



Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School

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Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School Monthly Happenings - September

Students, Parents, Staff, and Parish,

Whew, the first week has come and gone at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School – *Together in Learning and Faith!* This year our Division theme is *Joyful Hearts...Sharing The Good News*. This theme is new for this year and builds on the foundations of 2013-14, “*Many Parts – One Body in Christ*” and 2012-13 “*Mission Possible*”. This is very appropriate as our division went through the reconfiguration of many schools in Sherwood Park, and now looks at uniting as Catholics to share the Good News of Catholic Education. This year EICS T.A.L.K.S. will focus on school programming and the Alberta Education *Inspiring Education* document to best meet the needs of our students and respective communities – I hope you will participate.

The entire team at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School would like to thank all the families for a great start to the school year. We are 367 students strong this year up 30 from last year! We have noticed a great effort being put forth to get students **to school on time at 8:25**. This is such a key habit to ensure your children experience as much academic success as possible and grow in a deeper understanding of God's love. Each and every day we begin with our Faith in Religion class.

Our opening school mass will be held this Friday at 10:00am **IN THE SCHOOL GYM**. Thank you to Fr. Francis and Fr. Ashook for arranging their schedules to celebrate the Eucharist - we invite each of you to consider joining with us for song and prayer – What a great experience *Together in Learning and Faith!*

All families should now have functional Powerschool usernames and passwords for students and parents in Grade 7 & 8 to better monitor student progress. This effective tool is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

Our immediate school goals for the year are completing our Grade 7 & 8 options for the year. Grade 6 students will rotate for the month of September with one week in each of our Option Focus Areas: Technology, Musical Theatre, Art and Sports Performance.

We would like to welcome new staff members: Ms. Marty Fluet (French until Mme. Coney returns in January), Mrs. Marie Dooley Educational Assistant in Grade 5, Mr. Vernon Brady Grade 8 Math, Outdoor Education, Christian Leadership) and Mrs. Jennifer Smadis (Grade 7, Musical Theatre, Glee, and French Fine Arts). Congratulants to Mr. Hebert and his family on the arrival of their new born baby boy, as well Mrs. Nakonechny and her family celebrated the arrival of their son in late July.

We continue to build on our literacy model; building capacity for our staff and students in the areas of safe and caring schools in relation to bullying and technology etiquette, and an improved school plan for teaching technology for students, our Response To Intervention Model (RTI) and an improved focus on *Spreading the Good News*.

Drop-off & Pick-up

The school doors open at 8:10a.m.

Please use the parking lot on the north and east sides when dropping off or picking up students. Alternatively, the street can be used but please be respectful to **NOT drop-off in the bus lane.**

Parent School Council (PSC)

Your next Parent School Council meeting will be Thursday, September 25 at 7:00pm – If you'd like to help out with the PSC please contact the school. The Hot Lunch Program will begin very soon. Thank you for your support of the SUTP fundraiser. We are just finishing up the program. If you have any questions contact the school.

Important Dates to remember and put on your fridge calendar:

September

- 12 School Opening Mass 10:00am at the school – gymnasium *All invited and encouraged
- 25 School PSC Meeting at 7:00pm
- 26 Terry Fox Run in Legacy Park 2:00pm

October – Read-in MONTH!

- 1 Early Out
- 10 No School – PD Day
- 13 Thanksgiving Day – No school
- 20 Picture Day
- 27-30 Book Fair – if you'd like to assist call Mrs. Wagner at the school 780-998-3716
- 28-29 **Round 1 of Three Way Conferences: Students, Parents, Staff**

This will be booked on-line TBA

- 23 Parent School Council (PSC) meeting 7:00pm *All parents encouraged to attend
- 31 Halloween Dance: Grade 5 & 6 from noon-1:00; Grade 7 & 8 from 1:00-3:00

November

- 5 Early Out
- TBA **Remembrance Day Mass Celebration at the church 9:00a.m. – All are encouraged to attend**
- 8-16 **November Break – no school**
- 27 **PSC Meeting @ 7:00pm**

Just for a laugh: Taken from the website - ParentsShouldntText.com as a conversation between a parent and child

Parent text “What does IDK, LY and TTYL mean?”

Child text “I don’t know, love you, talk to you later”

Parent text “OK, I will ask your sister then.”

From the EICS Community Relations Coordinator – Pattie Danos

EICS TALKS <http://eicstalks.ca/>

Together Advocating for the Love of our Kids and our Schools

The purpose of this website is to foster ongoing dialogue with our partners about the preferred future of our Division. Our long-term objective is to ensure we provide the highest quality 21st -century Catholic education for our students while utilizing facilities and resources as effectively as possible.

For the purposes of future planning, this website is advisory in nature. On an ongoing basis, we will populate the website with factual information and data to stimulate meaningful conversation and gather qualitative feedback.

Ultimately, this consultation process will provide the Board of Trustees with valuable, fact-based recommendations, enabling them to make informed decisions about the future of our Division.

We strongly encourage all our partners to join the conversation. Your participation will contribute greatly to the recommendations put forward so EICS continuously provides the highest quality Catholic education for our students. As a first step this site is designed to inform. Once we have information to share it will be posted with a process to engage our community in the conversation.

Final Thoughts from the Learning Team...

2014-15 Enrollment as of September 5th = 367

This number represents a 30 student increase from last year:

Grade 5 = 78

Grade 6 = 87

Grade 7 = 92

Grade 8 = 110