October 2016

Notre Dame School

We have all started to settle in here at Notre Dame School and we feel very blessed to be able to work in partnership with you to educate and teach your children.

In September, the whole school came together to collect coats, jackets, and hoodies for the Day of Mercy in conjunction with the Archdiocese and Catholic Social Services. We also participated in developing awareness of cancer during our Terry Fox campaign. We wore orange to celebrate Orange Shirt Day on September 30th in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to the children's sense of self esteem, wellbeing, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matter. As well, until October 6th, we are doing our annual Fall Food Bank campaign. And last, but certainly not least, as a whole school we also celebrated our first school Mass in September.

We have a busy month ahead of us. Students are excited about both Thanksgiving and the Hallowe'en activities that we participate in at our school. During this month of Thanksgiving, let us remember to continue to thank God for the gifts he gives us, while providing for those who are in need.

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Safety Patrols...

As you may have noticed, our safety patrols are out to assist everyone when crossing the street in front of the school. Please keep the following safety tips in mind as you approach the school:

- Crossing guards will point when a pedestrian is waiting to cross the street.
- Once the vehicles have stopped, the crossing guards will put out the stop sign to indicate that a pedestrian is crossing. The stop sign will remain out the entire time the pedestrian is on the road.

Thank you to all the grade 5 & 6 safety patrols and Mrs. Lazowski and Mrs. Finnigan for your fantastic efforts with the safety patrol program!



Thank you for working with the Notre Dame community by parking safely in the school neighbourhood and refraining from parking in the Notre Dame staff parking lot. We appreciate the limited locations for parking, and are grateful that everyone is putting in effort to not block private driveways, staff stalls, or street corners. Well done!

Did you know?

You can pay your school fees online! Notre Dame School is offering the convenience of online payments for parents. Please go to https://starcatholic.schoolcashonline.com/ to register today.

Notre Dame Social Justice Projects



Terry Fox Walk – September 29th

Thank you to everyone who walked with the students and to those who made such generous donations. A special thank you to Mrs. Mullin, Mrs. Boser, Mrs. Berntsen, and the Grade 6 students for organizing an amazing Terry Fox Rally!

Please help to donate food for our fall food drive!

We will be collecting food for our local food bank from now until <u>October 6th</u>. We sent home brown paper bags to help fill. Please give what you can to help us feed our local community!

For more information on how you can help please click <u>here</u> or type in the link below!

https://youtu.be/eNRV1nyRIkA





What's Happening at Notre Dame:

CHOIR!CHOIR!CHOIR!

JOIN the Notre Dame Choir!

If you are in grade 4, 5, or 6 come share your voice and musical talent in the Notre Dame Choir.

Rehearsals will take place each week on **Monday during recess before lunch.**

Keep your ears open for our Choir Interest Meeting after Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Youssef at Jennifer.french@starcatholic.ab.ca





Just a reminder we will be having photo retake day in the morning of October 24, 2016

Notre Dame will be participating in the Living Rosary on **October 19**th,

Living Rosary

Thank you to Mrs. Berezowski and the grade 4 classes for organizing this wonderful event!

2016 at 9:00 am.

HALLOWEEN

At Notre Dame School, we will be celebrating Halloween in the afternoon of **October 31st**. Students will have a regular day in the morning, and then can **dress up for the afternoon (12:50)**. At 1:25 pm all students will go to the gym to enjoy a costume parade!

Please remember masks need to be school appropriate as in previous years (i.e. not too scary), and no weapons of any kind.



October is the month of

Mary.

How To Pray The Rosary - The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five JOYFUL MYSTERIES, the five LUMINOUS MYSTERIES, the five SORROWFUL MYSTERIES, and the five GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
- 2. Say the <u>"Our Father."</u>
- 3. Say three "Hail Marys."
- 4. Say the <u>"Glory be to the Father."</u>
- 5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
- 6. Say ten <u>"Hail Marys,"</u> while meditating on the Mystery.
- 7. Say the <u>"Glory be to the Father."</u>
- 8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the <u>"Our Father."</u> Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.

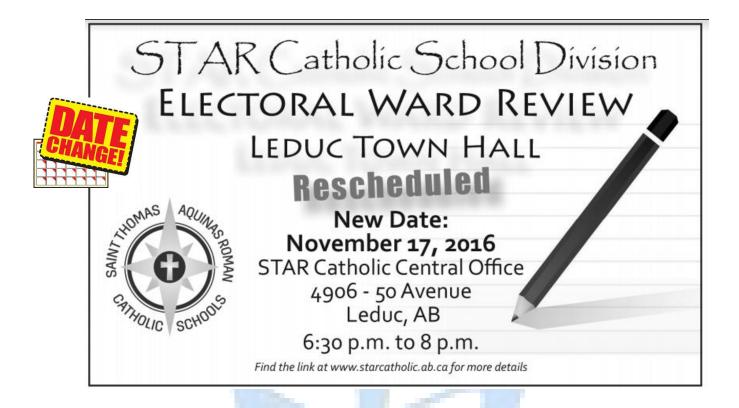
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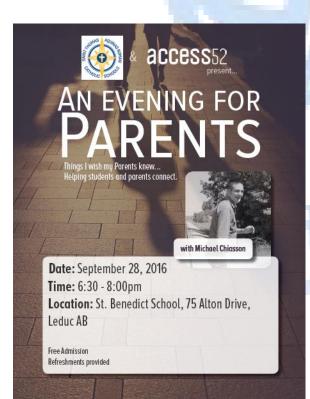
Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating bibles to our grade 4 students.

We will be blessing the bibles at our Thanksgiving Mass on October 13, 2016 at 9:30am









<u>Speaker:</u> Michael Chiasson (Access52 Ministries)

<u>Topic:</u> "Things I Wish My Parents Knew... helping students and parents connect"

Date: September 28, 2016

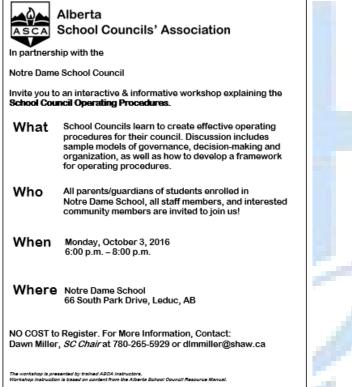
Time: 6:30-8:00pm

<u>Where:</u> St. Benedict's School, 75 Alton Drive, Leduc, AB

Free admission and refreshments provided!

School Council **NOTRE DAME**

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Next School Council Meeting: November 7, 2016 at 6:30pm. We would love to see you there!





Next PANDA Meeting – September, 29 2016

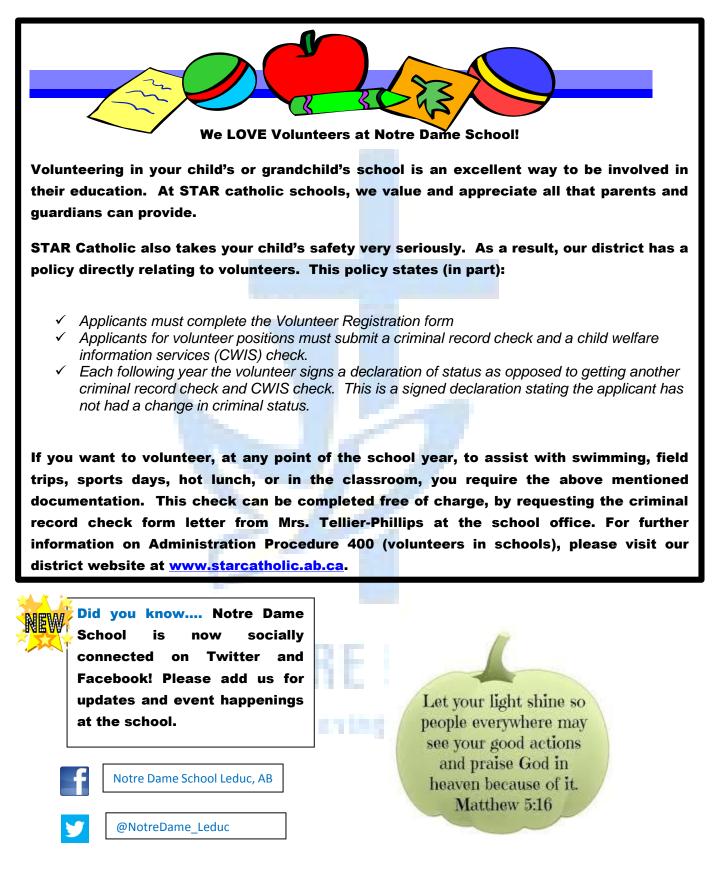


at 6:30 pm Notre Dame – **EVERYONE** is welcome! Bring your ideas!

Please note there will be no PANDA meeting in October!

If you wish to receive hot lunch updates and deadline reminders, you need to register on the hot lunch website. The website does not retain information from previous years, therefore, re-registration is necessary. Thank you to our hot lunch coordinator, Taya Tattersall, for all your efforts! www.notredame.hotlunches.net







First Confession classes must take place BEFORE First Communion classes. First Confession classes are held in October, First Communion classes are held after Christmas.

First Confession is also called First Reconciliation or First Penance

- Who are these classes for? Catholic children in Grades 2 or 3
- Do the children have to be Catholic? Yes, these are Catholic Sacraments
- Where do I register? St. Michael Church, Wednesday, October 5th @ 6:30 pm
- What do I need to bring? Your child's Baptism certificate (unless she/he was baptized at St. Michael)
- Is there a cost? There is a suggested donation of \$25 for books and materials.
- If you child is older in grade 4, 5, or 6, please come to the Registration Meeting on October 5th @ 6:30 pm. We will be holding a special series of classes for older children.

Thrive Youth Group

St. Michael's Thrive Youth Group is ready to start another year! The youth group is open for youth from grades 5-9 Please mark your calendar for these dates:

October 7 and October 29 6pm to 8pm

To any parishioner who would like to volunteer with youth—We need you! We need Junior Leaders, Grades 10– 12 and we also need Adult Leaders must be 18+. If you are interested and can help please email Catherine at thrive.stmichaels@gmail.com

*All volunteers must satisfy the requirements set out by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Altar Server Practice

St. Michael Parish is looking for more altar servers! We invite boys and girls who have received their First Communion to come to a training session on Wednesday, October 4th @ 6:00 pm Experienced and new altar servers welcome!



Congratulations Anthony Chaudhry who was baptized into the family of God this past month of September.



The Pope Video --- Spend 90 seconds praying with Pope Francis for a new intention each month. You can access his video at http://thepopevideo.org/

What's Happening in the Community??





Children In Change Workshop

This program is designed to support children ages 6 – 10 years old who are going through or who have experienced significant family changes in their lives, including divorce, separation, blended families, death, loss, incarceration of a family member, a parent with addictions or mental health issues, homelessness and/or frequent moves.

Although the changes may be different for each group member, the intent of the group is that all participants will be able to safely share their experiences and feelings in regards to their families.

This free workshop will be offered at the Leduc Public Library over two dates: Saturday, October 15 and Saturday, October 22

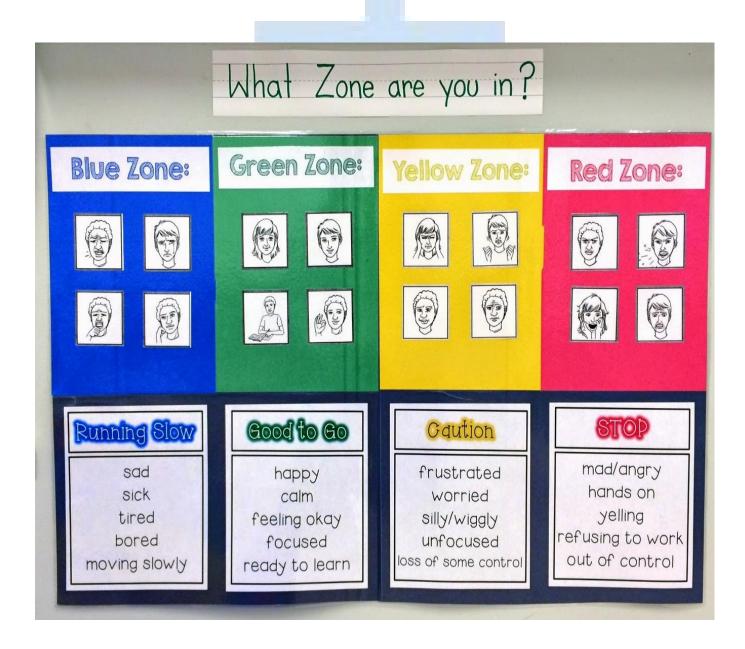
Please choose a session time for both dates: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Please be advised that there is an intake process for this program and registration is required. For more information or to register, please call Amanda Ulrickson at 780-980-8429 or Alycia Klumpenhouwer at 780-980-7184.

Invited Lensing Learning

Zones of Regulation

Notre Dame School continues to use **Zones of Regulation**. We are assisting our students with stress, anxiety, and frustrations. A key aspect to our program is self-monitoring emotions. Below is a quick image of zones and how we may feel in each one.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Food Bank drive continues	3 School Council Operating Procedures Workshop. @ 6:00 pm Last day to hand in Terry Fox money.	4	5 World Teachers' Day	6 Food Bank Drive Ends Terry Fox incentive assembly	7 Hot Lunch Begins Teaching Mass for Grade 4 Students with Fr. Leo & Linda 1:30-2:30 pm Hot Lunch	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day No School	1	12	13 Thanksgiving Mass for Notre Dame 9:30-10:30 am	14 Hot Lunch	15
16	17		19 Living Rosary 9:30 am	20 Learning Day No School	21 PD Day No School	22
23 30	24 Photo Retakes 31 Halloween (Dress up in the pm only, parade in the gym)	25 Spirit Assembly 2:00 pm	26	27	28 Hot Lunch	29