

St. John Community School

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NEWSLETTER

Working Together, We're Better

March 2022

Merciful God, look upon us as we enter these Forty Days, bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our aims, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his cross you proclaim your love for ever and ever.

Amen

Lenten Theme ~ Following Jesus as a Family of Faith

Important Dates to Remember

March 2nd ~ Ash Wednesday

Mar 4th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

March 10th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

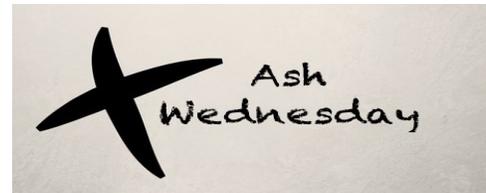
March 11th ~ATT—No School

March 17th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

March 18 ~ ATT—No school

March 25th ~ Lenten Celebration Virtual

~ Progress Reports Go Home



Why does the priest or deacon make the sign of the cross on our foreheads with a smudge of ashes on the first day of Lent? Having ashes on our foreheads is a sign that we are feeling the sorrow and guilt of sin, that we need to set about the work of cleaning up, of ridding ourselves of the burden and sorrow of sin. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, and we prepare best by feeling sorry for our sins and turning away from them. We resolve to sin no more and to be ready to celebrate the new life of Easter as new persons. Ashes are also a symbol of our own mortality. During Lent we are asked to recall that death is our destiny and that Lent is the time to prepare for the new Easter life that Jesus brings. As you receive ashes, listen for the minister to say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This is also a day of fasting for Catholics between 18 and 60 years of age

News Around the School

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

A huge thank you to the St. John SCC. The MacDonald gift cards and coffee mugs (filled with treats) were greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Mrs. Kosowan for creating the staff cookbook and the awesome bulletin board display. Your thoughtfulness and creativity are always outstanding. We are truly blessed to have such a tremendous and dedicated staff here at St. John!

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

A huge Thank you to all the parents, guardians, staff and students regarding our parent/teacher/student conferences held in February over the phone. Success is achieved when we work together as a team! **Progress Reports will be sent home with students March 25, 2022**



Nut Free and Allergy Sensitive School

We currently have students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, nut oils, and fish. We ask that all students and parents take the necessary precautions to make school a safe environment for our children. Please make sure to read all labels to see if they may contain nuts. Thank you.

EMERGENCY LUNCH PROGRAM



If there is any circumstance where you cannot provide your child with a lunch, an emergency lunch is available in our kitchen daily. Nutritious lunches will be provided. These lunches are sponsored by the Broda Group, Lakeland Ford, Lakeland Hyundai, Lake Country Co-op, and Conexus Credit Union.

Thank you for your contributions towards feeding our students and ensuring that they don't go hungry!

LENTEN CELEBRATIONS

Are as follows:
Friday, March 4
Thursday March 10
Thursday March 17th,
Friday, March 25



All Lenten celebrations will be held virtually in the Homerooms



Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2022 to be eligible for registration. Please drop by the school office to pick up your registration form or call (306) 953-7536 for more information.

Prekindergarten Applications

We are now accepting prekindergarten applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must be 3 years old by December 31, 2022 to be eligible to apply. Please drop by the school office to pick up your application or call (306) 953-7536 for more information.

NO PARKING ZONES

The school has two parking lots that are designated **staff parking only**. We ask that parents refrain from using these parking lots at all during the day as staff may be leaving at different times of the day. Also, please refrain from parking in the designated bus parking zones on the street so the buses can park to pick up students.



Thank you for your co-operation!





Student Information

Please remember it is important to keep your child/ren's demographics information **Current and up to date**. Phone numbers, address, and emergency contact etc. are crucial that we have the correct information should an emergency arise. You can contact the office at (306)953-7536 to update over the phone or send a note with your child. We really appreciate your attention in this matter. Thank you.



Registration for the 2022-2023 School year has begun

We are asking all of our families to visit our Catholic School Division Website @ WWW.pacsd.ca to register Online for the upcoming school year.

We ask that you register as soon as possible. Please visit ~ www.pacsd.ca/Our Schools/St. John Community School/Register Online.

We do have Paper based registration forms that are available at the main office. If you would like more information please call

306-953-7536.

Thank you in advance for your assistance !

ÉCOLE ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

FOR ANY NEW STUDENTS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL THIS FALL, AND WOULD LIKE A TOUR. PLEASE WATCH FOR INFORMATION THAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING. INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE RIVER IN EDSBY OR A LETTER WILL BE SENT HOME.

ALL REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE FOR THE 2022-2023SCHOOL YEAR @ WWW.PACSD.CA/OUR_SCHOOLS/ÉCOLE ST.MARY HIGH SCHOOL/REGISTER ONLINE

THANK YOU!



Theodore Court Case Decision

On February 25, 2021, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed Good Spirit (Public) School Division's application for leave to appeal the Theodore case to the Supreme Court of Canada. This means that the unanimous decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal that overturned the April 2017 trial decision stands. Good Spirit has exhausted their legal options, and the decision of the Appeal Court remains the law in Saskatchewan-which can be considered a victory for both religious and parental rights and freedoms. An update from the Board of Education Chair Suzanne Stubbs can be found at www.pacsd.ca

Background information on the Theodore case can be found at www.opencatholiceducation.ca



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✠ Parish Announcements ✠



St. Mark Parish ✠ Father Jim Kaptein ✠ Parish Priest

589—9th Street East—Ph: 306-764-4637—www.stmarksparish.com

Sunday Mass time is 11:00am—Weekly Mass: 9:00am (Tuesday-Friday)



A Message from Fr. Jim

It is the beginning of March and the government has loosened many of the restrictions around COVID. On one hand all of us are rejoicing, but on the other hand COVID is still alive and well, we cannot let up our vigilance. The beginning of March also brings with it the beginning of Lent. Wednesday, March 2nd is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Here at St. Mark Parish our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 8:00 pm.

But that is only the beginning. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the three traditional ways of entering into the Lenten Season. We should all strive to enter this season with these in mind. However, nothing we do should be entered into with a spirit of self-torture. Rather because we are preparing for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, we should be entering into these practices in a spirit of Self Sacrifice. We are a communal people—therefore our Lenten Practices should have a positive effect on us, and those around us. Common Lenten Penances that individuals undertake are:

- 1) Fasting once a week.
- 2) No television on certain days.
- 3) No coffee, sweets, etc. and donate that money to the poor.
- 4) Extra Prayer time.
- 5) Visit someone in the hospital, or helping with a charity.

During Lent at St. Mark Parish we will also be:

1. Collecting food for the Food Bank, prior to our Sunday Mass.
2. Praying the Stations of the Cross Friday evening at 7:00 pm
3. Bishop Stephen Hero will be giving a retreat Tues/Wed March 8/9 at 7:30 pm, that will be broadcast on our Diocesan website.

Lent is all about preparing for the resurrection at Easter. I would hope that you use these forty days to deepen your faith. Our Sunday services are at 11:00 am, I hope to see you there!

“Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of humanity.”

Sincerely

Fr. Jim Kaptein

Small World Daycare

We promise to love your child so that each one can learn, laugh, and succeed in growing to be independent individuals.

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