



# September 2010

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|     |                                   |   | 1   | 2                                | 3  | 4   |
| 5   | 6<br><i>Labor Day—No School</i>   | 7<br><i>1st Day of Kindergarten</i>   | 8   | 9                                | 10   | 11  |
| 12  | 13                                | 14<br><i>Welcome Liturgy 10:30 am in the gym<br/>Welcome Back and Meet the Teacher<br/>BBQ 5:00-7:30 pm</i> | 15  | 16                               | 17<br><i>Division Wide Faith Development Day—NO SCHOOL</i> | 18  |
| 19  | 20                                | 21  | 22  | 23                               | 24   | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br><i>1st Day of Preschool</i> | 28  | 29  | 30<br><i>Student Picture Day</i> |  |     |



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# St. Mary's Messenger

News You Can Use!

September 2010

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 3 Jr/Sr High girls volleyball tryouts at 3:30
- Sept 6 Labor Day—No School
- Sept 7 First Day for Kindergarten
- Sept 14 Welcome Liturgy 10:30 am  
  
Welcome Back and Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:00-7:30
- Sept 17 Division Wide Faith Development Day— No School
- Sept 27 1st Day for Pre-school
- Sept 30 Student Picture Day

### Welcome Back for the 2010-2011 School year

Summer may have come and gone, but no one at St. Mary's is upset about coming back to school. We are ready and anxious for a new exciting year. We have added more technology and software for this upcoming year and now have SMART slates, sentios, and document cameras for use in our classrooms. Our junior and senior high option courses have expanded. We have added Cree as a Second Language option for all grades 4- 8 students and all the other great programs we have are ready- to- go. Teachers have been attending professional development activities over the summer, and custodial staff have been hard at work making the school look great. Students will have excellent opportunities to succeed this year!

We welcome Mrs. Shawn Auger, Mrs. Stacey Lang, Mrs. Stephanie Dube, Miss Kristan Noel and Mr. Charles Lang to our school as new teachers. Mrs. Auger will be teaching Kindergarten (Mrs. Nadeau is on maternity leave), Mrs. Lang will be teaching grade 1 (Mrs. Turcotte is also on maternity leave), Mrs. Dube will be teaching grade 2, Miss Noel will be teaching grade 5 and French as a Second Language and Mr. Lang will be teaching junior and senior high.

We have many exciting things planned for this year and we would love to see many of our parents and community members in our school on a regular basis. We encourage parents and guardians to be active in the school: drop by and see what is happening in the school, volunteer in a classroom, the library, for a club, or with the intramural program. If you have a special talent or skill you think our students could benefit from, and if you are willing to donate some of your time, we would love to invite you to help enrich our school programs. Please stay tuned for after school club, lesson, and sport team sign- ups!

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**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 is the school's website address?

Student's Answer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSING LANE**

This is a reminder to all parents that the driveway in front of the school is a "designated busing lane only" between the hours of

**8:15–8:35 a.m.**

**11:20 a.m. –12:30 p.m.**

And

**3:00–3:45 p.m.**

**Also note** that the bus drivers find it difficult to turn out of the driveway leading into the street when there are vehicles parked on both sides of the street.

There is a new "No Parking" sign set up on the right side of the street between the school driveway and the driveway leading into the Registries building next door.

Fines can, and will be issued for both



**SCHOOL FEES FOR 2010-2011**

|                     |  |                              |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>PRE-SCHOOL</b>   | \$12.50 per 1/2 Day<br>2 half days per week  | Payable monthly              |
| <b>KINDERGARTEN</b> | \$95.00 per child<br>(includes agenda \$20 and supplies \$75.00)                                     |                              |
| <b>GRADES 1–6</b>   | \$155.00 per child<br>(includes agenda \$20 student union \$10, supplies \$50 and text rentals \$75) |                              |
| <b>GRADES 7-12</b>  | \$180.00 per child<br>(includes student union \$10, text rental \$115, and options \$55)             |                              |
| <b>LOCKERS</b>      | For Grades 4 to 12 only  | \$5.00 <b>Non Refundable</b> |
| <b>BUS FEES</b>     | PRE-SCHOOL   | \$114.66                     |
|                     | KINDERGARTEN   | \$286.65                     |
|                     | GRADES 1-12  | \$286.65/per child           |

\*\* Two or more students \$573.30 per family

Please call the school if you would like to discuss payments options.

Check out the school website at [www.stmaryofthelake.ca](http://www.stmaryofthelake.ca)

**Inspiring Action**

Transforming a complex system such as education requires careful thought, research, analysis and, above all, continued meaningful interaction with all Albertans. To support the next phase of the ongoing dialogue about the future of education, the Education Minister has released the [Inspiring Action on Education](#) discussion paper. The discussion paper links the vision, principles and policy and governance shifts of [Inspiring Education](#) with the day-to-day work of teachers, school boards, parents, the Ministry of Education, community members and other contributors to student success.

We know that maintaining and sustaining a dialogue at the school level on the importance of education amongst teachers and parents is key to the success of all students. Just as local conversations build positive outcomes, public engagement initiatives that we have undertaken have shown that teachers, school leadership, parents and the public want a voice in guiding the future and transformation of education. *Inspiring Action on Education* is the next step in ensuring that is the case.

Parental and community participation in this phase of the dialogue is essential. You can provide input online by visiting the [Inspiring Action](#) website, which features the discussion paper, videos, facilitated online discussions and related information. A series of themed online discussion guides, each focusing on a specific transformational shift, are also available. You are encouraged to check back regularly to see what's new.

You may also want to use your discussions with other teachers, parents, friends and neighbours as an opportunity for them to make their voices heard as well. It is important that all those with an interest in education understand what is happening and why. For more information, contact [engage.education@gov.ab.ca](mailto:engage.education@gov.ab.ca).

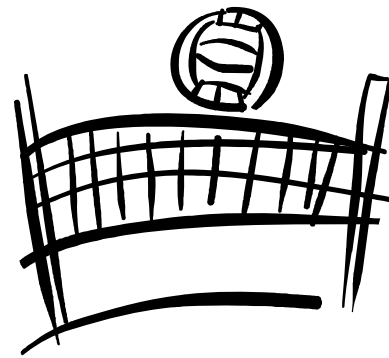
**Student Services Update**

Hi and welcome from Student Services. I am excited to be in my new position as the Special Needs Coordinator. Those of you returning to our school will know me as the Grade 2 teacher. I will also be teaching some Literacy and Math and look forward to the challenges of a new position and a new year.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 780-849-5244

Mrs. Linda Miller

SPORTS NEWS



### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

All Junior and Senior girls are invited to the tryouts on Friday, September 3, 2010 at 3:30 pm.

Please come prepared with non marking indoor shoes and a change of clothing.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Scott at the school

#### SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT TIMES

*Please be note these are the following times that the speed limit is reduced in school zones.*

**8:00 am to 9:30 am**

**11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

#### REGISTRATION FORMS

Please note that blue registration forms have been sent home to be completed. Please complete these forms and return to the school as soon as possible.

Also, if you have not already provided the school with a copy of your child's birth certificate, please send one to the school for your child's file. This is required by Alberta Education.

Any questions please call the school at 780-849-5244

## Staff List and Email Addresses

### Main School Staff

| Job Title         | Name                     | Email Address  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Principal         | Mr. Trevor Mitchell      | <a href="mailto:trevor.mitchell@livingwaters.ab.ca">trevor.mitchell@livingwaters.ab.ca</a>         |
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| Librarian         | Mrs. Gaye Horlick        | <a href="mailto:gaye.horlick@livingwaters.ab.ca">gaye.horlick@livingwaters.ab.ca</a>               |
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| Maintenance       | Mr. John Buck            | <a href="mailto:john.buck@livingwaters.ab.ca">john.buck@livingwaters.ab.ca</a>                     |

### Outreach Staff

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|----------------|----------------------|--|
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# Spiritus Mundi

“The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.”

These are part of the introductory words to the Catholic mass, and serve as a greeting and a blessing for both the priest and the congregation. So, I decided I would greet everyone this year with the traditional greeting of the church.

As you may or may not know, we are in the process of having a new junior and senior high school being built, which will be named after St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis was both a Catholic deacon and preacher, and is best known as being the founder the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans.

He is also known as the patron saint of animals and the environment, and is one of the two patron saints of Italy. Traditionally, it is customary for Catholic churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4 October.

With this in mind, our liturgies and celebrations this year will be thematically lined or devoted to St. Francis of Assisi. I am excited to learn more about this saint as the year progresses and hope that you will enjoy the journey as well as we learn about this faithful and devoted servant of Christ.



## Counsellor's Corner

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By Ms. Marcia St. Pierre (your friendly school counsellor)

Welcome to all students and parents, both returning and new! I can't wait to see all of your smiling, shining faces... in the hallways, and in my office!

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about my job, and how I can make St. Mary's a little friendlier for both you and your child. There are several different facets to my position here at the school. Here are the basics:

First and foremost, I am here for the students. Students can make appointments with me, or drop into my office (if I am available) after asking their teacher of course! I am a qualified counsellor so am equipped to deal with most things your child can throw at me (not literally, as I am not fantastic at sports!). In my four years at the school, I have dealt with many different issues

Students can be referred to me by their teachers or parents, or can self-refer. If you feel that your child would benefit from having someone extra to talk to at school, please call me and set up an appointment.

In the fall, I would like to meet with all Senior High school students for career planning. This way we can set out the classes that they need in order to achieve their dreams! Junior High students are also welcome to come to me for career planning. I have lots of tests that can help with narrowing down a future path and career! If you are interested in being a part of this planning with your teen, again feel free to give me a call.

As I have historically worked primarily with the junior and senior high school students, this year I will be starting a program in the Kindergarten and grade 1 classes, called Roots of Empathy. Stay tuned to this newsletter for more information in the future!

Throughout the school year, I will have an article in this newsletter talking about current events, and some tips you can use to help your family and your child succeed and be as happy as possible. If there is ever anything that I can do please call me at the school, or stop by for a visit!