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## Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School

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### **EICS Theme – Where is Jesus...right here! Right now!**

Dear Parents and Students:

As we move through the first part of 2016, OLA continues to be an active vibrant school with many exciting events and activities. The grade 7/8 basketball teams are in full swing and representing our school with pride. The 5/6 team will be competing soon and we wish them luck.

Students will be involved in several faith days and formation opportunities, leadership conferences, Edge Nights, ski trips and much more.

Please note reports cards will be distributed on February 3, 2016.

Also, please join us if you can for our Ash Wednesday Mass on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at OLA Church. A special thank you to all our parent volunteers who will be serving the entire school pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless,  
Lorne Monaghan  
Principal



### **Upcoming Events**

- January 22** – Hot Soup Day
- January 28** – Hot Lunch Day
- January 29** – No School (Professional Development Day)
- February 3** – Report Card Distribution
- February 4** – No School (Teacher's Convention)
- February 5** – No School (Teacher's Convention)
- February 9** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch
- February 10** – Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 a.m. @ Church
- February 11** – Hot Lunch Day
- February 12** – No School (Professional Development Day)
- February 15** – No School (Family Day)
- February 22** – Parent School Council (7:00 p.m.)
- February 25** – Hot Lunch Day

## Parent School Council



The next Parent School Council Meeting is on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Hope to see you there!!

Hot Lunch Days – January 28 – February 11 – February 25

Hot Soup Day – January 22

## Report Cards & Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

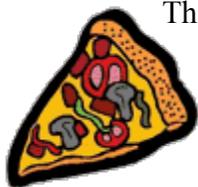


Report Card distribution will be on Wednesday, **February 3, 2016**.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** (from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** (from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.).

Parents will be able to book their appointments by using the OLA Conference Manager at [appointments@schoolsoft.ca](mailto:appointments@schoolsoft.ca) This website will be open to the public on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Boston Pizza Receipts



Thank you for continuing to bring in your Fort Saskatchewan Boston Pizza Receipts.

Boston Pizza, through their “**Operation Education Program**”, reimburses the school 5% for Boston Pizza receipts that we submit to them.

We thank Boston Pizza for their continued support in this program.

## Transportation News

### Notes

### for Riding and Alternate Bus Arrangements



If you require your child to ride a different bus to or from school, you must send a note to the school one day prior to the day your child needs to ride a different bus.

The school staff will sign and stamp your note which will then be given to the driver by your child. If a student does not have a note from their parent or guardian which has been signed by the school office, we cannot allow them to ride a different bus. If this is a long-term arrangement, you must contact the Transportation Department to make arrangements. **Note:**

Several routes do not have capacity for extra riders.

### Bus Delays / Cancellations

The Transportation Department communicates bus delays and cancellations on the EICS website and via the SynreVoice call out and email system. Please ensure your phone numbers and email address are correct at the school.

## Sacramental Preparation at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

### **CONFIRMATION – 2015-16**

*In the Edmonton Archdiocese, typically, the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred during a student's grade 6 year. If your son or daughter is a baptized Catholic and it is your intent that they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, this information is for you!*

Please mark the following dates for classes and the Confirmation mass on your calendars. Attendance at each class (and of course, the Confirmation mass) are required for Confirmation. It is a good time to start thinking now about who will be your child's sponsor(s) – please see the details on the registration sheet for specific information about who can be a sponsor. Also, if your child's baptismal certificate is not yet on file with the parish (you can find this out by calling the Parish office) please note that it is required for Confirmation.

Registration cost is \$30 and is due ASAP. Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at the Parish office and can also be returned to school with your child. Please make cheques out to Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church. Please ensure that the Confirmation Form (Appendix 611A) is filled out in full upon payment.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2015 - 2016 CLASS DATES AND TIMES**

**CLASSES** will be held from **1 – 3 PM** in the meeting rooms at OLA church on:

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** (longer "retreat" class which includes candidate rehearsal – more info TBA)

**Confirmation Mass:**

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3 PM**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Church office at **780-998-3288** or email at [olangels@shaw.ca](mailto:olangels@shaw.ca)

**In Christ,**

**The Our Lady of the Angels Sacramental Preparation Team,  
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church**

## Girl's Basketball



**The girl's basketball team was in a tournament this past weekend in Lamont.**

**With a lot of hard work and determination, the girls were successful in coming in second place.**

**They were rewarded with a plaque for their efforts that will be displayed in the school's trophy case.**

**Miss Diachuk and Mrs. Kucy are very proud of the girls and the teamwork they demonstrated this weekend.**

## Boy's Basketball

The basketball season has started! Congratulations to the following students for making the boys basketball team for the 2015/16 season:

- **Tyler McQueen**
- **Arneith David**
- **Nolan Starko**
- **Kohen Willis-Dengler**
- **Cody Newman**
- **Josh Nix**
- **Charles Gacelos**
- **Alex Ouellette**
- **Carlh Milo**

- **Blake Petrushko**
- **Gage Guenther**
- **Taylor Green**
- **Keegan Pratch**
- **Koen Walker**
- **Gabriel Mabunay**

**Coach: Mr. Dziwenko**

We would like to welcome all family and friends to come out and support the team on Tuesdays at 4:00. The schedule can be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/EICS/>.

**GO CRUSADERS GO!**

### Alberta Education Parent Survey

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar Survey provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar Survey 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 grade 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.** In February, students in grades 7 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, Tagalog and Urdu.

**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.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2016, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.



### **Lunch Recess Behaviour Concerns**

Over the last few months there have been a number of issues emerging outside at lunch recess regarding snow forts and mini stick hockey. While these activities can be both positive and healthy, recently they have led to conflict and aggression beyond an acceptable level.

Please take a moment to reinforce the school rules (attached) with your son or daughter to ensure we have a positive environment for all to play.

If we continue to have instances of conflict, the individuals will be dealt with according to the school policy, but also be aware we will be stopping these activities completely if further instances occur.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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## BIG 6 EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS:

- SHOW RESPECT TO EVERY STUDENT
- USE WORDS THAT COMPLIMENT,
- SETTLE DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY
- TAKE CARE OF THE SCHOOL AND
- ALWAYS BE WHERE YOU ARE SUPPOSE TO BE
- ALWAYS TRY TO BE BETTER THAN