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Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School

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Where is Jesus? Right here! Right now!

Dear Parents and Students:

What a fantastic beginning to what we are sure will continue to be an excellent school year. In our community of faith and learning, it is obvious that Jesus is here, right here, right now! Our students have displayed significant faith and compassion leading our opening school mass and our weekly Monday morning celebrations. The student leadership is outstanding and sets the tone for a vibrant school community. Numerous educational trips and visits have occurred including our Cultural Exploration day which was a huge success.

Thank you so much to those parents who were able to join us for the staff introduction evening. As was mentioned at the presentation the success of the students and school relies on a solid working relationship and I am aware that OLA has a strong history in this regard.

As we move forward into October we will be celebrating mass as a community at OLA Parish on Thursday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we have plenty to be thankful for in our community.

October leads us to our first student-parent-teacher conferences. Please keep in contact with your child's teachers to ensure success. Also, we are still looking for more grade 7 or 8 students who are interested in joining the Educational Tour to Quebec, Montreal & Ottawa in May. Please join us on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 for our next Parent School Council meeting. May God continue to bless you and your family as we give our many thanks.

Lorne Monaghan
Principal

Shauna Lindbeck
Assistant Principal



Upcoming Events

- October 5** – Picture Day
- October 5** – Collaborative Response Parent Information Night 7:00 p.m.
- October 8** – Gr. 6's to Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- October 9** – No School (Professional Development Day)
- October 12** – No School (Thanksgiving Day)
- October 15** – Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 a.m.
- October 19** – Parent School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 25 to 29** – Scholastic Book Fair
- October 27** – Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- October 28** – Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30 p.m.

School Fees

Parents are encouraged to pay their fees

the school office by cash or cheque is still a
Angels Catholic School. Please let us know

Please submit fees by **September 30th, 2015** to be accepted. Thank you.

Grade 5

District Materials Fees (set by Division)	\$50.00
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00
Student Agenda	\$10.00
Library & Technology User Fees	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total	\$75.00

Grade 6

District Materials Fees (set by Division)	\$50.00
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00
Student Agenda	\$10.00
Locks	\$5.00
Grade 6 Option Fees	\$20.00
Library & Technology User Fees	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total	\$100.00

Grade 7 & 8

District Materials Fees (set by Division)	\$65.00
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00
Locks	\$5.00
Library & Technology User Fees	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total	\$85.00

Grade 7 & 8 Option Fees (Varies depending on what electives they have chosen)

Application for Waiver of Fees Form for the 2015-2016 school year is available on the Elk Island

Student Absences

To ensure your child's safety, we need to know their whereabouts during the day. If your child/ren will be away from school, we ask that you contact the school before 8:25 a.m. for morning absences or before 12:30 p.m. for afternoon absences. **Please phone the school office to leave a message.** This will reduce the number of calls and the need for us to disturb you. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and is necessary to create a safe environment.

Counsellor's Message


Welcome to the new school year. I am excited to be part of the staff at Our Lady of the Angels. I will be splitting my time between OLA and St. John Paul II. I am available at OLA on Mondays and Thursdays but can always be reached by email, nicolel@eics.ab.ca. I will be popping into elementary classrooms in the next month or two with presentations and to get to know the students.

I am currently looking for students to participate in the Rainbows Program which will be presented at school by the Boys and Girls Club. This is a divorce support group to help young people deal with the changes they will be or have faced. If you would like your child to be part of this group please contact me. We would like to get started as soon as possible.

I am also working with Kristi Wahl, Youth Worker with the City of Fort Saskatchewan, to provide services to the students of OLA. We are working on bringing Roots of Empathy to a grade 5 class and are developing a girls group for junior high.

Blessings Ms. Labrecque

Musical News

 Choir has begun with returning members and many new faces! Our first activity will be the Thanksgiving Mass where they will help the music ministry by joining their voices to ours. Then we will be busy getting ready for Remembrance Day and of course our Christmas Concert! New members are welcome, grades 5-8. We practice every Wednesday during the lunch and lunch recess times.

Musical Theatre grade 7/8 will be performing their Fairy Tales for the St. John XXIII grade one classes on Tuesday, October 13th.

Musical Theatre grades 6, 7 and 8 will be attending the musical "The Mermaids Tale" at the Shell Theatre on Friday, October 16th.

Mark your calendars parents! The Christmas Concert will be at the DOW this year!! Our dates are December 2nd and 3rd, more specific show times will come in the next month.

Cultural Day

Presenters from Musee Heritage Museum lead our students in a celebration of Metis Culture on Thursday, September 24th. Grade 5 and 6 students participated in the morning and grade 7 and 8 students participated in the afternoon. A great time was had by all!

The students participated in several activities:

- Dancing - the history of the jig
- Photos - an exploration of pictures of Metis and a discuss about their culture
- Hand Weaving - students will learn how to hand weave and create a hand woven bookmark
- Story - Student will listen to and discuss a Metis story
- Fur Trade - Students will learn about the role Metis played in the fur Trade

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be having our student-parent-teacher conferences on **Tuesday, October 27th (from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, October 28th (from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.)**.

As in previous years, information will be sent out prior to the conference dates on how to book your conferences online using the Scheduler Manager that will be found on our school's web-site page.

Please plan on booking and attending the conferences as this is one key part of our communication strategy regarding your child's progress.

Boston Pizza Receipts



Please remember to keep your Fort Saskatchewan “**Boston Pizza**” receipts, and hand them in to the school office. Only receipts dated September 1, 2015 through to January 31, 2016 and then February 1, 2016 through to May 31, 2016 are valid for submission.

Thanks to Boston Pizza's “**Operation Education**” program the school is reimbursed 5% of the total amount on the receipts we collect.

Library News

Come



from 3:30 –

one. Come all! The Scholastic Book Fair is quickly coming...October 26th to 29th. I have seen a few sneak peeks of what is coming, it looks very good. The Book Fair will also be running during the Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday, October 27th (from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 28th 6:30 p.m. Please watch for the flyers to come home with your child.

Parish News



Year of Consecrated Life

With Pope Francis proclaiming 2015 the Year of Consecrated Life, Our Lady of the Angels Parish will be hosting an appreciation tea for our present and past pastors and

religious life on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m.

All family members, from young to old and those in between, are invited to visit with and personally thank our honoured guests. This provides a wonderful opportunity to: look to the past with gratitude by learning about our church's history, live in the present with passion by socializing with one another, and embrace the future with hope by supporting our guests and becoming enlightened with the various religious orders and their missions. For more information please feel free to call Jeanette Stecyk at 780-998-5041.

Parent School Council



Thank you to all who supported our SUTP fundraiser. Miss Diachuk's grade 5 class enjoyed a free pizza lunch for selling the most books!

Congratulations and a big thank you to our Chair: Gaylene Dannish,

Vice Chair: Stacey Walker, Secretary: Sheri McCoy and Treasurer: Laura Sjogren.

On Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. we are having our next Parent School Council meeting. All parents are welcome. Please come out and join the group!

The "Hot Lunch" program will continue again this year (info to follow).

On Friday, October 23rd is hot soup day!!

Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa Educational Excursion

We are pleased to inform you that the OLA tradition of students travelling to Quebec City, Montreal & Ottawa will continue this school year. Grade 7 & 8 students will have the opportunity to embark on this excellent learning and cultural experience.

Key Information about the Education Tour

When: Early May 2016 – 7 days (to be determined)

Who: Any grade 7 or 8 student who is interested.

Why: Consider joining this tour if you

- love experiencing different languages and cultures
- are interested in visiting many of the sights covered in Social Studies Curriculum
- would love to see and learn new information about Canada



- proudly represent OLA across Canada sharing what fantastic student leaders we have at OLA
- fun bringing the curriculum to life

Tour Company:

We currently are receiving financial quotes from two companies EF Educational Tours and NACEL Tours Canada. We want to ensure we are securing the best trip at the best value.

Approximate Cost: \$2,100.00 for 7 days (6 nights)

***Please Note:** Please contact Mrs. Willis-Dengler or Mr. Monaghan prior to October 16th, 2015 in order to secure a position and determine if there are enough students to make the trip viable.

Exciting Canteen News!



OLA school is very excited to add new and healthy items to our menu.

Starting **October 20th** ABJ High School will start preparing freshly made wraps, subs, fruit, vegetable and yogurt cups to help us in our efforts to offer more healthy choices for our students. The noodle soups and sweets will still be available.

New items price list:

Small ham, cheese and lettuce wrap	\$3.00
Small Pizza Sub	\$3.00
Fresh Fruit Cup	\$2.00
Fresh Veggie Cup with dip	\$2.00
Blueberry or Raspberry Yogurt with Granola	\$2.00
Chocolate or White milk	\$.75
Dry Noodle Soups	\$1.00
Squares and Brownies	\$1.50

Welcome to the OLA Seekers

With the beginning of October, we also have the beginning of The OLA Youth Group. Back for its 2nd year, the youth group at OLA, we now have a name. The youth group is now called the OLA Seekers. This name was chosen because our youth are always seeking out new opportunities to be with God. Participating as part of the OLA Seekers, students have the opportunity to get together to have some fun and share food with friends while exploring and building their relationship with God. Evenings are called Edge nights and are designed around approaching topics that our youth are faced with in today's society from a faith based aspect. Our first Edge night of the year happens later in October on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. It will run from 3:00 – 7:00 pm here at OLA. Please contact Mr. Brady at the school if you have any questions regarding this event.



Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day

We bow our hearts to You and pray.

We give You thanks for all You've done

Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.

For beauty in nature, Your glory we see

For joy and health, friends and family,

For daily provision, Your mercy and care

These are the blessing You graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise

With a promise to follow You all of our days.

-Mary Fairchild