May 2017

Notre Dame School

Good and gracious God

This time of year we think of all the things we should be thankful for.

We take a moment to give thanks for the blessings you have given us.

Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains, and the beautiful skies.

May we always see the blessings in our lives and take time to appreciate them.

Amen

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Safety Patrols...



AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CORNER *Friendly* TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONE Safety

Set a great example – be a leader, not a follower. Instead of pointing fingers, we want students to join hands and solve school zone safety challenges. We need cyclists, pedestrians and drivers to play it safe, share the road and look out for each other.

AMA SCHOOL

SAFETY PATROL.

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



ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM 2017 - 18

> We are still accepting registrations for our Hockey and Soccer Program for grades 4, 5 & 6. If you would like to register, please go to <u>www.schoolinterviews.ca</u> and enter event code ndaex

"New this year – Hockey Goalie's get a \$200.00 discount! – please call the office for more details – 780-986-9300 Congratulations to our Patroller of the month for April Rylan Ward !

The St. Thomas Aquinas School Division has compiled a list of surplus equipment that is available for purchase by the public. You can view a list of all available equipment in the Division's website at <u>www.starcatholic.ab.ca</u> under the NEWS section.



What's Happening at Notre Dame:



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

ESC-French: Carter C

ECS-MacLean: Cooper L

Gr.1-1: Isobel C.

Gr.1-2: Delaney M

Gr.1 French: Eden G

Gr.2-1: Oliwia

Gr.2-2: Madalyn H

Gr.2-3: Maclyn P.

Gr.3-1: Isaac V

Gr.3-2: Lauryn P

Gr.4-1: Megan D.

Gr.4-2: Megan W.

Gr.4-3: Ali

Gr.5-1: Justice

Gr.5-2: Anthony

Gr. 5-3 Marcus

Gr.6-1: Raelynn

Gr.6-2: Jayden T.



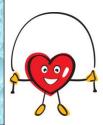
Grade 5 students led the school in a tableau presentation of the Stations of the Cross

CongratulationstoWyattinMissDemorest's classwhoreceivedaspecialletterandbookfromhis favouriteauthor!

Jump Rope for Heart event day is May 15th. Please hand in all donations by Friday, May 12th.

If students raise \$10 000, Mrs. Mullin will dye her hair pink!





AMENG

Congratulations to the Notre Dame Grizzlies teams and coaches for an amazing season in floor hockey and soccer!

- Our grade 5/6 Co-Ed soccer team won gold at the Panthers Soccer tournament this past month.
- Our Grade 5/6 Boys and girls floor hockey team took home the gold at the Saint Andre Invitational.
- Our Grade 3/4 boys and girls floor hockey teams both took the gold medal at the St. Ben's floor hockey tournament







Special Requests for Notre Dame School Classroom Placement For the 2017/2018 School Year

If you wish to provide feedback in regards to your child's class configuration, please request a Class Placement Request Form from the office. Please note that this form is not to request a specific teacher, rather it is to request a particular student combination or to indicate a student that your child does not work well with. The forms are available at the office.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, MAY 12TH to the office. Requests will not be accepted after this date.

As in previous school years, you will receive a phone call prior to the first day of school indicating your child's classroom placement.

Thank you for continuing to support Notre Dame School.

Notre Dame Social Justice Projects

Privilege Day



Students had the opportunity to purchase a privilege from a menu of items for a certain cost, such as watch a movie, wear a hat, principal for the day draw.

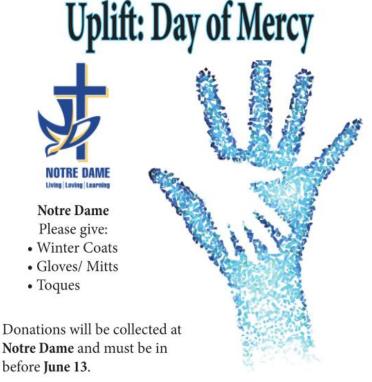
All money collected from this fundraiser will go towards the Holy Childhood Association. This association prides itself on their motto "children helping children".

Thank you to the grade 4 classes for organizing and raising money for a wonderful cause.



"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

GIVE US A HAND Donations are needed for Catholic Social Services'



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Brooklin Stein, Josie Plitt, and Joyce Oakley



Notre Dame is celebrating the 100th year anniversary of our patron Saint Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 11:10 am in the school Gym.

On **May 12th**, cake will be served to commemorate the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Thank you to PANDA for donating \$200 towards the cost of the cake.

Please join us in celebrating this wonderful day!



St. Michael's Parish

Adult Confirmation Class



Are you an adult Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Then this class is for you!

St. Michael Parish will be holding a series of Tuesday evening sessions for adults who are practicing Catholics and who have already received their First

Communion, but who have never received the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you were Confirmed as a child, but would like to learn more about this sacrament, then you are also welcome to attend this class.

Classes will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017**. Successive classes will be on May 16, May 23, & May 30. Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, June 4, 2017 with Bishop Gregory Bittman. The final Confirmation class will be a follow-up on Monday, June , 2017. For more information, please contact

Notre Dame staff and students would like to thank Father Leo, Linda Boire, and the entire parish of St. Michael's Church for welcoming us for our Easter mass on April 28th. It is a very special time we look forward to each year!



MAY 2017

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1) OFFICE CLOSED	2) <u>10am</u> Mass @ Lifestyle Options	3) 9:30am_Mass @ Salem Manor	4) No Mass	5) <u>9am</u> Mass	6) <u>10am</u> PPC Mtg 1pm Jan Stothert
		<u>7:30pm</u> K of C Mtg.	11am Lit of the Word @ Extendicare 2pm Deanery Mtg @ Wetaskiwin 6:30pm Confirmation	<u>7pm</u> RCIA	<u>6pm Youth Group</u>	Funeral 3:30pm Penance 5 pm Mass
7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)	13)
9am Mass	OFFICE CLOSED	2pm Deanery Meeting	NO Mass	<u>9am</u> Mass	No Mass	3:30 Penance
11am Mass * Lit of the Word w. Children 7:30pm Adoration		6:30pm Mass 7pm CWL Meeting 7pm PFT Meeting 7pm Adult Confirmation Class	10:30am Lit of the Word @ Planeview 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg	7pm RCIA	<u>4:30pm</u> CTK Grad @ CTK	5 pm Mass w. Baptisms * St. Vincent de Paul Collection
14) <u>9am</u> Mass w. Baptisms	15)	16)	17)	18)	19)	20)
11am Mass w. Baptisms	OFFICE CLOSED	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	1pm Hiar/Herbert Wedding
12 Noon Couples for Christ		10am Lit of the Word @ Lifestlye Options	9:30am Lit of the Word @Salem Manor			3:30pm Penance
* St. Vincent de Paul Collection * K of C Pancake Breakfast 7:30pm Adoration		7pm Adult Confirmation Class	11am Lit. of the Word @ Extendicare 6:30pm Confirmation	6pm RCIA Potluck	<u>6pm</u> Hiar/Herbert Rehearsal	5pm_Mass 6pm_Youth Group
21)	22)	23)	24)	25)	26)	27)
<u>9am</u> Mass 11am Mass	OFFICE CLOSED	10am Lay Led @ Lifestyle Options	10:30am Mass @ Planeview	9am Mass	<u>9am</u> Mass	9am-2pm Tim Wkshp @ Wetaskiwin
*Lit of the Word w. Children	Victoria Day					No Penance
		6:30pm Mass 7pm Adult Confirmation Class				5pm Mass K of C Presentation
7:30pm Adoration		7:30pm_K of C Executive Mtg.	6:30pm Confirmation			
28) <u>9am</u> Mass K of C Presentation <u>11am</u> Mass K of C Presentation 230am Adoration	29) OFFICE CLOSED	30)	31) <u>9am</u> Mass			
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PANDA NEWS



Notre Dame





Thank you PANDA – Parents at Notre Dame Association & NDSC - for the "150 Years of Canada" Family Dance. The school community had an amazing turn out with fun for everyone! We are so pleased to have an active and enthusiastic parent association that strives to continue to help Notre Dame School be the best place for families to be.



Did you know?

During the spring, it is helpful to send an extra set of clothing in your child's backpack. Puddles love to jump on children while on the playground! Also ensure your child has sunscreen and a hat for sunny days.



School Dress Code

With the warmer weather approaching, it is essential that we review the dress code for students. This information is also available in the family handbook on our school website.

- Clothing choices should be made in good taste and err on the side of modesty. This means that tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, belly shirts, muscle shirts, short skirts, short shorts, bandanas and tops with inappropriate slogans are not allowed.
- Students are asked to remove hats, caps, and sunglasses inside of the school, except on designated spirit days.
- Please wear clothes suitable for our Catholic School environment; therefore, clothing displaying skulls and other violent symbols (Call of Duty Game, etc...) will not be permitted.
- The administration reserves sole discretion on what constitutes appropriate dress in any given case. Students who do not come to school appropriately dressed may be sent home to change or be given an alternative outfit.

Outdoors with Onyschuk - Sports Camp ages 9-12



Mr. Onyschuk will be running a summer camp for **3 weeks in July**. Participants can register for a single week or all 3 weeks. Registration is open for students from the **ages of 9-12** years old.

Space is limited. **Registration forms are available at the front office**. If you have any questions please feel free to email Mr. Onyschuk: <u>kevin.onyschuk@starcatholic.ab.ca</u>

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 Unicycling
 Juggling
 Crowd Interaction
 Dynamic Teachings
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You don't want to miss it!

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CONCERT @ NOTRE DAME School Leduc, AB Mon. May. 29th - 9:20am CDs & DVDs will be available at the concert for only \$5



May 2017

Re: Education Property Tax - Declaration of Separate School Support

Dear Catholic Elector:

STAR Catholic School Division is committed to ensuring a strong connection with Catholic electors in all of its communities. Catholic education is funded through education property taxes, grants and general provincial revenue. As a Catholic elector, you need to be aware of your right to support your Catholic schools through your property taxes. This right provides a vital connection between Catholic separate school boards and you, their electors.

Taxes declared in support of the Catholic separate school division benefit the children we serve. The Constitution Acts of Canada and the Alberta School Act stipulate that individuals who are Catholic must direct their education taxes to Catholic separate school boards where they exist.

To ensure your property taxes are supporting your Catholic separate school, you must declare your school support as "separate" on your annual property assessment notice and tax bill. If a declaration of school support is not filed by a property owner, the property assessment and tax bills show the school support going to the public school division. If your support designation is incorrect, it should be corrected by completing and submitting a School Support Declaration form, obtained from your local city, town or municipal office. A change in school support does not take effect until the following calendar year.

Thank you for advocating for your faith-based schools and your right to support them with your local taxes.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Thalia Hibbs Board Chair



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Catholic Education: Confronting Fiction with Facts

In the past few weeks there have been questions asked about publicly-funded Catholic Education in Alberta. As President of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association, I would like to offer the following information for clarification:

Fiction: It has been suggested that eliminating Catholic Education in Alberta would be easy.

Fact: Catholic Education has been operating in Alberta since the 1840's and has held a longstanding, distinct role in Alberta's public education system for all of these years. It is enshrined in the *Constitution of Canada*, Section 93, solidified in the *Alberta Act* 1905 and further supported by the Alberta *School Act*. Alberta Education is currently ranked 5th in the world overall in the area of Education and Skills (per the Conference Board of Canada) and Catholic Education in Alberta is proud to be an integral part of this success story.

Fiction: Amalgamating Catholic and Public Schools would lead to substantial savings of taxpayer money.

Fact: Catholic Education in Alberta serves over 175,000 students (approx. 30 per cent of all Alberta Students) in over 430 schools. The only way to save taxpayer money would be if all 175,000 students simply stop having access to education altogether. There has been no study that has indicated any money would be saved by eliminating Catholic Schools: the same number of students, educated by the same number of staff, driven to school by the same number of busses, maintained in the same number of schools (which the province is currently short of) would be needed. In fact, studies done on the amalgamation of municipalities, health authorities, and schools in other provinces have seen the administration cost increase considerably due to the effects of amalgamation.

Fiction: Catholic School Boards never work together with Public School Boards.

Fact: The vast majority of Catholic Separate School Boards and Public School Boards do work together collaboratively to actualize efficiencies while respecting each other's differences, through shared bussing, Joint Use Agreements, Joint Purchasing Partnerships for Utilities and other examples. There are even several successful archetypes of shared facilities whereby Catholic and Public Schools operate independent schools in different wings of a building complex with a joint use space in the middle (often a public recreation center or public library.)

Fiction: Catholic Education is overly influenced by the church.

Fact: Catholic Education is a unique partnership between the school, home and parish. Together this partnership is a close relationship between the faith community and the Church, through locally elected trustee representatives who independently create policy and govern their Boards. It seeks to develop a student's whole person by integrating academic excellence permeated in faith. The central focus of Catholic Education is Jesus Christ.

Fiction: Only Catholics can go to Catholic schools.

Fact: Catholic Schools are open to all students and families that choose a fully Catholic Christian faith based education experience. As per the Alberta *School Act* Catholic schools must accept all Resident Students (of the same faith) and if there is space and programs must accept Non-Resident students.

Fiction: Catholic schools are public schools with a crucifix on the wall and a religion class.

Fact: Catholic Schools are distinctive faith communities that nurture the spiritual, academic, emotional and physical wellbeing of students through the integration of the Alberta Education curriculum with gospel values and a sacramental life. Christ is the center of the Catholic School and his presence and teaching permeate the whole of the school day and the whole of the school building.

Fiction: Catholic schools teach intolerance and hate towards some groups.

Fact: Catholic Education is inclusive of all students and strives to have all children recognize their inherent beauty as children of God. Children are encouraged to see themselves as more than the sum of their parts; more than their race, religion, ability, gender, colour, sexual orientation, etc. This inclusiveness and moral imperative is supported by safe and welcoming school board policies & strong anti-bullying policies.

Fiction: Catholic schools do not teach about sexuality and wellness.

Fact: Catholic Schools teach comprehensive provincially mandated Health and Wellness Programs which are age appropriate. Programs on sexuality do include abstinence, a transcendent view of the person, and are taught from a Catholic worldview. The goal is to provide students with the information to make good and responsible choices.

Fiction: Public schools subsidize Separate schools.

Fact: There are two distinct constitutional rights regarding taxation: the right to access the property assessment base for financial support and the right to equity and fairness in funding. Catholic Education is funded through education property taxes, grants and general provincial revenue, exactly the same as public schools. Funds for schools in Alberta are pooled provincially and then distributed to schools based on enrolment numbers. The pooling of funds allows for a balanced approach to allow resources to go where parents choose to send their children to school. Each Alberta student carries funding into the education system of their choice.

Maintaining the current taxation base is a vital connection between school boards and their electors, especially those electors without children in the school system. It provides a mechanism for direct accountability of school board trustees to their electors for the quality of education provided. It provides a clear link between taxation and representation, the most fundamental principal of any democratically elected organization and it further creates a structural interest in the local school board, because of the investment required by the electors in that board.

In closing, I would like to stress that Catholic Education in Alberta has and will continue its proud legacy of cost-effective excellence in teaching within a welcoming, safe and caring faith school environment, honouring the sacred trust of our parents and of our community.

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lease join us Let's create! Adriana LaGrange

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President, Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association



The children will be using LEGO # Bricks for the building sessions. Models are designed for boys and girls 5 years of age and older (depending on ability to follow instructions, builders who have more experience will build motorized models and builders who have less experience will build nonmotorized models). Please have the children bring inside shoes, a water bottle and a nut free snack and/or lunch if staying for both sessions. Look at www.createandlearn.ca for more information. Please send an email to register at info@createandlearn.ca and prepayment is required. At this time, we accept cheques made out to create and Learn.

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April 7, 2017

Dear Notre Dame School,

The City of Leduc, the Leduc Environmental Advisory Board (LEAB) and Communities in Bloom, in partnership with Canadian National Railway (CN), Tree Canada and the Government of Canada, are proud to present 2017 Arbour Day tree planting event. You are cordially invited to attend the Arbour Day event and participate in planting trees with our community volunteers. Arbour Day is a wonderful way to enjoy Leduc' green spaces, while improving them and enhancing them for future generations to also enjoy.

The 2017 Arbour Day will be extra special this year, as we will be celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary. Our goal is to plant over 1000 trees in Caledonia Park to enhance the existing natural area. As part of this celebration, we welcome Elder Jerry Saddleback from Maskwacis Cultural College to share stories and traditional knowledge about First Nations history. A commemorative plaque in honor of this Canada 150 activity will be unveiled at the event.

Event Details:

Date:	Saturday, May 13, 2017
Time:	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location:	Caledonia Park, 3206 Coady Blvd. Leduc, AB T9E 7J8 Please find a map with driving directions and parking attached to this invitation.

Volunteers are welcome to enjoy a free snack for participating and a face painter will be on site to make the day special for our volunteers!

Please note that there is no registration required to attend Arbour Day, just simply show up with a shovel and your reusable water bottle! We look forward to your participation!



This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

May 2017									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	1 ECS Telus Science Expo	2 Preschool Parent Meeting 7 pm	3 Swimming Lessons 2-2 & 3-2	4 ECS Telus Swimming	5 Privilege Day Hot lunch	6			
	NDSC & PANDA MTG 6:30 PM	, bui	Grade 4's Holy Childhood Mass	Lessons 3-1 & 2-3					
7	8 Les Bucherons Presentation 9 am	9	10 Our Lady of Fatima Celebration 11:10 am	11 Grade 6 PAT – Language Arts Part A Swimming Lessons 3-1 & 2-3	12 Grade 6 Face 2 Face Presentation Jump Rope for Heart forms due. Classroom requests due in the office Hot lunch	13 Arbor Day Tree Planting 11 am - 3 pm			
14	15 Jump Rope for	16 Spring Plant Pick up	17 Swimming Lessons 2-2 & 3-2 Talent Show Grades 4-6	18 PD Day	19 Day in Lieu – No School	20			
21	22 Victoria Day No School	23	24 Swimming Lessons 2-2 & 3-2 Grade 4-6 Track Day 11 am ECS Trip to Farm	25 Swimming Lessons 3-1 & 2-3 ECS Trip to Farm	26 Grade 6 Farewell 2:15pm (Gym) Grade 6 Farewell LRC 3:30 pm Hot lunch	27			
28	29 Cat Chat Concert 9:20 am	30 Rodeo Day Spirit Assembly 9 am	31 Grade 5 Vaccinations	June 1 Swimming Lessons 3-1 & 2-3	2 AMA Patrollers to Kinsmen Park	3			

Mark Your Calendars in June...

- Notre Dame Mental Health Day June 5
- Star Track Meet Gr 5&6 June 6
- Star Track Meet Gr 5&6 (rain out day) June 7
- Welcome to Kindergarten June 8
- School Council and Panda Wrap up 7pm June 8
- Fort Edmonton Park Grade 4 June 12
- Year End Mass 9:30 am June 15
- Grade 6 Language Arts PAT Part B June 19
- Grade 6 Math Part A & B June 20
- Wacky Hair Day June 22
- Grade 6 Social Studies PAT June 22
- Outdoor pool (Grade 2's) June 23
- Grade 6 Science PAT June 23
- Notre Dame Awards 9:30 am June 26
- Notre Dame Fun Day Gr 1-3 June 27
- Muttart Conservatory (Grade 1's) June 28
- Last Day of School June 28