



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School



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New School Planning Underway

We have turned the calendar to the month of February and the planning for the new schools are well underway. The 2012-2013 school year will see the opening of our new St. Peter the Apostle High School and the reconfiguration of St. Marguerite School to be a second kindergarten to grade four school in Spruce Grove. These are exciting times for our school division and our Catholic school community. Some reminders for our St. Joseph School parents:

All kindergarten to grade four registrations will take place at St. Joseph Catholic School.

The new attendance boundaries for the two kindergarten to grade four schools have been finalized and are listed on the school division website. Large wall maps are also posted in our school office.

A re-registration form was sent home with all Kindergarten to grade three students on January 20th. Please return these forms ASAP. This data is needed to assist with the school budget and staff planning process.

These are truly exciting times for Evergreen CSR.D. NO.2 personnel and our families. The next seven months will be very busy planning for this transition. Please return your re-registration forms ASAP to assist with the transition planning process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

Ray Renaud
Principal



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Edmonton Journal Games

Hats go off to all those grade three and four students who tried out for St. Joseph's Edmonton Journal Games team. The students all came out ready to run and really put their hearts into the race. Unfortunately we can only take thirty-six runners, as we have only four teams with eight runners and four alternates. The team will be practicing at the TLC on February 15 and running in the morning of Wednesday, February 22nd, at the University of Alberta's Butterdome. Go Lions Go!

Accountability Pillar Survey

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

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.

Staff Appreciation

The school council is organizing a staff appreciation. Letters have gone home requesting assistance in some specific areas. Please contact Dee @ 962-0328 or email deesk@telus.net if you have any questions.

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

Grade 1 Spring Concert

Please mark your calendars! The Grade One Spring Concert entitled "A Celebration of the Seasons" is at 7pm on Wednesday, April 25. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help create some of the props for this Fine Arts performance. Please email Grace Robertson at grobertson@ecsrd.ca if you are interested.

Grade 2 Spring Concert

Please mark your calendars for the Grade two upcoming Spring Concert. It will take place on Thursday, April, 26 at 7 pm. The Grade two classes will be showcasing the fine arts in a concert called "CELEBRATE SPRING".

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Programs For Children

3 - 6 YEARS

Saturday Family Storytime

Join us for a seasonal story time featuring our very own Miss Simone with special guests from our community joining us from time to time. Each story time will involve stories, songs and crafts for the whole family.

Last Saturday of the Month

Jan. 28	11-12:00pm
Feb. 25	11-12:00pm
Mar. 31	11-12:00pm
Apr. 28	11-12:00pm
May 26	11-12:00pm

Cozy Corner

Free (Registration Required)

View sgpl storytimes online on YouTube by searching for user SpruceGroveLibrary61

"Fun, stimulating, colourful environment."



3 - 6 YEARS cont..

Tales for Tots

Stories, rhymes and songs that help develop a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Wednesdays (4-week series)

Jan. 11-Feb. 1	10-10:30 am
Feb. 15-Mar. 7	10-10:30 am
Mar. 21-Apr. 11	10-10:30 am
Apr. 25-May 16	10-10:30 am

Cozy Corner

Free

"The facilitator was excellent and the book selections were very good."

Little Explorers

Books, games, movies and musical activities encourage the use of imagination, language and listening skills.

Thursdays (4-week series)

Jan. 12-Feb. 2	10-10:30 am
Feb. 16-Mar. 8	10-10:30 am
Mar. 22-Apr. 12	10-10:30 am
Apr. 26-May 17	10-10:30 am

Program Room

Free (Registration Required)



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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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5	6 <i>School Council 6:30 PM</i>	7	8 <i>Grade 4 Ski Trip Grade 1: 100 Day</i>	9 <i>Teacher's Convention No School</i>	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 <i>Grade 4 Ski Club</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>Family Day—No School</i>	21 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	22 <i>Ash Wednesday Journal Games</i>	23 <i>Grade 4 Ski Club</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Talent Show</i>			

March Events

March 1: Grade 4 Ski Club
 March 2: Talent Show Day 2 (if needed)
 March 8: Grade 4 Ski Club
 March 9: P.D. Day— No School

March 19: Report Cards Go Home
 March 21 & 22: Celebration of Learning
 March 26—30: Spring Break—No School
 April 2: First Day Back for Students

