

February 2017

Notre Dame *School*



Valentine's Day Prayer

I lift these hands, dear God, to You,
In praise and thanks for all you do.
You light the path through all my days
And bless me with your loving ways

I lift these hands dear God, to You,
In troubled hours when joys are few.
You bear me up on eagles' wings and
See me through each test life brings.

I lift these hands, dear God, to You,
Please grant me wisdom, patience, too.
Then fill my heart with love and caring,
Precious gifts you've made for sharing.
Amen



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Safety Patrols...



AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CORNER

Friendly TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONE *Safety*

School parking lots are hot spots for pedestrian collisions. Please avoid 'No Parking' zones and encourage your kids to walk around, not cut through. Even if there are visitor spots, park down the block to cut congestion.

Teach 'mini-me' to be safe at school with fun activities at www.WayToBe.ca

AMA SCHOOL
SAFETY PATROL™
 **AMA**

Just a reminder we will be having our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast **February 28th, 2017** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Please have a small breakfast prior to school to tide the students over until they receive their pancakes.

Thank you Mrs. Muz, Mrs. Sawiak, parent volunteers and the Knights of Columbus for helping to make this day possible.



Congratulations to our Patroller of the month Ava Brennan !

Notre Dame Social Justice Projects

Soup for the Soul

The Grade 3 classes would like to thank everyone who donated cans of soup to help warm up the stomachs of those in need.

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35



Share the Warmth



We are looking to collect **clean** blankets and or sleeping bags that are no longer in use, to be donated to the **Mustard Seed** for those who are in desperate need to stay warm during these cold winter months.

Any donations can be placed on the table in the foyer during the weeks of **February 6-17, 2017**



**February 9-10
for Teachers
Convention**

What's Happening at Notre Dame:



Congratulations to the following students for creating acts of kindness at Notre Dame School!

ESC-French: Christopher

ECS-MacLean: Bria

Gr.1-1: Wyatt P.

Gr.1-2: Madison A.

Gr.1 French: Hudson

Gr.2-1: James W.

Gr.2-2: Braylyn S.

Gr.2-3: Heath W

Gr.3-1: Kenadee M.

Gr.3-2: Taylor H.

Gr.4-1: Taryn Lynn

Gr.4-2: Nina

Gr.4-3: Amy

Gr.5-1: Ava

Gr.5-2: DJ L

Gr. 5-3 Abby U.

Gr.6-1: Abby

Gr.6-2: Derek S



Congratulations to our girls' basketball team who went undefeated going into the gold medal final, losing a hard fought battle 12-8, claiming **silver** in their league final tournament.



Congratulations also to the boys' basketball team who finished 3rd in their pool for the league final tournament.

Thank you to Mr. Lovely, Mrs. Boser, Mr. Onyschuk and Mrs. Tracey for taking the time to coach our students!

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Miss. Tomaszewski and Miss Matthew who will be joining our school to complete their teaching practicum. They will be working with Mrs. Callies' grade 4 class and Mrs. Lazowski's grade 2 class for 5 weeks.

Enjoy your time at Notre Dame!

Celebrating the talents and efforts of our amazing students at our monthly Spirit Assembly.



Can you commit 60 minutes of daily activity 7 days a week?

Several classes at Notre Dame School have signed up for the challenge as part of **Energize Oil Country**. Not only are they committing to healthy activity, but they are encouraging others in their school, community and families to join them!

Their efforts can earn them special prizes and a possible grand prize to see the **Edmonton Oilers** at a regular season game.



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JUMPSTART
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Notre Dame School Council

Next meeting on February 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm in the staff room.

- The council is currently looking for volunteers for the upcoming family dance in April.
- The School Council is also looking for a secretary for the remainder of the year.

If anyone is interested in these two positions, please contact Dawn - dmmiller@shaw.ca



PANDA NEWS

Next meeting on February 6, 2017 following the council meeting.

- PANDA is currently looking for someone to fill the role of secretary for the remainder of the year.
- PANDA is also looking for volunteers for the concession for the upcoming family dance.

Be sure to check the hot lunch website mid-February for more information about the concession at the dance.

St. Michael's Parish

First Communion Classes 2017

First Communion Classes take place on Wednesdays, 6:30pm, to 7:30pm

March 8: *Registration night – Parents/Guardians only*

March 15: Class 1

March 22: Class 2

April 5: Class 3



- It is imperative that children attend **all** classes.
- Children must also attend a “First Communion Walk Through” to be scheduled after the classes are completed.
- Children must celebrate **First Reconciliation (Confession) before** First Communion, and be a minimum age of 7 or in grade 2.
- First Communions will be celebrated at Saturday evening and Sunday masses during the Easter Season

For more information, please contact Linda at the Parish Office: 780-986-3253



Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Thursday with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery – the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent has two major purposes:

- 1) Lent helps us to recall (or to prepare for) our baptism;
- 2) Lent emphasizes a spirit of penance.

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated for students and staff of Notre Dame School on March 1. – Join us at 11 am for our Liturgy of the word .




 Journée mondiale de la prière
 World Day of Prayer 2017
Service œcuménique/Ecumenical Service

Am I Being Unfair To You?
Suis-je injuste avec toi ?

Worship service information/Renseignements sur la célébration

MARCH 3, 2017 @ 7PM

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
5105 – 45A ST. LEDUC, AB

Service rédigé par le Comité de la Journée mondiale de la prière des Philippines
 Prayers written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines
 Prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

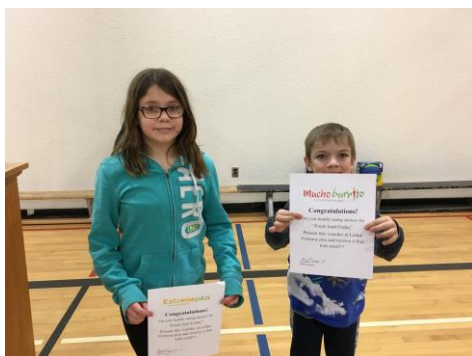

Love is in the Air at Notre Dame School! Grade 1 Art projects.



**ST. MICHAEL
PARISH**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1) <u>9:30am</u> Mass @ Salem <u>11am</u> Lay Led @ Extencicare	2) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> RCIA	3) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>1pm</u> Opening of Fr. Leduc School <u>6pm</u> Youth Group	4) <u>10am</u> Parish Visioning Day @ Fr. Leduc School <u>3:30—4:15pm</u> Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass
5) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	6) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	7) <u>No Mass</u> <u>10am</u> Lay Led @ Lifestyle Options <u>7:30pm</u> K of C Mtg.	8) <u>No Mass</u> <u>10:30am</u> Lay Led @ Plainview <u>5:30pm</u> RCIA Child. <u>7pm</u> St. Vincent de Paul Mtg	9) <u>No Mass</u> <u>7pm</u> RCIA	10) <u>No Mass</u>	11) No Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass * St. Vincent de Paul Collection
12) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass K of C Pancake Breakfast * St. Vincent de Paul Collection <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	13) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	14) <u>No Mass</u> <u>6:30pm</u> Exposition <u>6:30pm</u> CWL Mtg	15) <u>No Mass</u> <u>9:30am</u> Lay Led @ Salem <u>11am</u> Lay Led @ Extencicare <u>5:30pm</u> RCIA Child.	16) <u>No Mass</u> <u>7pm</u> RCIA	17) <u>No Mass</u>	18) No Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass <u>6pm</u> Youth Group
19) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	20) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> FAMILY DAY	21) <u>9:30am</u> Mass @ St. Ben's <u>10am</u> Lay Led @ Lifestyle Options <u>1pm</u> Practice for Bday Party @ Extencicare <u>7pm</u> Bapt Prep <u>7pm</u> Bldg & Maint. Mtg	22) <u>10:30am</u> Mass @ Plainview <u>5:30pm</u> RCIA Child. <u>7pm</u> K of C Executive Mtg	23) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> RCIA	24) <u>9am</u> Mass	25) <u>3:30—4:15pm</u> Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass with Baptisms <u>6:30pm</u> Spaghetti Supper
26) <u>9am</u> Mass with Baptisms <u>11am</u> Mass with Baptisms <u>12:30pm</u> Couples for Christ <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	27) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	28) <u>No Mass</u> <u>2pm</u> Bday Party @ Extencicare		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">Happy Valentine's Day</div>		

Did you know ...every **Friday is Fresh Fruit Friday** at Notre Dame. Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit to eat and earn their name in a draw at the end of the month for a Gift Certificate. Huge thank you to our sponsors at **Extreme Pita** and **Mucho Burrito** for donating the gift certificates!



Family Day Unplugged – School Challenge

Family Day Unplugged, a joint Family Day initiative of City of Leduc's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in the capital region for the past three years, is taking place again this year. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage citizens to get unplugged and connect with themselves, family, friends, and the community for one day – **Family Day** – which is on February 20th this year.

Participation can be as easy as having dinner together as a family for an hour, or can be even bigger than that, such as spending the day skiing/snowboarding as a family for eight hours! **The idea is to get away from the television, video games, the internet, etc. in order to spend time with family, friends, or the community for as much time as possible on February 20th.**

Participation is easy. **You just keep track of the hours you spent as a family "unplugged" on the 20th.** Please watch for the unplugged ballots heading home in February!

Go Notre Dame!



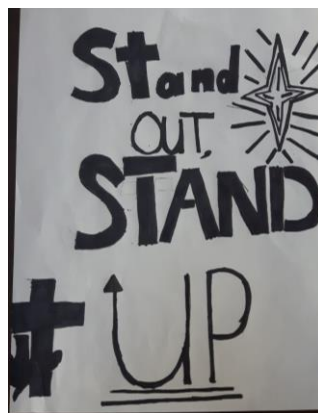
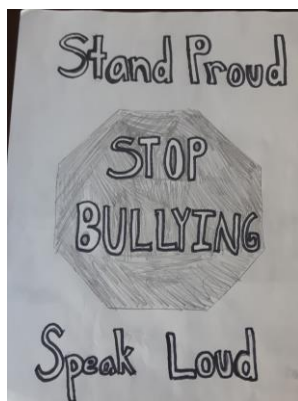
Pink T-SHIRT DAY

February
22th!

Thank you all the students who submitted entries to design our design for Pink Shirt Day.

Below are the top 3 designs

- WINNER!!! Milaina Carriere 6-1
- Emily Coles 5-3
- Mackenzie Denomme 5-1



2017-18 Registration is now open for:

ECS – both English and French

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Preschool

Accountability Pillar Survey 2017

Dear Parents,

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 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4 to 9 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

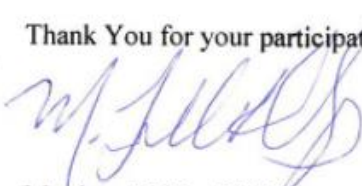
All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

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.

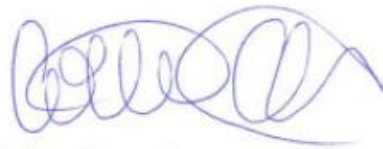
It is also very important to know that when you complete a survey question and select "Don't Know" as a response, the result on the survey data is automatically generated as an answer of "Very Dissatisfied" toward the school or program. The school administration would be more than happy to discuss all facets pertaining to our school with you if you require more information about our school and our programs.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2017, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Thank You for your participation.



Monique Tellier-Phillips
Principal



Colette Chamulka
Vice Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our focus on school effectiveness, Notre Dame School will be participating in an online school survey for students – OurSCHOOL.

OurSCHOOL is an online survey that allows students to give their feedback and share their voices on their school environment, experiences at school, and any school improvement programs. During the next few weeks, all students will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. They are encouraged to complete the survey, but may choose not to as it is completely voluntary. Students who agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results.















The student survey will be completed electronically and will require approximately 35-40 minutes to complete. The student survey Measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. The survey also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

OurSCHOOL was created by The Learning Bar, based on the work by Dr. J. Douglas Willms. Dr. Willms is widely known nationally and internationally for his work on educational monitoring systems, including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Since 2004, OurSCHOOL has quickly grown to become Canada's largest national school survey.

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Tellier-Phillips or Miss Chamulka at the school.

February 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January	30 NDSC/PANDA MTG 6:30 pm – Staff Room	31 PD Day No School	1 Winter Walk Day Badminton Practice 	2	3 Hot lunch- McDonalds	4
5	6 Badminton Practice  School Council and Panda mtg 6:30pm 	7 Swimming Grade 1-2 and 1-FI @ 1:15pm	8 Badminton Practice 	9 Teachers' Convention – No School for students 	10 Teachers' Convention – No School for students	11
12	13 Grade 6 Field Trip to Legislature Badminton Practice 	14  Happy Valentine's Day Swimming Grade 1-2 and 1-FI- @ 1:15pm Girls Floor Hockey Practice	15 Badminton Tournament 	16 Swimming Grade 1-2 and 1-FI @ 1:15pm Girls Floor Hockey Practice	17 Hot lunch - Subway	18
19	20 Family Day – No School Family Day Unplugged Challenge!!	21 ECS Leduc Library Swimming Grade 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15pm Girls floor hockey practice	22 Grade 5 Immunizations Badminton Practice  PINK SHIRT DAY! ECS Open House	23 Badminton Tournament 	24 Hot lunch- Panago Badminton Tournament 	25
26	27 Spirit Assembly PJ Day 	28 Shrove Tuesday  Swimming Grade 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15pm Girls floor hockey	March 1 Ash Wednesday 11- 12pm – with Linda Boire 	2 Swimming Grade 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15pm Girls floor hockey practice	3 PD Day	4