



September 2011

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4		5 Labor Day No School	6 First day of Kindergarten	7	8	9 Welcome Liturgy 10:30 @ school	10
11		12 Back to School BBQ 5:30-7:00 pm	13	14	15	16 Faith Development Day No School	17
18		19 Power Down Lunch Day	20	21	22 Picture Day	23 Much Music Dance (Gr 7-12) 8:00 to 12:00 am	24
25		26 First Day of Preschool Class A/B	27 First Day of Preschool Class C/D	28	29 Hot Lunch Taco/cookie \$5.00	30	



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St. Mary's Messenger

News You Can Use!

September 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 5 Labor Day—No School
- Sept 6 First day for Kindergarten
- Sept 9 Welcome Liturgy 10:30 am at the school
- Sept 12 Welcome back BBQ
5:30 to 7:00 pm
All parents and students are invited to attend
- Sept 16 Faith Development Day
No School
- Sept 19 "Power Down" Lunch day
- Sept 22 Picture Day
- Sept 23 Much Music Dance Gr 7-12
8:00 pm to 12:00 am
- Sept 26 First Day for Preschool
- Sept 27 First Day for Preschool

"Power Down" Lunch Day is a day where all Elementary students are asked to bring a lunch that does not require the use of a microwave. Each month a tally will be taken and at the end of the year, the winning class will receive a prize.

Welcome Back for the 2011-2012 School year

In looking to prepare a "Welcome Back to School" message for this first newsletter, I took a look at the liturgical missalette on my desk and found this for September 1: "Almighty God, our hope and our strength, without you we falter. Help us to follow Christ and to live according to your will." This seems like a good prayer to welcome everyone back to a new year, and a year that will be filled with small and large challenges and changes.

In terms of changes, we do have some staff changes. Notably, Mrs. Terry-Lynn Cook, the VP for our Outreach program, has taken on a leave of absence to help the Northern Learning Consortium of Alberta with its programs. In her place, we would like to welcome Mr. Iven Assuming to our Outreach program. We are also welcoming back Mrs. Karen Nadeau and Mrs. Tara-Lee Turcotte to our staff after their maternity leaves, You can expect to see their smiling faces around the school again.

We will also see some monumental changes in our community as a result of last spring's fires, and some of these changes will be felt at the school level. Some students and families will not be returning to Slave Lake, which is unfortunate, although understandable, and some new families will be joining us as a result of the fires. Staff members who lost their homes have all returned, though, and this is a very positive sign. Our schools are committed to helping however we can. School fees for Kindergarten to Grade 12 have been waived. Assistance is available with bussing, breakfast, and lunch. Please contact the office for details. There will be struggles ahead for all of us because of last spring's events, but I am confident we will rebuild and be renewed with God's love and patience.

Finally, we are looking forward to the opening of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy in the new-year and moving our junior and senior high programs and students to that facility. We will also continue to move forward in our efforts to meet the needs of our students through our High School Flexibility project, the Balanced Literacy Programs and our High Yield Instructional Strategies. Truly, we are still focused on three main goals:

- Achievement
- Diversity
- Faith

high quality education
values spiritual leadership
God

BUSING LANE

This is a reminder to all parents that the driveway in front of the school is a "designated bus 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



PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL DRAW

Answer the question correctly and you have a chance to win pizza with the principal and a friend.

What day and time is the Welcome Liturgy?

Answer

Student Name

Parent Signature

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2011-2012

For the 2011-12 School year the Living Waters Catholic School Division has decided to waive the school fees for Kindergarten to Grade 12. However, families are responsible to pay the bus fees. If you require assistance covering the cost of bussing, please contact the office.

PRE-SCHOOL \$12.50 per 1/2 Day
2 half days per week Payable monthly

BUS FEES PRE-SCHOOL \$150.00
KINDERGARTEN \$300.00
GRADES 1-12 \$300.00 per child
** Two or more students \$600.00 per family

All parents are asked to provide their children with supplies indicated on the supplies list provided

Check out the school website at www.stmaryofthelake.ca

New Junior Senior High Information

The Junior and Senior high lunch time has changed.

Effective September 12st the new lunch time for Jr/Sr high will be

11:45 am to 12:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

12:50 pm to 1:20 pm on Thursday

Important Calendar Date Change

Due to High Prairie School Division change in their calendar. October 21st PD Day has now been changed to October 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 780-849-5244

Volunteers Needed

Due to the high volume of traffic on 6 Ave (street in front of the school), we are looking for volunteers to assist with a Cross Walk Program.

Volunteers are needed for the following times:

8:15 to 8:30 am (Monday to Friday)

3:15 to 3:30 pm (Monday to Friday)

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mrs. Block at 780-849-5244

Literacy News

As I return from maternity leave this year, I find myself taking on a new role. Rather than being a homeroom teacher for a specific grade, I will be working with both the 4-6 group and the 1-3 group. My job this year includes being a literacy teacher for grade 1-3, literacy teacher for 4-6, math teacher for 4-6, science, social and art teacher for the grade 5 class. I will be working with small groups of students in hopes of bringing their math and literacy skills to a level that will increase their chance of success in their homeroom classes.

I am very excited and eager to work with the students, and I can't wait to see their growth! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Tara-Lee Turcotte

New Counsellor Corner

Our new School Counsellor is Patty Gullion. She is a Registered Social Worker. She most recently came to us from Child and Youth Services where she did child welfare interventions. She has been in the social work field since 1988, working in the areas of addictions, family support, youth work, and family group conferencing. Patty was also a foster parent for 10 years. She has two grown children and one brand-new grandchild that she is very proud of. She is originally from Slave Lake and is very familiar with the community. Patty's goals are to be a support to the students and their families attending the Catholic Schools in Slave Lake, as well as assisting the students in their future career/academic planning.

Just A Reminder... here at St. Mary of the Lake, we expect students to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and appropriate for school! The following is a reminder of what is acceptable at school:

- Non-marking indoor shoes
- Removal of wet or muddy shoes - placed on a boot rack or in a locker
- Jackets and boots as the weather becomes cooler
- T-shirts that are neither too revealing nor low cut
- Shorts and skirts that are mid-thigh in length

Students wearing clothing that is considered inappropriate as per our policies will be asked to cover up, change or have a change of clothes delivered to the school. Please keep this in mind when your children come to school each day.

Thank you very much.

Religious Education

For new and returning students and families, please be aware that you are welcome to our celebrations throughout the year. Faith is an integral part of our school and our staff members, and we would love to have parents join us when possible to share in God's word. Rather than a particular September message about faith formation, I will include the Liturgy Schedule for the upcoming year. Each month, the celebration will be on the calendar as well, as the schedule may change a bit from time to time, so please do check the newsletter as well.

September 9	Welcome Liturgy	10:30 AM	SMOTL
October 7	Thanksgiving	2:15 PM	SMOTL
November 7	Remembrance	10:00 AM	St. Peter Celestin Church
December 2	Advent	10:30 AM	SMOTL
January 19	Christmas	10:00 AM	St. Peter Celestin Church
February 22	Ash Wednesday	1:15 PM 2:00 PM	SMOTL SFOA
March 19	Saints	10:30 AM 2:15 PM	SMOTL SFOA
April 13	Easter	10:00 AM	St. Peter Celestin Church
May 10	Mother Mary	10:30 AM 2:15 PM	SMOTL SFOA

SMOTL = St. Mary of the Lake

SFOA = St. Francis of Assisi

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

2011-2012 Staff List

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Welcome Back BBQ

St. Mary of the Lake School will be holding its annual Welcome Back BBQ on Monday, September 12th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

All students and parents are invited to attend. This will give parents a chance to meet the teachers and see the school.

There are no costs involved