



St. Mary of
the Lake
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

October
2009

News You Can Use!

Important Dates

- Oct 1 **Picture Day**
Pizza Day \$2.00/slice
- Oct 2 **PD Day – No school**
- Oct 5 **Student Council Elections**
- Oct 6 **Theatre Prospero play at 1:00 pm – All parents welcome**
- Oct 8 **Pizza Day \$2.00/slice**
Senior High Pot Luck
- Oct 9 **Thanksgiving Liturgy and Awards Celebration at 10:45 am in the gym**
- Oct 12 **THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- Oct 13 **Hot Lunch – Soft Tacos**
Fundraising orders are due
- Oct 15 **Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library**
Pizza Day \$2.00/slice
- Oct 16 **Gr. 4 Special Person Harvest Lunch**
- Oct 17 **Harvest Dinner with the church at 5:30 pm**
Tickets can be purchased at the school
- Oct 20 **Hot Lunch – Spaghetti**
- Oct 21 **Gr. 1-6 Swimming 10:00 am to 11:00 am**
- Oct 22 **Pizza Day \$2.00/slice**
Spirit Week Oct 26 to 30
- Oct 26 **HAT DAY**
- Oct 27 **“Spooky” Lunch TBA**
SCHOOL COLORS/CLOTHING DAY
- Oct 28 **CRAZY HAIR DAY**
- Oct 29 **FORMAL DAY**
Pizza Day \$2.00/slice
Gr 10-12 PARTY program
- Oct 30 **COSTUME DAY**
Halloween Carnival

Message from the Assistant Principal – Cara Block

The second month of school is now here, and the staff and students seem to be well on their way to settling into routines and covering curriculum. We have had a smooth start-up to the year, thanks to the teachers, students, and support staff, so I'd like to say “Well done” to everyone.

This year, we are welcoming back Mrs. Cathy Shultz into our Junior High classes, as well as taking on much of the Elementary music program. We also have a new Parent Advisory Committee, and anyone who can help with programs like the hot-dog lunch once a week or the Book fair that is being planned, even if it's only a “one time offer,” please give us a call. We'd love to see you here.

October is also the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, and take the time to be thankful for all that we have, and all that we have been given. It is our time to be thankful and to reflect on the gifts we often take for granted – a peaceful country, a free country, and country that is full of riches. Our Thanksgiving celebration at the school is scheduled for October 9th at 10:45 AM, so if you have the time, please join us. Father Jeyapaul will be celebrating our liturgies and celebrations with us again this year, and will also be coming in once a week to share his prayers and his lessons with our Elementary classes on Wednesday mornings. So, if you see Father Jeyapaul here at the school, be sure to say hello and to thank him for his gift of sharing his faith with our students.

I will close with my familiar quotes from Winston Churchill again, and leave you with the following:

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

May God bless you and your families this fall, and may we all be truly thankful for one another.

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high quality education
values spiritual leadership
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PARENTS

SCHOOL HOURS

The school opens the doors at 8:25 am every morning. Staff are on supervision at 8:15am each morning. School ends at 3:15 pm each day.

Please do not drop your child off any earlier than 8:15 am as there is no supervision.

BUS LANE

There is no parking in the bus lane during the day. We have a bus that drops students off at the school throughout the day. There is parking provided in the front of the school as well as the right side.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HANDICAP PARKING

The school has two parking stalls for Handicap visitors/parents and staff. If you do not have a Handicap parking permit please do not use these parking stalls.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all school and bus fees are now past due.

Please call the school to make arrangements for your child's fees to be paid.

KINDERGARTEN:	\$90.00
Gr. 1 to 6	\$150.00
Gr. 7 to 12	\$180.00

Bus Fees:

Kindergarten:	\$273.00 per child/year
All other grades:	\$273.00 per child/year

**The cost bussing for a family with 2 or more children is \$546.00/year.

1/2 of the bussing fees are due on September 30/09 with the remaining balance due on or before the end of January 2009.

2009-2010 PARENT COUNCIL

We are excited to have a new executive for this year's Parent Council. All parents are invited to join the meetings to express their thoughts and concerns.

Please welcome the following parents:

CHAIR PERSON—Glenn Batstone

VICE CHAIR—Rachel Perkinson

SECRETARY—Lana Daniels

TREASURER—OPEN/VACANT

**If you are interested in becoming the Parent Council Treasurer please contact the school at 780-849-5244

PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

I HAVE READ THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND HEREBY ENTER MY SON/DAUGHTER _____ IN GRADE _____ IN THE 'PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL/PAL' DRAW.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

**CHECK OUT SOME EVENTS FOR THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER IN AND
AROUND THE SCHOOL**



OCTOBER 1ST—PICTURE DAY—WATCH FOR NOTICES GOING HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.

This year the school is trying a new company called ICON Photography. With this new company there will not be any pre order packages sent home. You will be given proofs of your child and a order form to complete once your child's picture has been taken. The school is hoping this new way of ordering will be much more beneficial for all parents.

Lamontagne Chocolate Sales

The champagne runs from Friday, September 25th to Tuesday, October 13th. This is a yearly fundraiser for the school. With your support we will be able to send our students on the yearly field trips, and other fun school activities.

There are several great prizes for students who have achieved high sales during the champagne.

Please support our students.

PIZZA DAY

Every Thursday, Beyond the Classroom students sell slices of pizza to the students. The funds raised will be used for materials and field trips for the classroom.

Types of Pizza available:

Cheese

Pepperoni

Ham and Pineapple

\$2.00 per slice

Pre order forms are sent home weekly.



October Book Fair

The Library is holding a Book Fair from October 19 to 23.

Volunteers are needed to ensure that the Book Fair is a success.

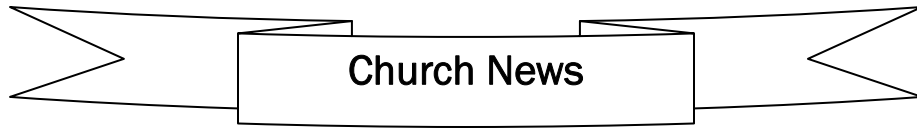
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mrs. Horlick at 780-849-5244.



Leadership Class

Our Grade 9 Leadership students will be starting a paper recycling program in the school. The students hope to have all classes equipped with a recycling box that will be emptied and maintained by the students.





St. Peter Celestin Church News

200 – 12th Ave. NW

The church has regular Mass Saturdays at 7:00 PM, and on Sundays at 11:00 AM. Father Jeyapaul can be reached at 780-849-3029.

We are also planning a **Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction** on October 17th with the school, and the proceeds are going to local charities and to the school breakfast program. The tickets are \$15.00/adult and \$8.00/children, and there will be *light entertainment* generously provided by Cathy Shultz and Tyrone Myers. Tickets may be purchased at the school or at the church, so come on out for some great food and fun.

As a final note, if you do have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction, please drop it off at the school along with your name or business name so we can acknowledge your contribution.



Theatre Prospero

On October 6th, Theatre Prospero is a theatre group that is coming to do an all day workshop with selected students. They will spend a half day preparing for the play: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare. Then in the afternoon, the students and theatre staff will be performing the play for the Jr./Sr. high students. All parents are welcome to attend. The play will start at 1:00 pm.



SPIRIT WEEK ACTIVITIES

During the week of October 26 to 30th, the Leadership class will be holding a variety of different activities for all students to participate in.

Monday	Hat Day
Tuesday	School Colors/School Clothing
Wednesday	Crazy Hair Day
Thursday	Dress Up Day (Formal Day)
Friday	Halloween Costumes

Also, during the afternoon on Friday, October 30th there will be a penny carnival in the gym for the students.

Prizes will be awarded each day for winning students.

OCTOBER HOT LUNCHES

OCTOBER 13th	Soft Taco/Jello	\$5.00
OCTOBER 20	Spaghetti/Meatballs/Cookie	\$4.00
OCTOBER 27	"Spooky" Lunch TBA	\$5.00



Juice boxes are available for \$0.50 each

This year the Hot Lunch is being prepared by the Senior High classes in order to fundraise for a Year End field trip. Your support is greatly appreciated.