

March 2017



Notre Dame School

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise
To meet you,
May the wind be
Always at your back,
May the sun shine
Warm upon your face,
May the rains fall
Soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you
In the hollow of His hand.



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Safety Patrols...



AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CORNER

Friendly TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONE Safety

School buses turn slowly and have big blind spots. Parking in a school bus zone – even just for a moment – adds dangerous congestion in front of the school. Avoid passing parked buses and teach kids to stay five steps back at all times.

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

AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL™

CAA AMA



Congratulations to 6-1 students EmmaLee Johnsen and Milaina Carriere who competed in the Husky Black Gold District Spelling Bee at Caledonia Park School on Tuesday, February 28th. The girls are commended for representing Notre Dame School very well!

Congratulations to our Patroller of the month Kennedy Kratchmer !



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Mrs. Muz, Mrs. Sawiak, Marianne Blake, Darlene Halwa, Larisa Helle, Jaclyn Johnsen, Brooklin Stein, Renetta Stein, and Andrea Zarchikoff for organizing, making and supplying the pancakes for our Shrove Tuesday Breakfast. We are so thankful for your thoughtfulness



What's Happening at Notre Dame:



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

ESC-French: Bently

ECS-MacLean: Bianca

Gr.1-1: Emma

Gr.1-2: Madden

Gr.1 French: Tav

Gr.2-1: Sierra

Gr.2-2: Krystal

Gr.2-3: Jaron

Gr.3-1: Noah

Gr.3-2: Lea

Gr.4-1: Cayden

Gr.4-2: Bruin

Gr.4-3: Jillian

Gr.5-1: Fabiana

Gr.5-2: Jenna

Gr. 5-3 Seth

Gr.6-1: Aidan

Gr.6-2: Theron



Congratulations to our Notre Dame Badminton team who showed amazing skill and team work at the Notre Dame Invitational Badminton Tournament and took home the Championship! We are so proud of you all! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Onyschuk and Mrs. St. Jean for taking the time to coach our team.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the badminton tournament February 24-25th, and to all the spectators who came to cheer on the team.

PRAYER of PETITION

Every Monday during lent, we will offer prayers of petition for loved ones and those in the community who need our intercession. If you have an intention you would like us to pray for, please email Miss Chamulka by Friday of each week to have your petition included with PETITION in the subject. colette.chamulka@starcatholic.ab.ca

What's Happening at Notre Dame

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



Athletes of the Month



STAR Catholic Bus Safety Poster Winner **Lily Blake** and Honorable Mention **Quinn Rinas**

Grade 1 – 100 Days of School Celebration



Huge thank you to our sponsors at **Extreme Pita** and **Mucho Burrito** for donating the gift certificates for our Fresh Fruit Friday!



Notre Dame Social Justice Projects

Blankets for the Mustard Seed

Thank you to everyone for your gracious donations of warm blankets for the Mustard Seed. The blankets were very much appreciated and we are so thrilled to have helped those in need during these cold winter nights.

"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



As part of our Lenten Service, our focus for Lent will be Almsgiving and Prayer. Social Justice will be running **Lucky Lenten Shamrock** from **March 1st –March 17th**.

Students can buy a Shamrock for \$1.00 from their teacher and write a name that they would like to pray for. All money raised will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society in Leduc.



Athletic Excellence

We are very excited about offering the AE program at Notre Dame School once again! Our program has two major strands: Hockey and Soccer, but we have also incorporated many other sports to study: downhill skiing, curling, rock climbing, golf, baseball, swimming, lacrosse, etc...

Registration for the 2017-18 school year will take place in March!

Important Dates:

Registration opens to current grade 4 & 5 AE students – March 1

Registration opens to the public – March 8th

Registration is online only.

*Important
DATE!*

Spots are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please provide \$200 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot.

Total Program Cost for the Year: \$1200.00

Information about registration for non AE students will be emailed March 8.

Notre Dame School Council

Next meeting March 6th @ 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



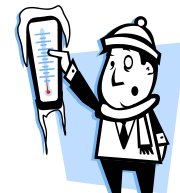
PANDA NEWS

Next meeting March 6th following the council meeting.

We are still looking for volunteers for the concession for the upcoming dance.

Brrrrrr, it's cold outside!

On cold weather days, we do open our outside doors 10 minutes early at 8:20 am. Please refrain from dropping your child off at school prior to 8:20 am, as our supervision does not begin until then. On regular weather days, the doors open at 8:30 am. Thank you for your support!



Register
Today!

Did you know...?

We are currently taking registrations at **Notre Dame School** for the **2017-2018** school year! Forms will be sent home the first week of March. Please return by **March 15**



ECS and Grade 1 French
celebrating **Carnaval du Québec**

Notre Dame School:

Preschool

ECS – Grade 6 English

ECS, Grade 1- Grade 2 French

Call **780-986-9300** to register.

Grade 7 will begin in 2017 and grade 8 in 2018 at Father Leduc School



Parent Teacher Interviews

March 22nd & 23rd
4-7 pm

To book your parent teacher interviews please go to
www.schoolinterviews.ca. The event code is c53xa.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event again to change or cancel your interviews.

Interview bookings close @ 3:00 p.m. the day of the interview.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school and we are thrilled to offer this literacy event to our students.

March 21st – 23rd

Feel free to come during the day or interview nights!



APRIL
7



NOTRE DAME FAMILY DANCE

Notre Dame Gym 6:00-8:30

Come help us celebrate Canada's 150th year!

Date: April 7, 2017

Time: 6:00-8:30pm (Doors open at 5:45)

Tickets: \$3/person or \$10/family

Tickets will be available online at notredame.hotlunches.net or at the door.

There will be a concession that night with treats and pizza. Pizza will be sold for \$2/slice or full pizzas (10 slices) can be **PREORDERED ONLY** at notredame.hotlunches.net for \$15.

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

The Archdiocese of Edmonton is once again celebrating a *Day of Confessions*. The day will be held throughout the Archdiocese on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The availability times for reconciliation will vary between the rural and urban parishes. Click on the link to the Archdiocese's website to find what is currently available in your region:

<http://www.caedm.ca/PastoralParishServices/DivineWorship/DayofConfessions-Hours>



World Day of Prayer

"Am I Being Unfair to You?"

March 3rd @ 7:00 pm

St. Michael Church

All parishioners are urged to attend.

MARCH 2017

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1) Ash Wednesday <u>9am</u> Mass @ CTK <u>9:30am</u> Lay Led @ Salem <u>11am</u> Lay Led @ Extencicare <u>7pm</u> Mass	2) <u>9am</u> Mass	3) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>6pm</u> Youth Group <u>7pm</u> World Day of Prayer	4) <u>10am</u> PPC Mtg <u>3:30—4:15pm</u> Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass
5) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass <u>12:30pm</u> Couples for Christ <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	6) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	7) <u>10am</u> Mass @ Lifestyle Options <u>7:30pm</u> K of C Mtg.	8) <u>Day of Confessions</u> (See Reverse Side) <u>10:30am</u> Lay Led @ Plainview <u>6:30pm</u> 1st Confes- sion Reg.—Parents <u>7pm</u> St. Vincent de Paul Mtg	9) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> RCIA	10) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> Stations of the Cross-Dev & Peace	11) <u>3:30—4:15pm</u> Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass * St. Vincent de Paul Collection
12) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass <u>1pm</u> Couples for Christ K of C Pancake Breakfast * St. Vincent de Paul Collection <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	13) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	14) <u>6:30pm</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> CWL Mtg	15) <u>9:30am</u> Lay Led @ Salem <u>11am</u> Mass @ Extencicare <u>6:30pm</u> 1st Comm. Prep <u>7-8pm</u> Penance	16) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> RCIA	17) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> Stations of the Cross	18) <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> <u>3:30—4:15pm</u> Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass <u>6pm</u> Youth Group
19) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass <u>12:30pm</u> Couples for Christ <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	20) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	21) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>10am</u> Lay Led @ Lifestyle Options	22) <u>10:30am</u> Mass @ Plainview <u>6:30pm</u> 1st Communion Prep <u>7pm</u> K of C Executive Mtg	23) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> RCIA	24) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>7pm</u> Stations of the Cross	25) <u>3:30—4:15pm</u> Penance <u>5 pm</u> Mass <u>Grocery Card Sales</u>
26) <u>9am</u> Mass <u>11am</u> Mass <u>12:30pm</u> Couples for Christ * <u>Grocery Card Sales</u> <u>7:30pm</u> Exposition	27) <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>6:30pm</u> Mass <u>7:15pm</u> 3 P's Retreat	28) <u>6:30pm</u> Mass <u>7:15pm</u> 3 P's Retreat	29) <u>6:30pm</u> Mass <u>7:15pm</u> 3 P's Retreat	30) <u>No Mass</u>	31) <u>No Mass</u> <u>7pm</u> Stations of the Cross	

What's Happening in the Community??



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Family & Faith in a Learning Community

February 21, 2017

Dear Grade 6 Families,

It is the time of year to start planning for your grade 6 child to transition from an elementary school setting, to a junior high program. This transition is an exciting time for you and your child, but it can also be a time of trepidation. Father Leduc Catholic School is excited to be able to offer your child junior high programming in our new, vibrant, and collaborative school campus while walking with you through the transition process.

We are excited to show you what our school has to offer. Our growing school community is transitioning from a K-6 school this year, to a K-7 school in September 2017. Our staff members take your commitment to our school seriously and pledge to provide your child with high quality programming within a loving Catholic environment. Students are known and cared for personally by staff members and a close relationship between the school and our families are encouraged and nurtured.

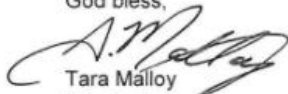
We understand that choosing the right junior high for your child is an important decision and wish to provide you with our information to assist in this process. We are having a grade 7 orientation night on March 14th at 7 pm. The evening will begin with a short formal program that will outline the following:

- Introduction of the vision and belief of Father Leduc Catholic School
- Brief overview of the opening of the school, along with the transition to junior high programming
- Description of the school schedule/timetables
- Details about potential complementary courses offered

The evening will also include a school tour and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding our programs and school.

Students in Notre Dame, St. Benedict, and Father Leduc will be receiving a "Demographic Form" in their March report card envelope. This is your registration form for Father Leduc Catholic School. We ask that you update and return the form as early as possible. If you are not planning on attending Father Leduc Catholic School, please inform your child's current school as soon as possible. Once again, we are looking forward to hosting you and your child for an important information evening on March 14th at 7 pm.

God bless,


Tara Malloy
Principal



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Regional Collaborative Service Delivery &
Children, Youth, and Families, Addiction and Mental Health
Edmonton Zone

Caregiver Education Sessions Spring Poster – March – June 2017

REGISTER
EARLY!

Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children (Focus is on kids in Kindergarten – Grade 6)

Do you wish you had more information to help children handle strong emotions? Did you know that self-regulation is an essential element to lifelong success? This session will define self-regulation and how it is used in everyday life. It will provide a helpful review regarding the development of self-regulation in children. The strategies and resources provided will empower and foster caregivers' essential skills to increase children's mental health and resiliency.

Register for a Self Regulation session at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/selfregwinter2017>

Please see below for dates, times, and locations for this session.

Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2017
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
LOCATION: Esther Starkman School
2717 Terwilliger Way NW,
Edmonton, AB
Notes: This session is for adults only.

Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children

DATE: Thursday, March 9, 2017
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
LOCATION: Gold Bar Elementary
School
10524 – 46 Street NW, Edmonton, AB
Notes: This session is for adults only.

Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children

DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2017
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
LOCATION: Clara Tyner School
9420 Ottewell Road NW, Edmonton,
AB
Notes: This session is for adults only.

Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
LOCATION: St. Philip School
8720 – 144 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
Notes: This session is for adults only.

Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children

DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2017
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
LOCATION: Coronation School
10925 – 139 Street, Edmonton, AB
Notes: This session is for adults only.



Supporting Self Regulation in Elementary School Children

DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2017
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
LOCATION: Callington Elementary
School
17335 – 76 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
Notes: This session is for adults only.

Questions? Cancellations? Please contact:

CYFCaregiverEducation@ahs.ca

Or 780-415-0074



Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

Are you Thinking About Becoming a Catholic School Trustee?

Are you Feeling Called to this Vocation?

- Are you passionate about Catholic education?
- Do you have ideas for positive change in education?
- Does living a life rooted in faith, while informing political decisions, excite you?
- Do you want to be a leader in your faith community?



Municipal Election Day is - October 16 - 2017

On
October 16 - 2017

Become a Catholic
School Trustee!

For More Information
Contact your local Catholic School Board office

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OR
Visit the Alberta Catholic School Trustees'
Association website
www.acsta.ab.ca

Junior High Jitters: Transitioning to the Teenage Years

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

TIME: 6:00-7:30pm

LOCATION: St. Benedict Catholic School
75 Alton Drive, Leduc, AB

★ **Notes:** Parents and Pre-Teens (Grades 6 – 8) to
attend together.

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 11 am AE Registration for current AE grade 4 & 5 students	2 Girls Floor Hockey Practice Swimming 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15	3 No School PD Day –	4
5	6 Grade 6 Field Trip to EIA School Council Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM 	7 Girls Floor Hockey Practice Swimming 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15	8 AE Registration open to the public 	9 Girls Floor Hockey Practice Swimming 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15	10 Hot Lunch – Extreme Pita/Mucho Burrito	11
12	13	14 Girls Floor Hockey Practice Swimming 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15 Gr. 6 Open House –Father Leduc @ 7pm	15	16 Girls Floor Hockey Practice Swimming 1-1 and 2-1 @ 1:15	17 Hot Lunch - Kosmos Wear Green Day 	18
19	20 Report Card Day	21 Spirit Assembly Girls Floor Hockey Practice Scholastic Book Fair	22 Parent Teacher Interviews 4- 7 pm	23 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7 pm	24 PD Day – No School	25
26	27 	28	29	30	31	April 1

**Have a wonderful Spring
Break....school resumes on April 3rd.**

April Important Dates:

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 3RD

GRADE 2-2 & 3-2 SWIMMING LESSONS START APRIL 5TH

GRADE 3-1 & 2-3 SWIMMING LESSONS START APRIL 6TH

NOTRE DAME FAMILY DANCE APRIL 7TH

NO SCHOOL APRIL 14, 17TH AND 18TH

CLASS AND ECS GRAD PICTURES APRIL 19TH & 20TH

APRIL 28TH BEACH DAY