St.Mary of the Lake
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Mary's Messenger

News You Can Use!

Feb. 1 Student-led Conferences 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Feb. 2 Hot Turkey Sandwich w/ gravy & a cupcake $5.00

Feb. 8 PD day / No School

Feb. 9 Teacher Convention No School

Feb. 10 Teacher Convention No School

Feb. 13 School resumes

Feb. 14 Elementary Sock Hop 3:30– 5:00pm

Feb. 15 Pizza Day

Feb. 16 Perogies, sausage & a cinnamon cookie $5.00

Feb. 20 Family Day / No school

Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday– Free pancakes for all students

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 1:15pm

Feb. 22 Pizza Day

Feb. 23 Soft Taco and Jello w/ whipped topping $5.00

Feb. 28 No School– Moving Day

Feb. 29 No School– Moving Day

Mar. 1 No School– Moving Day

Mar. 2 First day of classes at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

Much Music Video Dance 8pm-12am
Doors open @ 7:30pm
Cost: $15.00

Grades 7- 12 students and staff are moving!!!

After a 3 day re-organization, moving break for students from February 28- March 1st, all grades 7-12 students will begin attending classes at the new St. Francis of Assisi site on March 2nd. A Grand Opening for the school will be held in May.

We are asking all students to take home their personal belongings on Feb. 27th and bring them to the new St. Francis on March 2nd. All lockers must be emptied on the 27th. If any items are left in lockers, they will be put in a common lost and found bin that will get moved to St. Francis. Items will not be labeled as to which locker they came from. It is important that all items be removed on the 27th. Locker re-assignment and orientation of the new school will occur on March 2nd. Buses will also run as usual on March 2nd.

Specific details concerning the move will be posted on the St. Francis website and will be provided to students in the near future.

Calendar Updates

To accommodate the move of our junior/senior high students to the new St. Francis of Assisi School and the re- assignment of rooms within St. Mary of the Lake School, there will be no school for all students February 28/29 and Mar. 1. We will have school on Monday Feb. 27th as usual.

This time will allow materials to be moved and for teachers to set up classrooms. Students will come back to school on Friday Mar. 2nd. This will be the first day of classes at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy for all grades 7- 12 students.

Students attending our Outreach Program will continue to attend classes the entire week of Feb. 27th.

Welcome to Mr. Hart

Mr. Conor Hart has joined our staff this past week. He will be teaching on our junior/senior high humanities team as well as teaching some grades 4-6 Religion and other classes. We are very excited to have Mr. Hart in our school.

Mrs. Shultz expands her role in our Elementary program

Mrs. Shultz has now moved into our elementary program. She will be teaching grade 6 as well as some 4-6 LA groupings. She will also continue with instructing grades 4-6 Music and junior/senior high Art.

In- line Skating for all

In partnership with Alberta Red Cross we will be holding an In-line skating workshop for all students the week of Feb. 21-24th.

Classes will be paired up and spend 40 min per day skating. All equipment will be provided to students. This program is part of our Physical Education Program.

Further details and questions can be directed to Mr. Peters.

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high quality education
values spiritual leadership
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COUNCELOR'S CORNER

In January we had a guest speaker in to talk with us about bullying and being a by-stander, and how by-standers can be just as bad as the bullies. Quite often, if there were no by-stander, fighting and bullying would stop as a bully tends to thrive on the attention of an audience. Hopefully this information helps the students become more aware of their actions

February 6, 2012 will be the first Monday for "Out of Chaos" which is an 8 part program. It will be running every consecutive Monday with the exception of the 20th which will be moved to the 21st due to the Family Day holiday falling on the Monday.

This program is for young ladies and is being offered to the Jr. /Sr. High first and then it will be offered to the grades 4, 5, & 6, at a later date to be announced. "Out of Chaos" focuses on self-esteem, self-Image and self-acceptance. The program will run from 4pm until 6pm, and March 8th will be the wrap up session for the first group. There will be healthy snacks provided to help with the after school snack attacks. All students have been given a letter of explanation and a permission form that must be signed. I look forward to working with the girls during these sessions.

If you are interested in your daughter attending and have not received the info, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful February!

With Love and light,

Patty Gullion

Guidance Counselor

Tanisi Everyone!

We were very busy in the Cree as a Second Language classes in January (Kisepisim-Cold month). It was nice to have a cold snap for a few days in January so it has lived up to its Cree meaning. With each coming month we focus on the meanings and how they relate to the changes in weather, season and nature.

Time flies when you're having fun, it is February already! In class we have been concentration on expanding the Cree vocabulary into sentences. This month were are continuing to focus further on sentence structure. The grade 7-9 Cree classes are focusing more on the Cree writing and the sound system. The grade 4-6 Cree classes are finishing up their Animal portfolios. The students have jumped into the New Year with a lot of enthusiasm to continue learning the Cree language. Students are having fun and beginning to make the connection of how to translate vocabulary from Cree to English and English to Cree.

Once again, I'm up for suggestions as to what you would like see in the Cree language program and I can be reached at the school at 780-849-5244.

Ekosi pita. (That's all for now)

Ms. Potskin – Native Liaison and Coordinator.

Support Staff Recognition Week

February 20-24, 2012

Thank you to all support staff for your hard work and dedication with our teachers and students. Our schools are better places because of you!

Your very important roles and commitments help support our Division Goal… *that every student who enters our doors will graduate successfully from a faith-filled, safe and caring environment.*

We look forward to another great year! May God bless you all.

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Fundraising Events

St. Mary of the Lake will be hosting a Much Music Video Dance for all Jr./Sr. High School Students on March 2, 2012 from 8pm-12am.

Students from Roland Michener School are also welcome to attend.

The admission is $15.00 and the doors open @ 7:30pm

Basketball News

With new uniforms and tracksuits in, the boys are looking like a team everywhere they go, instead of just in practice. Thank you Moonlight Scaffolding for your incredible support!!

It has been a tough start to the new year, with a couple of very close losses (one being triple overtime), but we are working hard with renewed focus after the break. We are determined to put some check marks in the win column with 2 more games to finish off January and a tournament in the first week of February. Three practices a week and hard work is uniting this young Falcon team, and with this kind of dedication we will breed success.

GO FALCONS!

Spiritus Mundi

"Between the Alpha and the Omega, between the beginning and the end, between our birth and our death, we experience life's journey." *Bishop Robert F. Morneau*

As Catholics, our 'Alpha' and 'Omega' are Lent and Easter respectively. Lent is our spiritual journey with Christ and a journey of prayer, fasting and giving alms. We are to serve, share, and in essence, 'suffer' in order to prepare for the season of Easter. Lent is a time of reflection and love, and we mark its beginning with Ash Wednesday which occurs on February 22 this year and continues to April 8, which is Easter Sunday. So I'd like to invite everyone to pray, fast, and give what they can on their spiritual journey this year.

We are ambassadors for Christ,

as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God. (2 Cor 5:20)

Coming to St. Mary of the Lake

Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase

Friday, February 17th 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Heart of David Ministries is a ministry of evangelism and encouragement. This ministry was birthed in the heart of Ted DiBiase when he came to realize that God had called him to the ministry. Ted identifies with the life of David in the Bible. Like David, Ted fell into sin and had to be humbled by God before recognizing the depth to which he had fallen. And just like David it was at this point that he repented and turned his heart back to God. *In the Bible God says that David is a man after His own heart*. It is Ted's desire to have just such a heart. He realizes that it is the condition of the heart, more than anything else that counts most to God. Thus the name for his ministry became, Heart of David Ministries.

FEBRUARY 2012

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