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NEWSLETTER

March 2020

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Working Together, We're Better

March 2020

Merciful God, look upon us as we enter these Forty Days, bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our aims, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his cross you proclaim your love for ever and ever.

Amen

Lenten Theme ~ His Love Changed the World

Important Dates to Remember

Mar 4th-SCC Council Meeting

**Mar 6th- Lenten Celebration
9:20 a.m.**

**Mar 12th-Lenten Celebration
10:53 a.m.**

Mar 13th- ATT NO SCHOOL

**Mar 19th- Reconciliation 8:40
a.m.**

**Mar 27th- Lenten Celebration
12:22 a.m.**

**Mar 27th - Progress Reports
Go Home**



Why does the priest or deacon make the sign of the cross on our foreheads with a smudge of ashes on the first day of Lent? Having ashes on our foreheads is a sign that we are feeling the sorrow and guilt of sin, that we need to set about the work of cleaning up, of ridding ourselves of the burden and sorrow of sin. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, and we prepare best by feeling sorry for our sins and turning away from them. We resolve to sin no more and to be ready to celebrate the new life of Easter as new persons. Ashes are also a symbol of our own mortality. During Lent we are asked to recall that death is our destiny and that Lent is the time to prepare for the new Easter life that Jesus brings. As you receive ashes, listen for the minister to say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This is also a day of fasting for Catholics between 18 and 60 years of age. Thank you to those who came out to the Ash Wednesday Celebration at **St. Mark Parish on Wednesday, February 26th.**

News Around the School

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you to the following who gave so generously to our staff appreciation week: Maurice Chalifour for the Tim Horton's Treats. Parent Council, for buying the staff lunch, coffee and muffins. Laurie Huet for the amazing baked goods, and Selena's Donair for the heart shaped Pizza. A huge Thank you to Mrs. Kosowan, for creating the "Juke Box Playlists" in the staff room and coordinating the weeks treats. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated!!



LIBRARY NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Total sales results were \$3230.00. The Library was rewarded with \$1810.00 worth of new books and resources. Thank You to all the students, parents and staff who supported this worthwhile literacy event. The Family Event Winner was Elijah P. He won \$25.00 worth of books and \$25.00 for his classroom. The library book fair also had 5 draws for \$10.00. The following winners were: Ifeoluwa F, Ellie H. Allicia B. Jayden W. and Johnny B. Congratulations to all these winners!!

LENTEN CELEBRATIONS

We would like to invite all families to feel free to join us at our upcoming Lenten Celebrations. They are as follows: Lenten Celebration is on Friday, March 6th at 9:20am in our school gymnasium. Lenten Celebration is on Thurs, March 12th at 10:53am in our school gymnasium. Reconciliation is on Thursday, March 19th at 8:40am in our school gymnasium. Lenten Celebration is on March 27th @ 12:22 pm



HOMEWORK RESCUE ROOM

We know that students are very busy in the evening and sometimes have trouble finding the time to complete all of their homework. In such instances students will be sent by teachers to the homework room at noon hour to finish homework (letters or phone calls will be sent home.) This room is also open to any grade 4-8 students that want to utilize this time to catch up on work.



PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

A huge Thank you to all the parents, guardians, staff and students who attended our parent/teacher/student conferences in February. Success is achieved when we work together as a team! **Progress Reports will be sent home with students March 27, 2020**

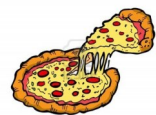
EMERGENCY LUNCH PROGRAM

If there is any circumstance where you cannot provide your child with a lunch, an emergency lunch is available in our kitchen daily. Nutritious lunches will be provided. These lunches are sponsored by the Broda Group, Lakeland Ford Hyundai, B&B Construction Group, and the Lake Country Co-op, and Conexus Credit Union.



CANTEEN

We sell pizza by the slice every Monday and Wednesday. These pizzas have a multigrain crust and low fat cheese. If you need a list of what's in the canteen, please call and we can send one home.



Canteen is not available to PreK and Kindergarten students.

Lenten Fundraisers

Fri Mar 6th—Money due to have a noon hour lunch in the Computer Lab (Buy a cross for \$1.00 pay Homeroom Teacher). Computer Lab days are assigned to each grade, Check with your Homeroom teacher what day your grade is in the Lab.

Mar 25th—Bake Sale \$1.00/item

Mar 30th- April 3rd Easter Egg Guess (50 cents per guess or 3 for \$1.00).

Easter Spirit Week April 6th - 9th.

Events to be Announced



Student Information

Please remember it is important to keep your child/ren's demographics information **Current and up to date**. Phone numbers, address, and emergency contact etc. are crucial that we have the correct information should an emergency arise. You can contact the office at (306)953-7536 to update over the phone or send a note with your child. We really appreciate your attention in this matter. Thank you.



Catholic Family Services of Prince Albert

Proudly Presents
An evening with Theo Fleury
For an Evening of Inspiration that could
Change Your Life
April 22, 2020-7 pm
E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts
Tickets are \$45 (+ Tax)
Available at earc.ca
Musical Guest—Leslie Dancey

COSMO LODGE

Winter hours (November 1st to March 31st)

Monday to Friday 12pm to 9pm

Saturday and Sunday 10am to 6pm

Rentals available for both down hill skiing and cross country skiing. Rates start at \$7.00/hour (cash only). Rentals include boots, skis and poles. For more information, call the Cosmo Lodge at

306-953-4879



ÉCOLE ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

École St. Mary High School staff is pleased to host an information evening including tours for parents and students on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020 and Thursday, March 5, 20 at 7:00pm.** École St. Mary High School is a Grade 9 to 12 Catholic School offering classes in English and French Immersion. All students entering Grade 9 through 12 in the fall, and are considering attending École St. Mary, are invited to attend their open house. All will gather in the gym.



TAX DESIGNATION

Catholic Taxes...DID YOU KNOW? To ensure your property taxes are supporting your Catholic Separate School Division, you must declare your school support as "Separate" on your Annual Property Assessment Notice and Tax Bill. If a declaration of school support is not filled in by a property owner, the property assessment and tax bills show the school support as defaulting to the public school system. **DECLARE YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** by completing a School Support Declaration Form available from Prince Albert City Hall or www.citypa.ca or your Rural Municipality office.

✠Parish Announcements ✠



St. Mark Parish ✠ Father Jim Kaptein ✠ Parish Priest

589—9th Street East—Ph: 306-764-4637—www.stmarksparish.com

Sunday Mass time is 11:00am—Weekly Mass: 9:00am (Tuesday-Friday)



A Message from Fr. Jim

By the time you read this, Lent will have started. Ash Wednesday was Feb 26th and we had a wonderful celebration at the school. Lent has traditionally been a time of: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving; three practices that help us re-focus on Jesus Christ. If you have not already chosen a Lenten Penance, I would encourage you to do so. During Lent St. Mark will be 1) Collecting Food for the Food Bank, 2) Celebrating the Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00pm, 3) Participating in the community Lenten Lunches on Thursday at Calvary United, 4) Promoting the Lenten Retreat at St. Joseph Parish on Tues/Wed March 10/11 at 7:00 pm, 5) Celebrating a Parish Reconciliation service on Thursday April 2nd at 7:00pm. Please join us for one or all of these celebrations, as we prepare for the resurrection at Easter.

If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old. Peter Drucker

Sincerely,

Fr. Jim Kaptein



Prince Albert Minor Softball Registration for the 2020 Season is now open online at:

WWW.paminorsoftball.com

Registration is open to both male and female athletes from ages 4 to 19 years. In person registration nights will also take place on April 9th & 16th from 6-9 pm at

Source for Sports in Prince Albert.

Evaluations are currently happening for Aces (female) and Astros (male) provincial teams for this season as well!

For more details or for more information please visit our website or email adfoexec@gmail.com

Prince Albert Early Years

Family Resource Centre

If you are a parent or caregiver of children 0-5 years, this new Family Resource Centre will be a place where you can go with your children to enjoy play activities, talk to facilitators, learn about resources, sign up for programming and meet with other families in a safe, fun environment at no cost to you. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Tobie DeVitte as Coordinator of the Centre. Tobie has 11 years of experience working with families in Prince Albert as a KidsFirst home visitor. She is available to come and meet with your parent group or your organization to provide more information about the Family Resource Centre. For more information or to book Tobie for a visit, contact : eyfamilyresource@sasktel.net

Hours of operation will be Tuesday-Saturday-10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Prince Albert Catholic Education Foundation

Spring Gala and Silent Auction 2020

Entertainment by Laurent Fournier

And

Ecole St. Mary High School Choir

Friday Mar 27, 2020

Cocktails 6:30 pm & Dinner @ 7:00pm

Tickets \$35.00 each

St. Joseph Parish Hall

260-25th Street East

Prince Albert, SK

Call Jean at 306-764-4099 or 306-961-5662 for tickets