
ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Fr. Luong's Message

The first month of the school year has been flowing away since your back to school. It is really going by fast and we have been stepping into fall already. You all know that weather this year seems to get colder than usual around this time. We have no choice but face it.

October is known as the month of thanksgiving when harvest is done. I think that it is a great and meaningful tradition for our country. We, first and foremost, say 'thank you' to God for everything He has done for all of us in the past year; then we honor and appreciate those who built and made this country great for us. We pray for them both living and deceased. We also thank you our great grandparents, grandparents, parents, relatives, benefactors, teachers, friends and whoever helps us in this life. We are so grateful for everything given to us by God through the hand of all. We don't forget to thank each other for journeying and companying together in any ways of life.

In the spirit of expressing appreciation, we should be more aware of living a healthy and beneficial life to make our response of 'thank you' to those who we owe more beautiful. I also remind you that October is a month of Rosary; then you are encouraged to pray the Rosary more often to thank God and to ask our Mother Mary for interceding before God for us. Let's do it altogether right in each family.

May God grant you a peaceful October!

Principal's Message

It is amazing to think that we have been in school for a month. We have had a great start to our school year, with lots of new faces. On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome the new students and their families to our school. We hope that your time at our school will be rewarding.

If you are interested in joining the School Community Council as a member, please feel free to contact me for details or stop by the office to pick up a nomination form. We already have three parents in the group! Our first meeting will be on October - Date and time to be announced.. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and input on what you would like to see for your child's school.

On behalf of the staff of St. Mary School, I would like to wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday spent with family and friends. God Bless you and keep you safe!!

Mr. Loepky

Meet the Teacher Night – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher Night. The students were so happy to share their school with you. Congratulations to Dusty on winning the painting and Nicholas the backpack of goodies. We value the connections we have with our families. If there is everything you would like to discuss or have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make arrangements to speak to the teacher or administrators.

Halloween Family Reading Night

We invite you to come and join us for our Family Literacy Night - Tuesday, October 30th. Dress in your Halloween costume and bring your parents and siblings to the school from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. AR tests for points, reading, prizes and a costume parade will all be part of the fun.



Band News

The Light of Christ Music Department is hosting our 5th annual fundraiser to raise money to purchase new music for their programs. The event is a tradeshow and bake sale which will happen at the EBM school gym on Saturday, November 24th, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

We are currently accepting applications for vendors which include home-based businesses and craft vendors. Table rentals are just \$50! Please email Mr. Greg Corcoran at g.corcoran@locbsd.ca for information or to register.



We've been making lots of music in the band room! The senior groups are busy learning new music and beginners are just getting the hang of making their first notes. Our September 17th Beginner Band Workshop

was a total blast for our students. The professional musicians we brought in set us up for a great start to the school year! Thank you to all involved for making our Beginner Band Workshop a success!

Spirit Days

Join us on the following dates to show your school spirit and earn house points:

Monday, October 29th - Wacky Hair Day

Wednesday, October 31st dressed in your orange and black. Sorry no costumes.

Important Playground Information

Parents are reminded that students **must** go home afterschool and check in before they may play on the playground. Supervision of students afterschool occurs only in the library, students are not permitted to remain on the playground to wait for their parents to pick them up. **ALL STUDENTS MUST WAIT IN THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL FOR THEIR RIDES.** We cannot ensure student safety around buses, vehicles, etc. when we do not know where the students are.

School Photos

We are pleased to announce that Lifetouch will be in our school on October 25 & 26 to take individual and class photos. Photo proofs will be sent home and orders will be accepted at the school as well as online. Please watch for further information sent home later this month.

Immunization & Baby Clinics

We are pleased to announce that Public Health will be at the school two half days per month offering immunization and baby clinics. If you are interested booking an appointment for Oct 3rd from 9:00 - 11:30am or October 17th from 1:00 - 3:30pm, please call the school at 306-445-5152. If your child has received immunizations on the reserve, please call the public health office at 306- 446-6400 and notify them of the immunizations so that your child's file can be updated. (a minimum of 3 days prior to our clinics please).



Leadership Club

The Leadership Club has started and we are thankful for the many students interested in sharing their time with us this year! We've already had students help with leading assemblies, serving lunch, recess guardians, monitoring kindergarten classrooms and selling snacks at lunch. We will be organizing a hot lunch from Pizza Hut to be held on October 26th so stay tuned for further details! The money raised from our hot lunches will again go towards fields trips for our students.

Early Dismissal

October 17th is early dismissal. All students are dismissed at 1:55pm and buses will be running.

Internet Communication for Parents

Facebook is a great way for parents to keep up to date on events happening at the school. Copies of the newsletter, notes sent home with children as well as photos of school happenings will be posted. If you are a facebook user and are interested in following the school page please like our page.



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Mary-School/581432388575107>

If you are not on facebook but would like to access this information check out our home page at <http://sm.loccsd.ca/>

The Milk Program

Students may purchase individual milk tickets for \$1.00, or they may purchase a milk card for \$10.00 for 11 milk or \$20.00 for 22 milk.

As an alternative to our milk program, we will be offering sale of juice boxes during the lunch break. Students may purchase individual juice boxes for \$.75, or they may purchase a juice card for \$7.50 for 11 juice. Cards may be purchased in the office.



Pre-Kindergarten

Would you like to give your child a "boost" before he/she starts Kindergarten? Consider Pre-Kindergarten, a FREE education program for 3-5 year olds! Children attend classes for 3 hours per day Monday - Thursday and families may request



morning or afternoon classes. The program operates from September to June and new students are accepted throughout the year as spaces become available.

Education Week

October 14-20, 2018 is Education Week in Saskatchewan, a time to celebrate student success and recognize our dedicated education professionals across this great province. This year's theme: *A World of Learning for Every Student*, recognizes the multiple pathways to learning being made available to our students and also highlights the tremendous impact of educators in broadening the horizons and enriching the lives of Saskatchewan students.

Library News

Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that tests reading comprehension. Whether it is a book read to them or a student selects a book at their reading level and reads - each book has a corresponding test comprised of questions related to the story and characters. AR is designed to test the students understanding and reading comprehension in an easy to use format. Each book is worth a certain number of points based on its length and reading level. Students get a percentage of these points based on how many of the test questions they get right. The program tracks their progress over the course of the school year - PLUS we encourage student participation by having contests and prizes. This year our theme is I Love Books. Students will have the opportunity to earn Emoji's when they reach AR point goals.

Lunch Program

A breakfast and lunch program is provided at the school for those requiring this service. Breakfasts are provided to students free of charge. **There is a cost of \$10.00 per month for students wishing to be part of the lunch program.** The monthly newsletter calendar lists the daily lunches being served for the month. If your child does not like the food offered or if you have not paid the \$10.00 monthly fee please be sure to send a lunch from home. All students wishing to participate in the lunch program must have their lunch card paid for by the 20th of the prior month. Eg. October 20th \$10 is due for November's lunch card.

If a student wishes to order lunch they must be at school by 10:40am. If they arrive after the second bell, they must check into the office for a late slip. Students arriving at school after this time (10:40am) or who do not check into the office for their late slip will not be able to order lunch for that day.

Winter Coat Sale

Winter Is Coming?

What better way to prepare then with a:

Winter Coat Sale

October 1 & 2nd 8am - 9am & noon & afterschool

Coats \$2 each

Toques \$.25

Books will also be available to build your home library.

ST. MARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Coat Sale Girls Soccer Practice Ham & Perogies	2 Coat Sale Soccer Game Girls are here Boys at Holy Family Shepherd's Pie	3 Public Health am Garden Potato Soup	4 Chicken and Mushroom Pasta	5 Tossed Salad	6
7	8 No School Thanksgiving	9 Tomato Macaroni Soup	10 Veggie Rice	11 Taco Bake	12 Soccer Tournament at JPII Egg Salad Wrap	13
14	15 Education Week Chicken Vegetable Rice	16 Education Week Lasagna	17 Education Week Public Health pm Early Dismissal 1:55pm Beef Barley Soup	18 Education Week Lazy Man Cabbage Rolls	19 Education Week Mass 9:30am Lunch of Month \$ and orders due Chicken Caesar Salad	20
21	22 No School Teacher PD	23 PreK Family Event November lunch Card \$ due Grade 6/7 Paint Night Chicken Rice Casserole	24 Grade 6/7 Paint Night Lasagna Soup	25 School Photos Mexican Tater Tots	26 School Photos Lunch of the Month - Pizza Hut Pizza Grilled Cheese	27
28	29 Wacky Hair Day French Toast and Ham	30 Halloween Family Reading Night Chicken Fettuccine	31 Spirit Day - black and orange NO COSTUMES Ghoulash			