



# St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School



January 2012

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## Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we have turned another calendar to a new year. But before we close the book on the year 2011, I would like to thank our St. Joseph School community for your generosity during the Advent season. There are certain charitable organizations that St. Joseph Catholic School supports every year. Supporting these organizations is an integral component of our school mission statement in which our students recognize the importance of service to others.

As we enter 2012, I would like to welcome three new teachers to our St. Joseph Catholic School community. Ms. Kremzar (grade 2), Mrs. Kovlaske (grade 3) and Mr. Hallinan (grade 4) have joined our team and we look forward to their contributions to our school.

On behalf of my entire St. Joseph School Staff, we wish our students and their families a year filled with good health and happiness.  
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*Ever Growing, Learning, and Living in Christ*

### **Parent Volunteer / Visitors**

During class time, from 8:45am —3:00pm, all visitors are required to register at the office. All parent volunteers register in the Library and wear their St. Joseph school name tags . If you do not have a name tag then please stop by the office to see about having one made up for you. All our volunteers are required to have a criminal record check completed and to sign a volunteer agreement. Once those are completed a name tag is made up for you. All presenters in either classrooms or in the gym should also stop at the office for a red visitor's badge.

### **Inclement Weather Protocol**

In the event of inclement weather that results in a decision to suspend bus service, announcements will be made on a variety of radio stations in the Edmonton area. Please listen for "those students residing in Parkland County.... buses are not running". Also check the Evergreen website for any bus cancellations and/or school closures. [www.ecsrd.ca](http://www.ecsrd.ca) Please note all schools in the Evergreen Catholic district will remain open even when buses are not running.



### **School Council**

The next school council meeting will be held on February 6, 2012. All parents are invited and welcome to attend. Please join us in the staff room at 6:30 pm. Thank you,  
St. Joseph School Council

### **When the Weather Outside is Frightful**

With winter on its way and the temperature dropping outside we would like to remind you to make sure your children are dressed appropriately for going outside and playing. Proper boots, snow pants, jackets, hats and mittens should be accompanying your children to school each day to ensure that they are prepared to thoroughly enjoy our winter weather. The school has no designated area for students who are unwell at recess therefore all students must be prepared to go outside.

### **Skating Season is Here**

During the last two weeks in January, students from Grades 1 to 4 will be participating in skating activities at the Arena. **All students must wear a CSA approved skating helmet!** If your child does not own a helmet, the school

has purchased a set of appropriate helmets for use by the children. Mittens or gloves are also recommended. The dates for each of the classes will be confirmed with each classroom teacher and the information will be forwarded home in one of their letters.



### **Kindergarten Registration**

We are now taking Kindergarten registration for the 2012/2013 school year. Children must turn 5 years old by February 28, 2013. A copy of both a birth and a baptismal certificate is required.

Once again we will be offering full day programming on either Monday/Wednesdays with alternating Fridays or on Tuesday/Thursdays with alternating Fridays.

Kindergarten registrations for both St. Joseph and our new K-4 school at St. Marguerite will be accepted at St. Joseph School.

If you have any questions regarding our kindergarten program, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 962-8788. Thank you.

### **Grade 4's Skiing at Rabbit Hill**

Grade 4 students will be gliding down the slopes of Rabbit Hill on Wednesday, February 8. Students will have the choice between snowboarding and skiing with every student receiving a lesson and then having time to practice their skills. Permission and information letters will be going home shortly and the appropriate forms and money need to be returned. We



are looking for parent volunteers who would like to assist with supervision both on the hill and in the chalet. Please indicate this on the forms that go home with your child or contact your child's teacher.

This trip is for all Grade 4 students and we certainly don't want anyone left out due to financial pressures. Scholarships are available for students in need. Please call school administration at 962-8788 if you require assistance in this area.

### **Grade 4 Ski Club**

Due to the success of our past Grade 4 ski days the school created a ski club to allow more opportunities for Grade 4 students to ski or snowboard. The ski club is an after school activity at Rabbit Hill. Four dates have been booked at Rabbit Hill - Thursday, February 16, 23, and March 1, and March 8. This will involve leaving the school at 2:15 pm, and then returning to the school at 8:15pm. Students can book for any or all of the dates. Look for a letter coming home outlining all the *details* and payment options.





# January 2012

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Epiphany Celebration</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>PD Day No School</i>				

## February Events

February 8: Grade 4 Ski Day  
Grade 1– 100 Day  
February 9 & 10: Teachers Convention– No School  
February 16: Grade 4 ski club

February 20: Family Day—No School  
February 22: Ash Wednesday  
Journal Games  
February 23: Grade 4 Ski Club

