit School parents are welcome.

Literacy Week was full of many exciting activities around our school this year including the opportunity to cut off Mr. Dempsey's tie! Pictured above is smiling Riley and Mr. Dempsey looking a little stressed. Other activities during the week of January 23rd to 27th included Grandparent Reading, Book Swap, Storytelling, Dust Cover Competition and Milk and Cookies Day.

Inside this Issue: Literacy week activities, Important Dates to mark on your calendar, including a Pancake Supper and Valentine Lunch, Updates on Basketball
...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

February 1st Early Dismissal 1:45

February 9 & 10 Teacher Convention
No School

February 14 St. Valentine's Day

February 16 The Musical Adventures of
Oliver Twist—Devon Community Centre
Matinee and Evening Performances.

February 20 Family Day No School

February 21 Shrove Tuesday

February 21 Pancake Supper 5:00-6:30 pm
At Holy Spirit for only a silver
donation for Holy Childhood Association.

February 22 Ash Wednesday

February 26 First Sunday of Lent

Parish News

Catholic Girls League

Welcoming girls ages 10 -16

Join us February 4th & 18th, 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

February 10—Adoration at 7pm Adoration for all ages at St. Maria Goretti with Father James and Teen Spirit Band playing the music.

February 24—7-8:30pm Gym Night at Holy Spirit bring clean running shoes and water bottles.

Sports, faith and fellowship.

Contact: Connie Fraser 780-987-5425



Youth Celebrate Father James' Birthday

Father James enjoyed his birthday celebration with youth Friday January 13th, 2012 at St. Maria Goretti Church. Can you guess how many candles were on his cake this year? For more information on this or any other celebration at our parish please contact Father James at:
780-987-2858



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Barron has returned to Holy Spirit Catholic School from her maternity leave. If you have concerns about any academic or personal issue she can be reached at 780-987-5730 extension 115.

Pictured to the right is grade 8 student Ben learning how to say Hello in Japanese. Grade 8 students from several schools visited our High School St. Thomas Aquinas for an orientation session Monday January 30th. Not sure where to go for Grade 9? Maybe Mrs. Barron can help give you info.



Current Events

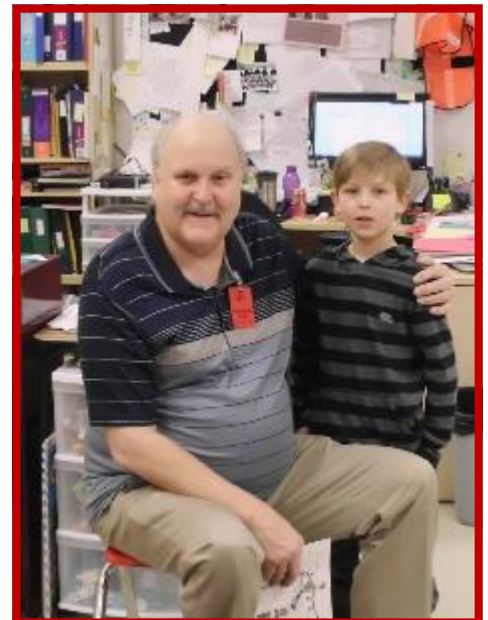


More fun during Literacy Week: Pictured above are the winners of "Guess the number of books." Each certificate is worth \$10 on their next Scholastic book order. To the right is Liam cutting Mr. Dempsey's favorite cartoon Tazmanian Devil tie.



Grandparent Readers

An amazing group of 47 grandparents came in during literacy week to read in several classes. Not only is that an impressive number but it really shows the great support students have that encourages their love of reading. Many thanks to all those who took time to visit our school and share their talents. Pictured to the right is Mr. Hugh with Kade in grade 1 and to the right is Mrs. St. Jean with Brendan.



Grade 4 Instructional Mass With Father James

On January 27th, the Grade Four students celebrated mass in their classroom with Father James during their Instructional Mass. One topic that was discussed was the Consecration of the bread and wine during mass. A big thanks to Father James for bringing the celebration of mass to us! These visits are super for learning and asking questions in a familiar setting.

Upcoming Events

Grade 8 Students Prepare for Next Year

Pictured to the right, grade 8 students visit in the cafeteria of St. Thomas Aquinas High School during their orientation January 30th. Pictured below the whole class looks like Mad Scientists. Good luck to all these students as they dream big!



CWL Valentine Lunch



Friday February 10th
11:00am—1:30pm
Devon Pioneer 73 Club
Only \$6 for
Adults & Teens
Ages 6-10 \$3
Age 5 & under Free
Draws, Door Prizes &
Bake Table

*Luckily due to Teacher's Convention there is no school this day. Enjoy!

Disconnect to Connect



February 21st
Family Day is a great opportunity to unplug from your technology and connect with yourself, your family and your community. Why Unplug?

* 73% of kids would rather play with their parents than watch TV or use the internet.

Log the hours you unplug on Feb 20th. Beginning Feb 21st, go to www.fcssa.ab.ca to log your hours and tell your story.

Special Youth Events: Ambassadors for Christ St. Maria Goretti Youth Group

- + Bowling in Leduc April 20th at 7:00pm
- + Tri-Parish BBQ June 8th at 6:00pm in Devon at Lion's Park

Join us for faith, fun and games! Contact:

Mrs. Connie Fraser
780-987-5425 or
Mrs. Phedelia Arnold
780-987-9169



Sports News



All Flyers basketball teams have played their first games of the season . Each team has done very well and they continue to display the sportsmanship, attitude and determination of champions. A special thank you to all coaches, players, parents, refs and scorekeepers for their time and effort in helping all the students become great athletes and even better people both on and off the court.

Way to GO FLYERS!



Outdoor Education Cooks

Mr. Hardy's Junior High students in Outdoor Education tested out their cooking skills on a warm winter afternoon. Students prepared everything from BBQ shrimp to breakfast for supper. Each group was required to plan, prepare and serve a five course meal. The results were fantastic. In a few short months the outdoor education classes will head out for a two night trip to camp Meywasin. Keep cooking!

Health & Wellness News



Rainbows

These 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



Devon Soccer Association Registration! U4-U18



Monday, February 6, 2012

Devon Community Centre

Annual General Meeting: 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration: 7:00-8:00 pm

Online registration available at

www.devonsoccer.com starting Feb. 1st



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. 780-987-5730

Arts & Entertainment

The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist

This year, our school is producing the musical "Oliver Twist" slated for February 16th! There will be a matinee and an evening performance at The Devon Community Center so mark you calendar.

Student Council

Student Council has planned a couple fun activities for February: February 14th Valentine's Day Red and Pink Day. Come to school dressed in red, pink and white clothes.



Spread Some Love from Holy Spirit

Starting February 2nd suckers will be sold for 50 cents to \$1 each. Proceeds will be donated to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

2012 Catholic Conference: Open Wide the Doors... Welcome the New Evangelization

Held on March 9-10, 2012 in Calgary, this conference will bring together speakers from across Alberta exploring topics ranging from marriage, faith and culture to pastoral and palliative care and inter-church relationships. The keynote speakers will be Archbishop Gerard Pettipas and Steve Angrisano. For more information and to register for the 2012 Catholic Conference, please visit www.acsta.ab.ca



Monday January 30, 2012, Canadian Musical Theatre presented "Explorer Idol". With a colorful backdrop, period costumes and music this band of three presented Canadian history in a fun and entertaining way. Even the parent volunteers who watched the show were impressed.

The Northern Italy Tour March 22—April 2, 2012

Presented by St. Joseph's College (U of A) and Newman Theological College, Father Stefano Penna will lead a family journey of faith to Northern Italy and Rome during Spring Break 2012. This departure encourages families to travel together experiencing the fellowship and unity of faith-based travel. Tour cost is \$3577.00 (based on double occupancy). This includes airfare, hotels, taxes and more. Call Donovan Lynch at 780-424-8310 ext7873 or email groups@geo.ca

Dare You to Move

+ Holy Trinity Youth Conference for Grades 7-12, Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove from 10am-9pm. Guest Speaker: Father John Gerth (lifeteen.com Fr. J), cost is \$45. Call Roxanne at 780-987-4807 or Mike at 780-960-0135 or view: <http://www.htyouth.ws/youthconference>

Gratitude Graffiti



Junior High Students Volunteer at School, Discovery Place and Food Bank

The last day of school before the Christmas Break was special for all the Grade 7 and 8 students. Mrs. C. Jensen coordinated and cooked an amazing Turkey dinner. Then the Grade 7 & 8 students volunteered around the school helping staff de-decorate, or went to Discovery Place to sing Christmas Carols another group of 9 students and 3 parent volunteers went to our local Leduc Food Bank for an educational tour. This Food Bank is unique in that it has an agreement with Edmonton International Airport to safely use confiscated items like shampoo and conditioner thus preventing these items from being wasted in the landfill. All food donated to the Food Bank is weighed and recorded. Thank you to everyone who participated in this meaningful way.



Thank you for Volunteering

Thank you to three very special **student teachers** pictured above with 7W and on page 4 with 8G. Not only do they get practical training in planning lessons and teaching to amazing students here at Holy Spirit, but we benefit from their enthusiasm and energy. Good luck to Hailey Bedford, Lydia Pichurski & Ashley Staseiwich.

Smoothies continue to be sold on most Fridays for \$1. A special thank you to those Junior High students that continue to volunteer their time and energy towards improving the health and well-being of all students in the school. Well done!



PE Dance Class
All Physical Education students are now learning a variety of dance steps. Students will learn dances including the chicken dance, cha cha slide, two step and the waltz just to name a few. **Thank you to all the families who came to the Family Dance.**



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

Goran Ilievski
Amy Tkachuk

HOLY SPIRIT HOT LUNCH



Three days a week a third of Holy Spirit Students enjoy interesting warm lunches purchased through our Hot Lunch Program. Mrs. Swityk, our Administrative Secretary, leads a team of committed parent volunteers in making this service available. The logistics of creating the menu, coordinating the vendors who make the food and scheduling the volunteers who organize and distribute the food to the classes is a huge responsibility. We thank all the volunteers who make this program possible and especially Mrs. Swityk. If you have not already tried the Hot Lunch program please follow the link from our school website. The next new menu for March and April should be available mid February.

<https://holyspiritdevon.hotlunches.net>

Click Register then enter School Access Code: HS2010HL

FUNDRAISING: During Lent we will take a break from fundraising. Cookbooks and other Flyer items are available at the office. Canadian Tire Money Gratefully accepted all year for school groups.

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.

February 2012

Keep my commandments and live, keep my teachings as the apple of your eye. Proverbs 7.2

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 <i>Early Dismissal</i> 1:45	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Teacher's Convention	10 <i>CWL Valentine Lunch</i>	11
12	13	14 <i>St. Valentine's Day</i> 	15	16 <i>The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>Family Day</i> <i>No School</i>	21 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> <i>Pancake Supper</i>	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	23	24	25
26 <i>First Sunday Of Lent</i>	27	28	29			