March, 2016

This month's Virtue... 

Kindness

SCHOOL FEES

Instructional and/or School fees are now past due. Please make your payment ASAP at the school office with the Secretary. We have Interact as well!

Cheques can be made out to Mother Teresa Catholic School.

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS and equipment sponsors for the playground build this spring!

There is a sign up booklet on the bulletin board in front of the city gym!

Report Cards will be sent home March 2nd

Mother Teresa has set up an Endowment Fund to help pay for some of the activities we collected from parents in past years.

As this is no longer an option, we have created an endowment fund in which parents can donate to the school and if it is over $20 can receive a tax receipt.

These dollars would be used in consultation with the school council to help pay for student activities such as swimming, or end of year activities.

If you are making a donation by cheque, please make it out to Grande Prairie R.C.S.S.D #28

Montessori Success Stories

Larry Page and Sergey Brin (co-founders of GOOGLE) attribute their success to Montessori programming.

In 2004, ABC’s Barbara Walters asked Larry Page and Sergey Brin about the secret to their success. Both Mr. Page and Mr. Brin had college professors for parents. She wondered if that familial connection to learning played into their success. They said no. Their parents helped, but the curriculum of self-directed learning—where students follow their interests and decide for themselves what they want to learn.

“I think it was part of that training of not following rules and orders, and being self motivated, questioning what’s going on in the world and doing things a little bit differently, says Page, who’s now CEO of Google.

For PTI’s on March 8th & 9th we are using signup genius again in which you pick your time...

Using the link below... you would find your child’s teacher from the tab list. All the teachers from kindergarten to grade 6 are listed. You then choose your preferred time and it will ask you for your email and if you wish to leave a comment. Only the teachers can see who has signed up and any comments you may have left.

http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/33775D907A3CAE4C06-mother
Next year all Montessori grade 1 & 2 classes will be multi-grade. This in no way will diminish the success of your child, there is lots of research to support multi-grades and due to numbers we usually have several of these already within the school. This classroom structure better supports the opportunity for students to grow in the area of leadership and independence which is a major goal for the Montessori Program.

We are looking for DONATED HELMETS
Ski, Snowboard, Hockey for when students go sledding on our hill!
NO Bike Helmets please!

During Parent Teacher Interviews on March 8th & 9th...
We have lots going on for parents to check out! Kindergarten bake sale, Book Fair and a Silent Auction put on by Grade 6B to raise money for their Quebec trip!

BAKE SALE
SILENT AUCTION

School Council Corner
Next Meeting...
March 21 6:30-8pm
(Meeting in School Staffroom)
Parents,
We invite you ALL out to our next School Council Meeting. It is a great way for you to stay informed about what is happening at the school & it gives you an open forum to voice your suggestions for school improvement.
FREE Babysitting for ages 3 to 11
We ask that you use caution when packing lunches & snacks for your child as these allergies can be life threatening. We do not allow nuts of any kind or shellfish. (*Tuna is not a shellfish—examples of shellfish are shrimp, crab, lobster, oysters)

Just a reminder to our families that we have students with very severe Anaphylaxis.

Mother Teresa is an ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL!

Its that time again, where puddles are everywhere! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the spring season. Splash pants, rubber boots, rain coats, even a spare change of clothes in the backpack are good ideas for this time of year!

Grade 6 Lent Service Project

Our grade 6’s are doing a FUNDRAISER to build a well to help with the drought in Ethiopia for their Lenton Service Project.

Water bottles are $10 each and will be for sale every day over the lunch hour! If you would like to support this wonderful cause they accept cash or cheque (made payable to Mother Teresa School). The water bottles are very durable stainless steel and can be written on temporarily with chalk for designs/names etc... making them a wonderful gift for kids as well.
The grade 6B class at Mother Teresa will be hosting a... This auction will have a number of items that parents will be able to bid on the week of Parent Teacher Interviews!

Silent Auction

It will run from March 7 to March 14...and will be on during PTI’s!

The tables with the items will be set up in the main gathering area of the school for all to see!

Some items up for sale include...

a family ski night at Nitehawk, a signed Chewbacca picture from Peter Mayhew with a Chewy backpack, a 170 piece tool set, handcrafted garden signs, a pedicure, a movie gift basket, a skateboard among others! There are too many to list them all!

If you see something you would be interested in, please add your name to the list with your phone number and your bid.

The students will be contacting the winners via phone the following Monday, March 14

Thank you for your support!
School Spirit
Thursday, March 24

TOURIST Day!

Let’s have some fun on the last day before Easter break and dress like TOURISTS!

Wear your fanny pack, camera, wacky shirt, crazy shorts, socks up to you knees, funny sandals, hats, sunglasses!

An Invitation...

You are invited to attend the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church; the Easter Vigil

What to Expect:

The Easter vigil begins the evening of Holy Saturday. The church, which on Good Friday recalled Jesus’ passion and death removed all signs of life, is now slowly preparing for Christ’s triumphant return. Water is once again in the font, although not yet blessed, decorations have been put up, and the blessed sacrament is back in the tabernacle. However, the church is still in darkness; the darkness representing the tomb.

We began Mass outside, gathered as a community, each with an unlit candle, around a fire. The new Paschal Candle is brought out and the 5 pins are placed in the candle to represent the 5 wounds Christ suffered on the cross. The Paschal Candle is then lit using the fire and from there the flame is passed on and the candles of the community are lit as well.

As a community, with our lit candles, we enter into the darkened church, symbolizing Christ’s resurrection, and bringing the light back into the world. Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: the Exsultet (Easter proclamation). A moving experience of light and song that announces the dignity and mystery of Easter.

The third part of the evening is the liturgy of the word, where we hear readings from the Old and New Testament, and then we move to the liturgy of baptism. This is a joyful and exciting part of the Mass. The elect that have been journeying through RCIA are baptized into the church. It is a time of celebration and excitement, as the community warmly welcomes those being baptized. The fourth aspect of the Mass, and the highpoint, is the liturgy of the Eucharist. It is the first celebration of the Eucharist since the Feast of the last supper and the first in the Easter season. When we truly come into communion with our Lord by partaking in His body and blood. The evening concludes with food and fellowship as a community of believers.

Time: The Vigil begins after sunset around 9pm
Date: March 26, 2016
Place: Your local Roman Catholic Parish

We hope to see you there!
- Laura Tapson
Virtue of Respect Winners...
Reminder to parents...

Patrollers have been trained to do their job. Please respect them, stay on the sidewalk until they say PROCEED!

WESTROCK INC GPPWFL 2016 REGISTRATION

MARCH 12, 2016
1-4PM @ LIONS LEARNING CENTER

MARCH 19, 2016
1-4PM @ GP COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL
*THIS IS THE EQUIPMENT HANDOUT DAY*

LATE REG FEES APPLY AFTER MARCH 19, 2016
ALL PLAYERS REGISTERED & PAID IN FULL WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A CAMP ENTRY FEE TO THE UOFA GOLDEN BEARS FOOTBALL CAMP ON APRIL 23 & 24, 2016 AT THE CROSSLINK COUNTY SPORTSPLEX
*DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

REGISTRATION DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.GPPWFL.COM
OR LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GPPWFL

CONTACT US @ GPPWFL@TELUS.NET
We are looking for volunteers to sew relaxation scarves!  
...or looking for donations of some!

They are those magic bags (wheat/rice bags) that you can put in the microwave to heat up and place on your shoulders.  
*If you have extra ones lying around the house and can part with them, could send it with your child.*

On our last Professional Development day on Feb. 26th, we had the occupational therapist work with our staff on a program that will help students regulate themselves. As adults we do this automatically, as we know what our bodies need and what environment we learn best in.

Teachers will be discussing this program with the students so they become more aware of their body needs during the school day and find quiet, non distracting strategies to optimize their learning.

**Calm the Body—Calm the Mind: The insight behind Zones of Regulation**

Every child reacts to different "stressors" in different ways. For example math might be easy for a child, if they do not have the tools to self-regulate this activity will send them into the blue zone (falling asleep, bored) and we need to offer tools to stimulate and re-engage the student. The same math activity could be challenging for another student in the same class and send them into the red zone (anger, frustration) if they cannot self-regulate. The tools needed for this child will look very different because at this point they have lost all ability to self-regulate and often may shout out, throw things, rip their papers etc. Both students need different tools in order for learning to happen in the math class.

What works for one does not always work for the other! Different environment- different zone- different tool needed.

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**The ZONES of Regulation®**

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## March's Daily Specials

There is a spot on the "Daily Order Form" for you to choose the Daily Special… *(see next page)*

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Any questions, comments or suggestions are welcomed and will be addressed as soon as possible through our Email: livelaughgrowcatering@gmail.com

**Notes:** *Email Monday Transfer will be accepted at the above email address for your convenience.*
Daily Order Form

Live Laugh Grow

EVERDAY Items Available

- Pan Cakes with Syrup $2.00
- Grill Cheese $2.00
  w/Bacon $2.50
- Hot Dogs all beef $2.00
- Hummos and Pita $2.00
- Soup of the Day $2.50
- Egg on a Muffin $2.00
  o w/ Bacon $2.50
- BLT on a Muffin $2.50
- Tuna Macaroni Salad $2.00 Sm
  o Lrg $3.00
- Mix Green Salad w/Dressing $2.00
- Caesar Sm $2.00
  Lrg $3.00
- Chicken Caesar Sm $3.00
  Lrg $5.00

- Ramen Noodles $1.00
- Tuna Crackers and Cheese $2.50
- Crackers and Cheese $1.50
- Veggies and Dip $1.50
- Bagel w/Butter $1.25
  o w/Cream Cheese $1.75
- Tuna Sandwich and Pickles $2.00
- Cheese Tomato and Lettuce Sand $1.50
- Muffin $1.00
- Cupcake sm $0.50
  Lrg $1.50
- Oatmeal Cup $1.50
- Cobbler Cup $1.50
- Cookie $0.50
- Ice cream Sandwich $1.00
- Hot Rod $0.50
- Water $0.75
- Juice Box $1.00

DAILY HOT LUNCH SPECIAL $5.00

Date:________________________

Student Name:____________________

Teacher Name:____________________

Grade:____________________

Total:____________________

Notes: We will be offering Prepaid $20 a week receives Hot Lunch Each day.

Prepaid $20 a month allows Child to Pick 1 Hot lunch of their choice each week.

Email with any questions live laugh grow catering@gmail.com
Catholic Family Services Spring Fling Auction

Saturday, March 19th, 2016
7:00 – 11:00 pm
Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre
11633–100 Street, Grande Prairie

Many great items up for bid in our live & silent auctions!
Live entertainment!
Wine, Hors d’oeuvres, Raffles & door Prizes!
All proceeds go to support our counseling programs

Tickets: $50/person
For Sale at: Catholic Family Services
Please call: (780) 532-9381

Introducing a new Parenting Program!!!
Circle of Security

The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship between parent and child that gives children emotional support. The ‘circle’ helps parents and caregivers look beneath children’s behaviour to discover their genuine relationship needs, in infancy right through to adulthood.

Join us for this wonderful program! No cost to District families.
Dates: Thursday, April 7-May 26, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Holy Cross Catholic School
Facilitators: Tara Dryden and Tanice Jones
Call to register: Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools
Early Learning Department: 780-532-3013 ext. 405

Play and Learn

FREE for parents and their young children (0-6yrs)
Drop-in program – No registration required!

In partnership with Grande Prairie ParentLink

For more information call
GPCSD Early Learning Department
780-532-3013 ext. 405
EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

March 10, 2016 9am – Noon & 2 – 4pm
St. Clement Catholic School | 9636 -109 Ave, Grande Prairie, T8V 1R2

Children will explore and learn at fun play stations!
Blocks & Building | Sensory Play | Imagination | Art & Creation | Story Time

Grande Prairie is a great place to raise a family!
Find out about programs & resources available in our community.
Health care professionals will answer questions on early childhood development, early intervention and safety.

Join us for a fun-filled morning of play!
Children receive a Passport to Play to fill up with stamps as they visit play stations and information booths. Enter to win door prizes!
No charge for families & no need to register!

Is your child starting Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten in the fall?
This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered!

Join the conversation at #GPEarlyChildFair
For more information call our Early Learning department at (780) 532-3013 Ext. 405
Get To Know Your Neighbour Card

Know Your Neighbours!

Neighbours who know each other are less likely to be victims of crime. People look out for those they know!

- Do you know the first name of at least 5 different neighbours?
- Would you be able to tell police the addresses of the houses around you in the event of an emergency?
- Would your backdoor neighbour know your address in the event that they witnessed suspicious activity?

If you answered NO to any of these questions, then get to know your neighbours with the Know Your Neighbour Card. The Know Your Neighbour Card provides an opportunity to connect with your neighbours and get to know them better.

~ HAVE A COFFEE
~ HAVE A CHAT OVER THE FENCE
~ HELP ONE ANOTHER WITH CLEARING SNOW

TIPS

Welcome new neighbours by offering a small yet caring gesture or gift. Veggies from your garden, cup of coffee, some cookies or muffins.

Introduce yourself to your neighbour and get to know them and tell them a little bit about yourself. How long have you lived there, where are they from?

Make an effort to keep connected!
Wave as you pass by, have a chat when you’re both outside, pull in their garbage bin.

Everyone can play a role to make their neighbourhood a more connected community. Communities were people know their neighbours are safer. So, get to Know Your Neighbours and help us build a safer community. Cards can be picked up by your Neighbourhood Association.

You can also pick up cards from City on 99 (9910-99 Ave)

Call 780-882-7813 or email Grande Prairie Crime Prevention at crimeprevention@cityofgp.com
From Here to There
A Forum on Helping our Children Arrive at Their Destinations Safely

WHEN:  Wednesday, March 10th, 2016
TIME:    5:30 p.m.
WHERE:   Alexander Forbes Elementary School

Hosted by the Grande Prairie RCMP and Crime Prevention
SPIRIT SEEKERS YOUTH CONFERENCE

8TH ANNUAL ROUND DANCE

MC Devin Bellerose
Stickman Elwood Badger

FIRST 15 SINGERS PAID

Give Away
50/50's
Prize Table
Raffles
Merchandise Vendors
Concession On Site
For More Information contact Walter White 780-897-9255
To Book a Craft Table contact Donna Goulard 780-539-2092

MARCH 5, 2016
7:30 P.M. – MIDNIGHT
GP REGIONAL COLLEGE
10726-106 AVE

GYMNASIUM
EVENT IS DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE

Everyone
Welcome!

Book your hotel room before March 1
to access the Spirit Seekers Group Booking
at Service Plus Inn 780-538-3900
# Pitone Youth Groups
## MARCH 2016

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**NOTICE: THE LAST SUNDAY GROUP WILL BE ON MARCH 13!!**

Starting in April there will be a new after school group for ages 6-10.

Once details are finalized all parents/guardians will be notified and you can let Andrea know if the new day works for your schedule.

Please watch for the announcement in March. Thanks for your support of Pitone Youth Groups!

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Grande Prairie Friendship Centre
Pitone Child & Youth Project
10507 98 Avenue (Upstairs)

For more information or to sign up contact:
Andrea Deleeuw, Pitone Youth Coordinator
Cell: 780-228-0653
Office: 780-532-7282
Email: andreadeleeuw@gpfriendship.com
Family Enrichment Weekend Summit
-A weekend with Gottman Certified Instructors-
A workshop series to address all stages of family development

March 18, 19, & 20 2016
Stonebridge Hotel Grande Prairie

SPACE IS LIMITED!
To Register or for more information visit
www.mountainviewpsychological.com or call 780-518-4203

March 18, 2016 Emotion Coaching: The Heart of Parenting
Presents a 5-step method that builds emotional intelligence and creates positive,
long lasting effects for children. Easy to learn, and used by parents, educators and
care-givers, it supports kids through life’s ups and downs in a way that builds confi-
dence and helps them grow socially, emotionally and intellectually.

March 19, 2016 Bringing Baby Home
Combines scientific research and public education to improve the quality of life for
babies and children by strengthening their families. It teaches new parents how to
gain relationship satisfaction and create healthy social, emotional and intellectual
development for their children.
Children under 1 are able to attend with the parents

March 20, 2016 The Gottman Seven Principles Program:
Making Marriage Work
Designed to strengthen your marriage or relationship. Provide you with insights
and tools to create a long-lasting, stable, committed relationship. Research-based
program will improve the intimacy, friendship and conflict resolution skills within
the marriage.

This unique opportunity is brought to you by:
Ruth Proulx of Mountainview Psychological
Adele Rideout of Calming Energy Counselling
And
Amanda Unsworth of Unsworth Psychological Services
Water Facts

We use water in many ways every day. Every system in our body depends on water. We need water to:

- Cool our bodies (when we sweat)
- Help with digestion
- Absorb and carry nutrients throughout the body
- Remove wastes and help the body repair itself
- Act as a cushion for our organs and joints

Our body also loses a lot of water through our skin, when we breathe and through our urine. To maintain a balance we need to make sure we are drinking enough water and other healthy fluids to replace what we are using.

Kids will usually drink when they are thirsty. Make sure they have water available to drink throughout the day. Tap water found in schools is safe. It is tested regularly for germs and chemical content. Often children will bring water bottles to school that can be filled with tap water. These bottles must be kept clean so kids don’t get sick. Here are some guidelines to follow when drinking from water bottles:

- Reusable water bottles should be brought home to be washed at least once a week. They should be washed with hot soapy water allowed to dry.
- The bigger the opening on the container, the easier it is to clean.
- Single service bottles, such as those used for bottled water that you buy at the store, should not be used more than one time. Exposure to heat can cause a breakdown in the plastic and these bottles are not made of durable plastic designed for cleaning.

Drinking water every day is a simple way to stay healthy and feel great!

We get kids up on their feet!
The Alberta Medical Association and Ever Active Schools have brought a free, award-winning program for school-aged children to Alberta schools. We can provide your school with resources and support – from scratch or to enrich an existing run club. For more information visit: [www.everactive.org/alberta-medical-association-youth-run-club](http://www.everactive.org/alberta-medical-association-youth-run-club).

Get Outdoors and Explore

Do you remember playing in the “great outdoors” as a child; being with friends, exploring the landscapes, searching for bugs, cycling down hills, walking through puddles or playing your favourite games on the grass? For many, our best childhood memories are being outdoors. We probably didn’t know it when we were young but outdoor play helps build healthy bodies and healthy minds. Interacting with nature and other children while playing outdoors helps:

- Fuel curiosity and creativity
- Build observation, problem solving, and social skills
- Boosts confidence and self-esteem
- Improve mental health and well-being
- Provide an opportunity to “unplug” from technology

Children are naturally drawn to outdoor play. It provides opportunities to jump, run, climb, swing, balance and roll while allowing a place to be creative, practice skills, challenge one-self and explore! Kids can connect with nature by exploring playgrounds, climbing trees, throwing rocks in streams, jumping through tall grass, inventing new games or just digging in the sand or mud. If children are outside, they will find any number of ways to play. Here are some tips to encourage outdoor play:

- Keep it simple and fun – going for a walk, searching for different shaped rocks or playing tag are all simple yet fun things to do outdoors
- Keep it local at first – visit a garden, park or patch of green space in your community.
- Do it together – invite your family and friends to get everyone involved and outdoors
- Set clear boundaries and allow your children to play freely and safely.

Outdoor play is enjoyed by people of all ages and is a great way to connect with nature, enjoy fresh air, and be more active.
February 24 - Pink Shirt Day
Pink Shirt Day, also known as Anti Bullying Day, is a day where we show our stand against bullying by wearing pink shirts. Below are some pictures of students and staff supporting Anti Bullying Day!

Royal Oaks School Officially Named St. Catherine Catholic School

The Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools Board of Trustees are proud to announce that the name of the new Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 School, located in Royal Oaks, will be St. Catherine Catholic School. The name St. Catherine came from a total pool of 60 name suggestions from 80 participants in the GPCSD’s “Name Our New Schools” Contest. Trustees individually cast votes, reducing the list to 5 entries with the others being: Archbishop Grouard, St. Cecilia, St. Hildegard, and St. Francis of Assisi. Ultimately, the Trustees selected St. Catherine. “I am pleased that the Board of Trustees selected the name St. Catherine for our new school in Royal Oaks,” said Board Chair Eldon Wyant. “Since St. Catherine is the Patron Saint of the Arts, it is a fitting name for a school with an Arts focus.”

St. Catherine, born in 1413, chose to lead a life devoted to helping others, rather than the opportunity to live a life as a noble. Her piety, charity, and kindness attracted many to follow her throughout her life. St. Catherine passed away in 1463 at the age of 49, and was not officially canonized as a Saint until 1712. She is considered the Patron Saint of the Arts as she held a great appreciation for the Arts due to her education and practice in reading, writing, music, singing, and drawing.

St. Catherine Catholic School is set to be opened Fall 2016, just in time for the start of the 2016-2017 school year. “We look forward to planning and creating many different opportunities for students,” stated Superintendent Karl Germann. “I look forward to helping staff bring unique and creative learning experiences to the St. Catherine’s students this Fall.”

The name for Arbour Hills School will be determined at a Public Board Meeting at a later date, where Trustees will again vote for the school’s name.

HOLY WEEK

March 20 marks the beginning of Holy Week, which is the last week of Lent, right before Easter Sunday. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday (March 20) and ends with Good Friday (March 25) commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his sacrifice, while Easter Sunday (March 27) celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Schools in our District will be hosting events and ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter, so please contact your school for further details if you wish to attend.

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Kindergarten Registration

Over the course of the month of March, our schools will begin opening their doors to families who are ready to enrol their children into Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten, French Immersion, and Montessori programs. Provided below are the important dates for you and your family to know:

March 14: Ste. Marie Spirit River Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration @ 7:00 PM
March 15: Ecole St. Gerard French Immersion Registration @ 4:15 PM, Info Session @ 4:45 PM
March 16: Mother Teresa Montessori Registration @ 6:30 PM
March 17: Community Kindergarten Registration (Holy Cross, St. Patrick, St. Clement, St. Kateri, St. Mary Beaverlodge, St. Mary's Sexsmith, St. Catherine*) @ 7:00 PM; Mother Teresa Kindergarten General Registration @ 6:30 PM

Please contact us at 780-532-3013 for more information.

*St. Catherine Registration will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in the Royal Oaks subdivision.

Early Childhood Fair
March 10

On March 10, the Early Childhood Fair will be hosted at St. Clement School from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, and from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. This event is free for families with no need to register. The Early Childhood Fair will be a fantastic opportunity to connect to the many services and programs available in our community. Health care professionals, organizations and service providers will be able to answer questions at their booths while highlighting a wide range of local resources and programming.

Be sure to bring your children, as they will be able to explore and learn at fun play stations that focus on Blocks & Building, Sensory Play, Imagination, Art & Creation, and Story Time. Children receive a Passport to Play to fill up with stamps as they visit play stations and information booths. There will also be plenty of opportunities to enter to win door prizes!

If your child is starting Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten in the Fall, this is a great opportunity to have your questions answered!

For more information call our Early Learning department at (780) 532-3013 Ext. 405, and use #GPEarlyChildFair to join the conversation!

Did You Know?
All Faiths Welcome to Enrol

Did you know that all of our schools are inclusive and welcoming communities? We both welcome & respect all religious beliefs. You do not need to be Catholic to attend a Catholic school. Approximately 20% of our families are from a variety of faiths/beliefs and attend a Catholic school because they believe that the morals and values taught by Christian & Catholic teachers will help their children become better versions of themselves. Living inside a Christian Catholic framework allows many families to strengthen their own values and beliefs. Catholic schools are also well-known for their attention to academic excellence. While we meet the diverse learning needs of all of our students, we also believe that a faith-based education is enhanced with academic rigor. We ask that families that are not of the Catholic faith set up a time to meet with the principal to ensure that you will be comfortable in our schools. You may be surprised how your values and our Christian values align!

In Alberta, all Catholic schools are fully funded and open to all. Tuition is not charged and we provide yellow bus-based transportation services for rural and urban students. Join us for a high quality educational experience, fully funded and certified by Alberta Education with an Alberta Diploma!
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| For PTI's on March 8 & 9, we are using signup genius in which you pick your time. **Using the link below...** Find your child's teacher from the tab list. All the teachers from kindergarten to grade 6 are listed. You then choose your preferred time **http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/337750907A3CAE4CD6-mother**
|     |     | **Report Cards go home today!** | 3   | 4   | 5   | **NO SCHOOL**
|     |     | **Teacher’s Convention** | 4   | 5   | 6   | **NO SCHOOL**
| **During PTI's we will have a Scholastic Book Fair, Bake Sale & Silent Auction going on! Make sure you check it all out!** | 5   | 6   | **Parent Teacher Interviews** | 6   | 7   | **Parent Teacher Interviews** |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| **Don't forget Kindergarten Registration Nights are THIS Wednesday & Thursday!** | 8   | **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** | 9   | **SEVEC Meeting at 7:00pm RM: 209** | 10  | 11  | **No School** Day off in lieu of PTI |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 14 Pizza Hut ORDERS DUE TODAY by 9am | 15  | **Pizza Hut Hot Lunch Day Today!** | 16  | **COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN Registration Night** | 17  | 18  | 19  |
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| **Montessori Kindergarten Registration Night** | **Montessori Kindergarten Registration Night** | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  |
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| 24 School Spirit **TOURIST DAY!** | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  | 31  | **Easter Break** March 22 - April 3 Classes Resume on Monday, April 4th |

**Have a wonderful & relaxing Easter Break!**

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