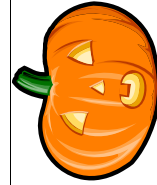


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9	10 Thanksgiving No School	11 Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 Hot Lunch— Soup and bun \$5.00	14	15
16	17 Awards Ceremony 8:35 am	18	19	20 Hot Lunch Spaghetti/meatballs with jello \$5.00	21 Photo Retake Day	22 Harvest Dinner: Time TBA
23	24	25	26	27 "One Deadly Lunch" TBA \$5.00	28 Elementary Sock Hop	29
30	31 Halloween	Spirit Week October 24 to 31				



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# St. Mary's Messenger

News You Can Use!

October 2011

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 6 Liturgy at 2:15 pm  
Hot Lunch– Sloppy Joes \$5.00
- Oct 7 PD Day NO SCHOOL
- Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
- Oct 11 Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 13 Soup and bun \$5.00
- Oct 17 Gr 1-2 Swimming 1:00-2:00 pm  
Awards Ceremony during the morning Assembly 8:35 am
- Oct 20 Spaghetti/meatballs \$5.00
- Oct 21 Photo Re-take day
- Oct 22 Harvest Dinner Time TBA
- Oct 24 Gr 5-6 Swimming 1:00 to 2:00 pm
- Oct 24 Spirit Week Oct 34-31
- Oct 24 Book Fair Oct 24 to Oct 28
- Oct 27 "One deadly lunch" TBA \$5.00
- Oct 28 Elementary Sock Hop

Welcome to all our Preschool students and parents

St. Mary of the Lake school staff and students would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest and youngest students the 2011-12 preschool students.

This year we are very fortunate to have 43 new preschool students attending our preschool program.

Mrs. Eileen Borchert (Mrs. B) is very excited to get to know the students, see their amazing talents and help guide each student through their first steps in education.

### Wonder what is happening with your child in school?

We are happy to Introduce Home Logic to our parents. Home Logic is an internet-based site that parents can visit to see school information about their child. You can see your child's attendance, their assignments, discipline issues, class events, and other information.

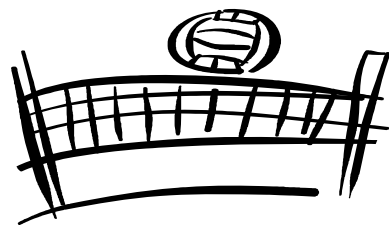
To use this site you need to register with the School Office. As the site comes fully online you will also eventually be able to sign up online and get the site to email you when your child is marked absent from school or a discipline issue for your child has been entered into the system. Stay tuned to our website and newsletters to find out when all these features are available.

Initially you will be able to see all this information once you enter the site but you will not be able to receive emails. The link to this site can be found on the front page of our school website <http://www.stmaryofthelake.ca>. To register to use this site, please call the School Office and they will provide you with a user id and password.

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## SPORTS NEWS



In Volleyball news, the girls senior high team has been off to a great start. The girls had their first game last week against Roland and they were victorious! The girls team this year is composed of students from St. Mary's Outreach and St. Mary of the Lake. The girls have been practicing Mondays and Tuesdays after school until 5:00, as well as showing up on Sunday afternoons for extra scrimmage time.

The girls have been extremely excited to learn this year and have been showing up to each and every practice ready to give it their all! Next weekend the girls will be in High Prairie for their first tournament of the year and we are all excited, right down to the coaches! Good luck ladies and no matter whether we win or lose, it's all about having fun and growing as a team!

Mr. Peters

Let's Take Action... "Action on Inclusion" that is!!

By: Mrs. Nadeau, St. Mary of the Lake School

You may have already heard the term "Action on Inclusion", but perhaps you are not absolutely sure what it means. The "Action on Inclusion" initiative is slowly being introduced to administrators, school staff, parents and the students. With lots of guidance and collaborative work between Alberta Education, teachers and other professionals, we will slowly begin to follow this change.

You might wonder what an Inclusive Education system looks like! The goal of an Inclusive Education system is to provide the best learning opportunities in the best learning environment to each and every student learner that goes through the education system. As educators, we must ask ourselves "How can we help ALL students reach their greatest potential?" and from there we give the students what they need to learn and become successful.

For some schools in the province the shift to an Inclusive Education system may take little work, but in other cases the change will require more effort. In September 2011, a limited number of schools in the province of Alberta will begin to learn how to be "Capacity Builders" -- our school being one of them! The focus of "building capacity" is on helping educators understand what they can do to support student success in inclusive environments.

So let's work together to do the best we can to make this change within our own school... Together we can provide an Inclusive Education to ALL of our students!

## High School News

A huge thank-you to all staff, students and Roland parents who helped make our first dance of the year such a huge success! The money raised will support junior and senior high field trips.

On Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, the grades 10-12 students will be going on a field trip to visit NAIT's open house in Edmonton. We will also take in a program at the Art Gallery and catch a live theatre production of Death of a Salesman. It will be a full day of learning and adventure. Stay tuned for permission slips.

Harvest Supper

October 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the fourth school and parish Harvest Supper which will be held here at the school. This supper was originally planned as a small fundraiser and a get together for parishioners of St. Peter Celestin Catholic church, and it quickly outgrew the parish hall! In the last few years, the supper has moved over to our school gymnasium, with staff and parishioners lending a huge hand to make the supper an open even for all, with great food, fellowship, a silent auction and even entertainment. So we are pleased to host the supper once again, here at the school on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. For further information, you may contact Father Jeyapaul at 780-849-3029.



# Spiritus Mundi

October 4<sup>th</sup> of this month marks the Memorial for Saint Frances of Assisi, who is the patron saint of our new school, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy. St. Francis gave away his wealth and position to follow God and to help out those who were poor and in need. The prayer for reflection on October 4<sup>th</sup> is the following:

*Father, you helped Saint Frances to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility. May we follow your Son by walking in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, and by imitating his joyful love.*

As Catholics, we often ask for the saints to help us out, or to **intercede** for us in our prayers. We pray that the saints will help us out, protect us and guide us in our daily lives. In fact, the saints are supposed to be role models for us, and they represent all kinds of people, cultures, occupations and situations. Our devotion to the saints is to ask those who have died to pray for us and to lead us in the right direction. As Catholics, we do not worship the saints, but there is often confusion about that by others. This may be due to the fact that the Old English word *weorthscipe* sounds a great deal like 'worship' but what it really means is "worthy of respect" or "worthy of honour." So, as Catholics we do show respect and honour to the saints, and we ask for their guidance, but we don't actually 'worship' the saints.

### Native Education Corner

Tanisi Everyone! This year I am teaching Cree as a Second Language. I am here at the School 3 days a week. We are well into our Cree Language and the students are as anxious as I am to start learning and speaking basic Cree in the classroom. This year I am working closely with Miss Noel and we are planning on teaching the same themes when appropriate. We are both excited and the students in both second language programs will learn similar vocabulary as part of the fundraising, the Cree Language Program will be collecting 2 and 4 liter milk jugs. We have a collection box set up at the main entrance of the School. The money will be used for treats and class parties. I am open to suggestions as to what you would like see happen in the Cree Language Program, and I can be reached at the School at 780-849-5244.

Ekosi maka. (That's all for now).

Ms. Karen Potskin  
Native Liaison and Coordinator

## Counsellor's Corner

Hello

Well we have made it through the first month, it has been very exciting and challenging first month.

The first Challenge has been trying to learn names of fellow staff members and the students. I have got some of the students testing me to see if I can remember their names. I am not doing so good, so I am fortunate that I am working in a learning environment.

My plans for Oct will be to continue learning the names of the students and to be able to find their classrooms.

Patty G

### Save the trees- no more automatically printed newsletters

We are trying to go as 'green' as we can at our schools. School and class events will be added to our website as well as to our Home Logic site. Electronic copies our newsletters are also available on the website and you can sign- up to have a copy of our newsletter automatically emailed to you each month. Simply enter your email address on the main page of our website. If you would like to continue to receive a paper version of our newsletter, please let you child's teacher know (you can write your request in the student agenda). Unless we hear from you, this will be the last issue of the newsletter we send home with your child.