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St. Mary's Messenger

News You Can Use!

MARCH 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 1 Pizza Day
- Mar 2 First Communion class
3:30 to 4:15 pm
Hot Lunch-Nachos and cheese
- Mar 3 Hot Lunch—Sloppy Joes
- Mar 4 K-6 Report Card Day
Freezie Sale
- Mar 8 Shrove Tuesday Lunch
Parent Teacher
Interviews for K-6
5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Mar 9 Ash Wednesday Service at 2:15
Hot Lunch– chili on a bun
First Communion class
3:30 to 4:15
Preschool Teddy Bear Picnic
- Mar 10 Hot Lunch– Hot turkey sandwich
with gravy
- Mar 11 Divisional PD Day—No School
- Mar 15 Pizza Day
Reconciliations 10:30-11:30
- Mar 16 Hot Lunch– Nachos an cheese
First Communion class
3:30 to 4:15
- Mar 17 K-6 Assembly Gr 3 hosts
Hot Lunch– Leprechaun
luncheon
St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 18 Gr1-6 Sock Hop 3:30– 5:00
Freezie Sale
- Mar 22 Pizza day
Reconciliations 10:30-11:30
- Mar 23 Hot Lunch—grilled cheese
Gr 10-12 Job World
First Communion class
3:30 to 4:15
- Mar 25 Coffee House
Sundae/float Sale
- Mar 24 Hot Lunch– Soft taco
- Mar 29 Subway Day
Reconciliation 10:30 –11:30
- Mar 30 First Communion class
3:30 to 4:15

SHROVE TUESDAY

On March 8th all staff and students will be treated to home made pancakes for lunch. Please ensure your child is still provided with a morning snack and a drink /dessert for lunch

JOB WORLD

All senior high students will be going to the Northern Lakes College on March 23 from 8:30 to 3:00 pm.

Lunch will be provided for students.

Please watch for permission slips.

Check it Out!!!

St. Mary of the Lake School's website is up and running. You can find all your child's assignments that are due, upcoming events and much, much more. You can find our website at:

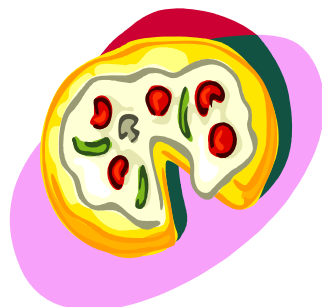
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Upcoming Events in High School

- * 30 Hour Famine is coming in April—Watch for details
- * Mural pictures are now on sale for \$5.00 a tile. Help us complete our ARC picture and support our junior /senior high
- * Watch for highlights from the annual ski trip
- * Much Music Dance in April or May
- * Several well planned field trips

All the students and teachers would like to thank everyone for the never ending support in purchasing hot lunches, attending fundraising events and volunteering. Without your support the yearly field trips would not be possible.



PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL QUIZ

Answer the following question correctly and you will be entered into the monthly draw for Pizza with the Principal.

Question: What date is the Coffee House being held?

Student's Answer

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

2010-2011 SCHOOL FEES

- PRE-SCHOOL** \$12.50 per day
2 – half days per week (payable monthly)
- KINDERGARTEN** \$95.00 per child
(includes agenda \$20.00 and supplies \$75.00)
5 – half days per week
- GRADES 1 – 6** \$155.00 per child
(includes agenda \$20, student union fees \$10, supplies \$50, text rentals \$75)
- GRADES 7 – 12** \$180.00
(includes student union fees \$10, text rentals \$115, options \$55)
- LOCKER FEES - \$5.00 – Non-refundable**

School Fees are now past due. Invoices will be sent home each month. Please submit your payments as soon as possible. Any questions please call the school at 780-849-5244

IN TOWN BUSSING

- ECS to Gr. 12 Fees:** \$286.65 per student/year
\$573.30 per family/year
- Preschool Fees:** \$114.66 both ways

REMINDER:

The second payment is to be **paid by Jan. 31, 2011.**
ALL BUS FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
The child will be removed from the bus, if fees are not paid.
Students needing Bus Transportation, **MUST** fill out **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FORMS** before riding the bus.
Forms can be picked up at the office.

Preschool News

To finish up their Bear unit the preschool classes will be having a Teddy Bear Picnic. This will include a Pj day as well as a picnic party.

*The picnics will be held on March 9th and 10th.
If you have any questions please contact Mrs. B at 780-849-5244.*



DROP IN BADMINTON

The season is starting soon, so come out and get some additional practice.
Mondays—4-5pm
Wednesdays—4:30-5:30 pm
Fridays—5-7pm

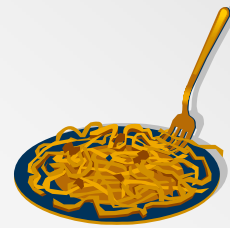
Hope to see you there

Extra Clothing

March can be a very unpredictable month for weather, One day it is cold and the next is a melt down. Please ensure that you child has a change of clothing in case they get wet during recesses.

News from Mrs. L McCauley

On March 3rd I have invited a Jingle Dancer to come and perform for our elementary grades in the gym. This is in appreciation for the hard work and dedication that our class of jiggers have shown during the past two months.
On February 24th the jiggling class amazed the residents at Vanderwell Heritage Place with their performance. Stay tuned for more information on their performance during our Coffee House on March 25th.



The K-6 classes would like to invite you to a spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

When is it being held???

Well lucky for you it is being held Tuesday March 8 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Which just happens to coincide with our elementary parent teacher interviews.

How much for a delicious plate of spaghetti and meat sauce you may ask???

Well it is only \$5 a plate. Did we mention it comes with garlic toast...

What a great opportunity to fill your tummies with food and sit down with your child's teacher.

Come on out and support your child and your school

The Kindergarten to grade 6 classes would like to take this time to thank all the parents and grandparents who are helping out our fundraising by continuing to buy hot lunches for your children. This is going to allow us to have a wonderful not to mention educational time on our field trips.

We are changing the menu up from subs and hot dogs to grilled cheese and chili. WE WOULD LOVE ALL THE EXTRA HANDS. If you have any suggestions for lunch ideas please feel free to write it in your child's agenda... If you would like to help with these fundraising activities by volunteering some time give us a call at the school.



No matter what language we mean it from the bottom of our hearts, FROM ALL THE ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

NATIVE EDUCATION INFORMATION

Hi Everyone! February has come and gone. It has been a very busy month in the Cree Language Program. The grade 4-6 students are busy with making their Cree dictionaries. The students have been working very hard on these and looking forward finishing them by early June. The Second Language Programs were fortunate to work together and host the "Festival Du Voyageur" on February 17, 2011. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time. A big "Thank You" to all that helped with the planning, it couldn't have been done without your commitment.

The virtue for the Month of March is: HOPE

"We must hope for better things to make life easier for us, our families and the community, both materially and spiritually."

With Spring coming very soon, I hope to do more outdoor activities with the Cree students. The students will learn the significance of Spring and its new beginnings. Once again if you have any suggestions of what you would like to see happen in the Cree language if contact me at 789-849-5244.

Ekosi maka (That's all for now)

Until next month.

Ms. Karen Potskin

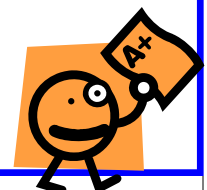
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR ELEMENTARY

MARCH 8TH

Please call the school to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Appointment times are from 5:30 to 7:30 pm (15 minutes each)

Call the school at 780-849-5244



“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet”.

Aristotle

Counsellor’s Corner
By Ms. Marcia St. Pierre

As cyber-bullying and internet exploitation have been at the forefront of the news lately, I thought that this month I would discuss safe internet use for children and youth. It is very important that as a parent, you are monitoring your child’s internet use to ensure both their safety and the safety of others. In order to do this, you need to be active in your child’s computer use. You can do this by following these simple steps:

- Keep your family computer in an open area, like a family room or the kitchen. This way, you can walk by your child or sit near them, while they are on the internet.
 - Join any social networking sites that your child may use. By having your own Facebook account, you can “friend” your child, and see their activity and the friends that they are communicating with. If your child is younger, monitor their Facebook and e-mail accounts by setting the account up with them, and keeping an up to date password.
 - Use filters on your computer to monitor, and block any unwanted activity. These can be set up by your internet provider, or through a purchased program. Children and teens are curious, so sometimes it is better to block things that you do not want them to see!
 - Set up rules with your child, and post them by the computer. If everyone is aware of the rules, then there are no excuses to break them!
- And of course, talk to your child. Make sure that they know what safe internet use entails. Ensure that they are not talking to strangers, or bullying others online. By being cautious, you are safeguarding your child from harm.

As always, if you have any questions, or are having difficulties with your child, please contact me at the school. Finally set a good model for your children by practicing safe internet use!

Coffee House

Please join us on FRIDAY, MARCH 25th for an exciting evening of entertainment! The newly formed “Glee–Club” and Mrs. McCauley’s Jigging Group will be teaming up to host a community COFFEE HOUSE and ART SALE.

We invite students, parents and community members to dust off their guitars or keyboards and step into the spot-light for a few moments.

We are looking forward to seeing several of our students performing with the Elementary Jigging Group as well as several other scheduled acts.

The Art 10, 20 and 30 students will be selling some of their art work including beaded and silver jewelry along with beautiful fused glass crosses.

If you are interested in playing a tune or two, please contact Cathy Shultz at the school to ensure we can accommodate you with our sound equipment. We encourage everyone to come out and have a terrific time.

Tickets: \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family– coffee/juice and desert will be provided
All proceeds help support our junior and senior high field trips.



Spiritus Sancti

Mark your calendars for some March liturgical events. Lent begins this year on March 9th, which is Ash Wednesday. This means celebrations like *Mardi Gras* and Shrove Tuesday happen on March 8th. Thursday, March 17th commemorates Saint Patrick, known for bringing Christianity to Ireland.

During Lent this year, it is good to remember three things: pray, fast, and give alms. These are simple acts that we can all do as we prepare for Easter, and to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is also a time to give something up to do penance in preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. Many Catholics promise to give something up during the forty days of Lent as a way to be mindful of Christ’s love and sacrifice. The question often asked is what to do or *what to “give-up” for the next forty days. Forty days of Lent can be a long time. Usually, we give up the pleasure of something we truly enjoy, as a self-sacrifice to keep us aware of Christ and to help us become better people.*

Encourage your kids to ask themselves if they really need something before they ask. Ask them if they need to have a snack before bedtime. Have them try to go to a store without asking for a toy, or drive past a fast-food restaurant without asking to get something. For yourself, make an effort at the grocery to purchase only the necessities.

