

ST. JOHN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dates to Remember

Monday, March 4 th	Designated PD Day ~ No School
Monday, March 11 th	Grade 8 Immunizations
Wednesday, March 6 th	Ash Wednesday Celebration at St. Mark Parish ~ 9:15am
Friday, March 15 th	Reconciliation and 1 st Lenten Celebration @ 8:40 am, School Gym
Friday, March 22 nd	2 nd Lenten Celebration @ 10:53 am, School Gym
Friday, March 29 th	3 rd Lenten Celebration @ 9:20 am, School Gym

Newsletter

Working Together, We're Better

March 2019

Our 2018-2019 School Year Gospel Value is ~ Grace

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*



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. This year we will be having our Ash Wednesday celebration at **St. Mark Parish on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:15am. Parents are welcome.**

Now accepting prekindergarten applications for children that are 3 and 4 years old by December 31, 2019 and Kindergarten registration for children that are 5 years old as of December 31, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you to the following who gave so generously for our staff appreciation week: St. Mark Parish, for the fruit tray. Parent Council, for the catered lunch, Kylee Blackburn. Mrs. Kosowan, for organizing the "guess the book cover" in the staff room and coordinating the weeks treats. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated!!



A huge thank you goes out to our SCC. They purchased new furniture for the "pit" to replace the old worn out pieces. This is a much needed upgrade and really spruces up the front of our school. Thank you!!



LENTEN CELEBRATIONS

We would like to invite all families to feel free to join us at our upcoming Lenten Celebrations. They are as follows: Reconciliation and 1st Lenten Celebration is on Friday, March 15th at 8:40am in our school gymnasium. 2nd Lenten Celebration is on Friday, March 22nd at 10:53am in our school gymnasium. 3rd Lenten Celebration is on Friday, March 29th at 9:20am in our school gymnasium.

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Current student contact information is **VERY IMPORTANT** for us to have on file should an emergency arise. If you have recently moved or changed **ANY** phone numbers (including emergency contacts), please contact the school office at (306) 953-7536 to update the information.

HOMEWORK RESCUE ROOM

We know that students are very busy in the evenings and sometimes have trouble finding the time to complete all of their homework. In such instance students will be sent by teachers to the homework room during noon hour.



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 April 12, 2019**

LIBRARY NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! The Library was rewarded with \$1763.37 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 Lakina L. She won \$25.00 worth of books and \$25.00 for her classroom. The library book fair also had 5 draws for \$10.00. The following winners were: Delina A, Cordell C. Dean C. John B. and Isabella M. Congratulations to all these winners!!

THIS EDITION SCHOOL WEBSITE INSERTS:

- JMCPL Newsletter



EMERGENCY LUNCH

If there is any circumstance where you cannot provide your child with a lunch, an emergency lunch is available in our kitchen daily. Emergency lunches consist of a sandwich, juice and fruit.



REGISTRATION FORMS

Registrations forms for the 2019-2020 school year were sent home with the youngest child in each family. Please complete these forms and return to the school as soon as possible.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEEKING TRADE SHOW VENDORS

The St. Mary High School music department is hosting a trade show on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10am to 4pm in the main gym. They are accepting applications/registrations from various home-based businesses, crafters, artists, ect. who would like to participate. Registrations include a table, as well as a lunch on the day of the trade show. Please contact Mrs. Lohneis for more information.

JMCPL FREE MOVIES

Wednesday, March 6th – Midnight Sun ~ PG13
 Wednesday, March 13th - Green Book ~ PG13
 Wednesday, March 20th - Call me by your name ~ R
 Wednesday, March 27th - Game Night ~ R
 For more information on the JMCPL event visit their website www.jmcpl.ca



COSMO LODGE

Winter hours (November 1st to March 31st)
 Monday to Friday 12pm to 9pm
 Saturday and Sunday 9am to 9pm
 Rentals available for both down hill skiing and cross country skiing. Rates start at \$7.50/hour. Rentals include boots, skis and poles. For more information, call the Cosmo Lodge at 306-953-4879



FRANK J DUNN SWIMMING POOL

Winter Schedule - Runs January 13, 2019 to March 30, 2019
 Public Swimming - Sunday 1:30pm to 4:30pm
 Monday to Friday 7:45pm to 9:30pm
 Saturday 1:00pm to 6:00pm
 Single Admission: Toddlers (0-5) Free
 Youth (6-10) \$5.25
 Adults (18-59) \$8.75
 *Family consists of MAX 2 adults and 4 child/youth



For more information on city events, please visit their website at www.citypa.ca



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 5, 2019 and Thursday, March 7, 2019 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. If you require information or assistance regarding any aspect of school taxes, please contact our Chief Financial Officer at 306-953-7500.

**OUR 2018-2019
SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE**

8:30 Entrance Bell
8:40-9:20 Period 1
9:20-9:59 Period 2
9:59-10:14 Recess
10:14-10:53 Period 3
10:53-11:32 Period 4
11:32-11:52 Lunch
11:52-12:17 Lunch Recess
12:22-1:02 Period 5
1:02-1:41 Period 6
1:41-1:56 Recess
1:56-2:35 Period 7
2:35-3:15 Period 8
3:15 Dismissal

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† Parish Announcements †

St. Mark Parish † Parish Priest ∞ Father Jim Kaptein † Deacon ∞ Brad Taylor

589—9th Street East † Ph: 764-4637 † www.stmarkparish.com

Sunday Mass Time: 11:00 a.m. † Weekday Mass: 9:00 a.m. (Tues-Fri)

A note from Fr. Jim at St. Mark

It seems that we just finished celebrating Christmas and now we are already looking at Lent, and the preparations that we make for Easter. In the midst of this cold spell it is difficult to think of Spring and the resurrection at Easter, but the Lord waits for no one. Easter is the greatest celebration of the year, and the celebration of Christ's resurrection, and a reminder that we too will rise from the dead. Our preparations for Lent will start with an Ash Wednesday service at 9:15am at St. Mark Parish, and also at 8:00pm. All are invited to receive the ashes and enter into this Penitential time. Our Holy Week celebrations will close the Lenten season with Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 14 at 11:00am, Holy Thursday on April 18 at 8:00pm, Good Friday at 3:00pm, and Easter Vigil on Saturday April 20 at 9:30pm and Easter Sunday morning on April 21 at 11:00am. I sincerely hope that you can join us for all of these celebrations and that your preparations for these celebrations will help you grow in holiness.

It is our duty as men and women to proceed as though the limits of our abilities do not exist.
-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Sincerely,

Fr. Jim Kaptein



Dear Parents,

We're excited to tell you about a very special program we're coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle—an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles. All around St. John School, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house—even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker-
ColorCycle it!!

