

St. John Community School

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January 2020

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Working Together , We're Better 2020

Our Gospel Value for the 2019-2020 Year is ~ LOVE

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand New Year ahead. As each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend, give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.
Amen

Thank you

Thank you to the families that came to our Family Fun Night on Thursday, December 12th. Congratulations to Keanna W. and her family for winning the poinsettias door prize.



Congratulations and a very BIG Thank You

To all the students and family members whom helped to support our community project for the Advent season .Your generosity towards "Packing the Pit" resulted in 1216 Food items, and a monetary donation of \$261.00 towards the Prince Albert Food Bank this year! All students contributed so much, however a very special mention to Mr. Saunderson's class for donating the most food items. A class pizza party is the reward for their additional efforts. Thank you again it is greatly appreciated!!!

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates To Remember

Happy New Year!

January 2020

- Jan 22—SCC Meeting 11:50 a.m.
- January 29— Ski Trip 7:45 a.m.
(Grades 5-8)
- January 30—No School
- January 31—No School

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (First Sunday of the New Year)

At the liturgy on the feast of the Epiphany, we hear the story of the three wise who visited baby Jesus, bringing Him gifts. The Christmas story is all about gift giving. The wonderful gift of Jesus that God gives to the world and that wonderful gifts that we give back. This time of the year is a time of resolution. If you have not made your New Year's Resolution yet, here is something for you: spend time thinking of all the wonderful things you did for others during the past year. These actions are a reflection of who you are. Reflect on these, then make your new year's resolution to continue to give back to God the gift of yourself, to give back to God through helping others.



Absent or Late??

Please remember to call the **Attendance Line @ 306-953-7590** or by **texting only @ 306-981-2074** if your child will be absent, late or require to leave for any reason. **Students cannot excuse themselves.** Our office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you call before or after school hours, please leave a message on our voicemail. If we do not hear from you Mrs. Leader will be contacting you at home or work. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRINCE ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION WEATHER POLICY

Although Prince Albert Catholic schools will remain open on extremely cold school days, the Catholic school division affirms and supports parent's discretion in keeping their children at home when weather conditions warrants. It is also the division policy that students stay indoors when the temperature or wind chill are excessive. The safety of our students is our first priority and therefore it is very important that all student whereabouts are verified on these extremely cold days. **Parents are asked to Call the school at 306-953-7536 or text the school phone** if they choose to keep their children at home. Parents call-ins help minimize the number of verification phone calls needed to be made by the school. Thank you for your help in this matter. **Bus cancellations will be announced on 99FM, 1012FM, and 900CKBI radio stations.** You may also contact First Student @ 306-763-6090 or visit www.firststudentinc.com/cancellations.

School Fees Are Now Due

Fees help to cover a variety of educational materials, field trips, and accidental insurance.

Prompt payment is greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten is \$15.00

Grades 1-5 \$27.00

Grades 6-8 \$32.00

Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, and debit at the school office during regular school hours, it can also be sent with your child and given to their homeroom teacher. A receipt will be sent home.



News Around the School

Mom's Pantry Winners

Thank you to all the students and their families who once again helped fundraise for our school with our Mom's Pantry Campaign. Our profit was approximately \$3721.00. Great Job! Congratulations go out to the following students for their effort in making our fundraiser a success:

Top Individual School Seller: Daniel K.

Top Selling Family: Emery, Elias, Aisha, & Dustin S

Mystery Prize: Aria J.

Mystery Prize: Matt V.

Top Classroom Seller:

PreK Mrs. Moran (M/W): Blake C.

PreK Mrs. Moran (T/Thurs): Sara B.

Prek Mrs. Goller (M/W): Sawyer T.

Kindergarten A (M/W): Alexander P.

Kindergarten B (T/Th): Sawyer K.

Grade 1R: Lukas R.

Grade 1/2P: Charley B.

Grade 2/3 G: Allen S.

Grade 3C: Carter H.

Grade 3/4O: Kaz Y.

Grade 4G & CR: Madison M.

Grade 5S: Taylor L.

Grade 5/6H: Adam M.

Grade 6S: Rowan M.

Grade 7TH: Jacob G:

Grade 7T: Elijah P.

Grade 8O: Neveah C.

Grade 8S: Isabella M.

TEAM: Xavier G.



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!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the P.A. Public Employees Association (CUPE Local 160) for the monetary gift donation so that we were able to purchase groceries for our student's Christmas dinner. We would like to thank the following volunteers: CUPE members Darren Kosowan, Sheree MacDonald, Tammy Weleski, Sherry Chatlain and David Abramyk. Your help made our dinner a success!

Thank you to the St. Mark Knights of Columbus

For spreading the warmth this past holiday season onto our St. John Community School students. The generous donation of the winter jackets to our school was greatly appreciated! A very special mention to Carl Danchilla and Ed Charlebois from the Knights of Columbus for dropping these off at the school! The winter jackets were available the evening of the Family Fun Night, and will also be available at the school for the remainder of the winter season!

✠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)

Everyone has just celebrated two weeks off of school, and everyone has just celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. Now students are back at school. Undoubtedly, many are wishing the break was longer. However, we must never forget that Christmas is not just for one day. Jesus was not born just so we could celebrate his birthday. He was born to save us from our sins, and give us the opportunity to be happy for an eternity. Every class we take, every person we talk to, every lesson the teacher offers is an opportunity to learn more about what Jesus has done for us. This cannot be wasted; we must embrace our education, as it will open up all kinds of opportunities.

On a more personal note, on Jan 12th, I will be travelling to India. I will be attending a forty year reunion of an exchange I was on. One of the greatest life lessons I learned on that exchange was “Just because it is different does not mean that it is wrong.” I have since learned that God has given us all different gifts. One is not better than the other, they are just different and they are what makes us unique. In the weeks and months to come, I pray that you will use the gifts and talents that God has given to you, to make the world a better place. In this way Christmas will be manifested ever day.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jim Kaptein



Catholic Education Foundation Fundraiser

\$2 from every container sold will be donated to the Catholic Education Foundation .

\$10 for 1kg container of Honey

\$6 for a 500g container of Honey

Cheques can be made payable to the school.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DIVISION WEBSITE

We have a school base website located at www.stjohncommunityschool.com that has a lot of useful information: general school information, photos, current copies of the newsletter, monthly calendars, etc. Check it out! Feel free to also visit www.pacsd.ca

[pacsd.ca](http://www.pacsd.ca)