

St. John Community School

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NEWSLETTER

Working Together, We're Better

March 2021

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 ~ Let Light Shine Out of Darkness

Important Dates to Remember

March 3rd ~ SCC Council Meeting ~ Conference Call

March 5th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

Mar 11th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

March 12th ~ ATT—No School

March 19th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

March 26th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

March 26th ~ 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** and to those who **watched virtually**.

News Around the School

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you very much to the Parent Council, for buying the staff our evening suppers during Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. They were from Asian Lee and Selena's Donair! The Staff enjoyed them thoroughly. A super huge Thank you to Mrs. Kosowan, for creating the "Excellence Awards" in the staff room and coordinating the daily treats. Your thoughtfulness and creativity is so very much appreciated!! We are so blessed to have such a tremendous group of Staff here at St. John!



Nut Free and Allergy Sensitive School

We currently have students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, nut oils, and fish. We ask that all students and parents take the necessary precautions to make school a safe environment for our children. Please make sure to read all labels to see if they may contain nuts. Thank you.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

A huge Thank you to all the parents, guardians, staff and students regarding our parent/teacher/student conferences held in February over the phone. Success is achieved when we work together as a team! **Progress Reports will be sent home with students March 26, 2021**



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, Lakeland Hyundai, Lake Country Co-op, and Conexus Credit Union.

Thank you for your contributions towards feeding our students and ensuring that they don't go hungry!

LENTEN CELEBRATIONS

Are as follows:

Friday, Feb 26th

Friday March 5th

Thursday March 11th,

Friday March 19th

Friday March 26th.

All Lenten celebrations will be held virtually in the Homerooms



NO PARKING ZONES

The school has two parking lots that are designated **staff parking only**. We ask that parents refrain from using these parking lots at all during the day as staff may be leaving at different times of the day. Also, please refrain from parking in the designated bus parking zones on the street so the buses can park to pick up students.

Thank you for your co-operation!



Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2021 to be eligible for registration. Please drop by the school office to pick up your registration form or call (306) 953-7536 for more information.

Prekindergarten Applications

We are now accepting prekindergarten applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must be 3 years old by December 31, 2021 to be eligible to apply. Please drop by the school office to pick up your application or call (306) 953-7536 for more information.





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.



Registration for the 2021-2022

School year has begun

We are asking all of our families to visit our Catholic School Division Website @ WWW.pacsd.ca to register Online for the upcoming school year.

We ask that you register as soon as possible. Please visit ~ www.pacsd.ca/Our Schools/St. John Community School/Register Online.

We do have Paper based registration forms that are available at the main office. If you would like more information please call

306-953-7536.

Thank you in advance for your assistance !

ÉCOLE ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

FOR ANY NEW STUDENTS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL THIS FALL, AND WOULD LIKE A TOUR. PLEASE WATCH FOR INFORMATION THAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING. INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE RIVER IN EDSBY OR A LETTER WILL BE SENT HOME.

ALL REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR @ WWW.PACSD.CA/OUR SCHOOLS/ECOLE ST.MARY HIGH SCHOOL/REGISTER ONLINE

THANK YOU!



Theodore Court Case Decision

On February 25, 2021, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed Good Spirit (Public) School Division's application for leave to appeal the Theodore case to the Supreme Court of Canada. This means that the unanimous decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal that overturned the April 2017 trial decision stands. Good Spirit has exhausted their legal options, and the decision of the Appeal Court remains the law in Saskatchewan-which can be considered a victory for both religious and parental rights and freedoms. An update from the Board of Education Chair Suzanne Stubbs can be found at www.pacsd.ca

Background information on the Theodore case can be found at www.opencatholiceducation.ca



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✠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

A year ago, when COVID was just starting, Arch Bishop Don Bolen of Regina wrote, “In light of this, and in this time of Lent where we join our sacrifice's to Christ's in a special way, I am calling on our pastors and the faithful of the Archdiocese to offer what may be the most profound spiritual sacrifice of our generation.” He meant the sacrifice of fasting from the Eucharist. This is because of COVID-19. I know that we are all tired of practicing social distancing. However, Archbishop Don Bolen continues, “The Lord is never absent from us. We are called, not only in times of joy and celebration, but in times of trial and sorrow, to live faithfully, meaningfully, and compassionately....and called to be present to and with one another, if not physically, then spiritually.” We are once again in the resurrection with great joy.

This last year has been a huge test for us, and so far we have passed with flying colors. As a community; we have risen to the occasion of doing what is necessary to keep all people safe. Here at the parish, we have been doing all we can to keep faith alive. This has included adding a 7:00 pm Sunday Mass, and I have personally been sending out daily words of encouragement. If you want to get on my mailing list, please send me an email at office@stmarkparish.com. I am not a good prophet, but I think we can see the light at the end of the tunnel; but that light is still many many months away.

As we wait for the vaccinations, I would encourage you to pray for all your teachers. They are going above and beyond the call of duty, to help you stay on track with your education-the most valuable gift you will ever receive. I would also ask you to pray for all those in the health care field, that God would give them strength to continue in the face of adversity.

May Jesus, who died and rose for our salvation bless you in every way!

“An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backwards. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it's going to launch you into something great. So focus, and keep aiming.”

Sincerely,

Fr. Jim Kaptein

Small World Daycare

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