

Message from the Principal

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and is refreshed and ready for the start of another exciting year at Louis St. Laurent.

We would especially like to welcome students who are new to Louis St. Laurent, especially our grade sevens! Louis St. Laurent has much to offer and we encourage all students to become involved in the various activities both in and out of the classroom. Student involvement guarantees a more rewarding year.

Our school offers a network of support for students. Homeroom teachers and grade coordinators are an important part of that network and we encourage you to see them with any questions or concerns. Another important aspect of this support is our commitment to our learning community. The staff of Louis St. Laurent is committed to student learning and will implement a variety of strategies to ensure success for all students. Of course the most important supports for our students come from the home. When parents and teachers work together, students can't help but succeed.

Our first opportunity to create a teacher/parent partnership is on September 16, and we encourage all parents/guardians to join us for "Meet the Teacher" night.

Have a great year!

*Duwayne Lang/Brian Novosel
Co-Principal*



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing in the

SPIRIT

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



September, 2009

“Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead.” (*1 Peter 1:6 adapted*)

Recently, I had the opportunity to see and hear the sheer delight expressed by a youngster who is anxiously getting ready to enter grade one this year. As we, the staff, students, and parents prepare to begin another school year together, may all of us take a piece of this simple “uplifting joy” into our school sites. I would like to welcome all families that are new to our district and to welcome back all those whom we have had the pleasure to serve in previous years. My wish for you this year is that you will be conscious of God’s great love as lived out in our daily relationships with others who come into our lives.

The summer weather has provided much time for the ongoing construction and modernization occurring in many of our school sites. Following are short updates of some of the projects:

Edmonton Catholic Schools’ three new schools (Monsignor Fee Otterson, Monsignor William Irwin and Sister Annata Brockman) continue to be under construction with school opening dates for these sites remaining for September, 2010. Presently, these three schools have their exterior work completed and construction is taking place inside in each of the sites.

The major modernization at Archbishop MacDonald High School is well underway with the project presently on budget and on schedule. Class disruption during the 2009-10 school year will be kept to a minimum with full project completion expected by September, 2010.

The construction is progressing on the field house at St. Francis Xavier High School with a projected date of October, 2009 to have that building completely enclosed. Occupancy and use of this new field house is scheduled for September, 2010.

Thank you to our Facilities Services staff who also worked in many schools this summer to complete upgrading projects.

I would also like to commend our custodial staff members who worked so diligently throughout the summer to clean and renew our schools, and to the other staff members who have efficiently closed off one school year and prepared the systems and environments to welcome our students for another year.

In district satisfaction survey results for 2008/09, each group - staff, parents and students – showed increases in satisfaction affirming that their school provided a good learning environment and most importantly felt that their school or site embraced faith and learning and celebrated its Catholic identity in a number of ways.

These results continue to underpin our 2009-2010 District Plan for Continuous Growth – celebrating and promoting our Catholicity in a responsive and responsible manner, and providing high levels of student learning with an emphasis on success for the First Nations, Metis and Inuit students we serve. As well, the health and safety of all students and staff continue to be a high priority as all district personnel will work closely with Alberta Health Services to strive for the highest level of compliance and provide parents with ongoing communication regarding the H1N1 virus.

Along with the Board of Trustees, I have developed the following goals to support the District Plan for Continuous Growth:

- Develop plans for greater community engagement in Catholic education
- Continue to implement strategies for high school completion with a focus on Aboriginal students, ESL students and at risk students
- Develop instructional leadership along with its dimensions for the 21st century learner
- Facilitate the implementation of Cycle 4 AISI projects
- Continue to foster relationships/partnerships with external organizations and institutions
- Prepare for further financial challenges in preparation of the 2010-2011 District budget.

I, along with the staff of Edmonton Catholic Schools, look forward to working with you this year as we serve each of your children with a rich, faith filled education. May God bless each of you as we journey together this year.

Sincerely,

Joan Carr
Superintendent



September 2009

New Beginnings and Monarch Butterflies

I love butterflies. I always have. Even before I was old enough to go to school, I would sit in the back yard for hours and watch them dance among the flowers and garden. With their exotic colours and designs, they live up to their fabled nickname of “Wings of Paradise.”

For some reason I am particularly drawn to the Monarch Butterfly.

In the spring, the Monarch Butterfly begins a unique journey from the mountains of Mexico, travelling some 5,000 kilometres one way to southern parts of Canada, then in the fall begins the trek home. The first generation of flyers may have only reached the lower United States, where after as few as six weeks of life, they lay their eggs and die. The next generation continues the trek northward, taking as many as five generations to complete the round trip.

The mere magnitude of the distance travelled by such a unique creature in the insect world is enough to boggle the mind. For me, what is even more amazing is the Monarch Butterfly undergoes this annual migration without GPS or a roadmap!

How do they do it? From Mexico to Canada, then back again? No tour guides, road signs, no maps.

The answer is simple Dear Watson: God has placed a wonderful homing instinct in animals. For example, the robin flies south to a warmer climate for the winter, then returns in the spring to the same tree in the same backyard to build its nest. The salmon swims thousands of kilometres from the Fraser River to its feeding flats in the Pacific Ocean, then when its life cycle is about ended it returns to the same river it left, fighting its way up the falls and rocky shoals, refusing to stop until it comes to the same bend in the river where it was hatched. And there's the Monarch Butterfly.

Is it only in animals that God has placed a homing instinct? No, anyone who has been away from home for any length of time knows what it means to be homesick. God has placed within the heart of each of us a profound homing instinct for our real home, heaven, the Kingdom of God. Nothing on earth can satisfy our longing except for God. It is a precious, divine gift, a constant reminder that the most permanent dwelling place on earth is but a body, a tent, and that we are really pilgrims on our way to our permanent home in heaven with God.

The meaning and goal of life for each of us is to respond to this homing instinct and to go home to God. We were made to live with God and nothing less will suffice.

Now that the summer is drawing to a close, and we begin a new school year, what better way to start anew than by being more attentive to our homing instinct? With each new breath, with each new day, with each new friend, let us respond evermore to God's never-ending call to come home, to regain our true nature as God's sons and daughters.

“ET,” call home!



Bishop David Motiuk
Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton

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STEWART, Laura
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PARKER, BILL (Assistant Principal)
ROOTSAERT, DEAN (Assistant Principal)

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PATON, Elaine
POSTERARO, Sue
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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

(Constable) Craig Hordal

LAB TECH

OHARA, Helen

CTR1010:Job Preparation

As part of new graduation requirements, current grade 10 students will complete CTR1010:Job Preparation. Students will gain appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes in workplace health and safety and workplace orientation to prepare them for off-campus education experiences, career planning, and the transition to the world of work. All grade 10 students will receive further information in the coming weeks about this program.



STUDENT ABSENCES

It is very important if your child is not attending school for any reason to please call the office - 780-435-3964 and leave a message on the attendance line.



Reminders!

- ✓ **Bus passes are issued monthly (payment options - cash, visa, debit, cheques)**
- ✓ **If you have not already done so, please pay your school fees.**

- ✓ **You should have picked up an agenda book, and student insurance forms during registration. These are available at the business office.**
- ✓ **The Newsletter will be posted on the website. We also produce a paper copy and these can be picked up at the office. They will not be emailed home.**



Welcome to Constable Craig Hordal

Cst. Craig Hordal is the new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Louis St. Laurent. Cst. Hordal has spent his first five years in West Division Patrol and is looking forward to working with staff, students, and families of Louis St. Laurent.

Please feel free to contact Cst. Hordal anytime regarding concerns, questions, or issues you would like to bring forward regarding or involving Louis St. Laurent Catholic School. His office is located in the southeast corner of the school near the exit to Confederation Arena and Pool. As well, you may reach Cst. Hordal via contacting the office or via e-mail at craig.hordal@edmontonpolice.ca.

Best wishes to all staff, students and families on a safe and rewarding school year.



Meet the Teacher Night
Wed. Sept 16 @ 7pm



Please join us!



Medical Alert Form

If this pertains to your child,
please return the completed
form to the school office.

CONFIRMATION - ST. THOMAS MORE

Confirmation for students in grade
7 or older this November. In order
to celebrate this sacrament you
must attend a parent information
evening. The dates to choose from
are Thursday, Sept. 3 OR Tuesday,
Sept. 8th OR Wednesday, Sept. 9
OR September 10. All meetings
begin at 7:00 and are held at St.
Thomas More Parish.

CASINO

January 23 & 24

*The dates for our casino have been set for
Saturday and Sunday, January 23 & 24th. It
will be held at the Baccarat Casino
(downtown). Anyone willing to volunteer to
work a shift at the casino needs to complete a
"Casino Volunteer Worker Application" that
can be found on the Alberta Gaming and
Liquor Commission website.*

*For information regarding working the
casino - please call Shannon Frost at
780-438-2259 or by email at
frostgs@telusplanet.net.*



*All complete forms can be dropped
off at the school in the main office.*

H1N1 Information for Parents

As we start a new school year, our attention and awareness returns to the possibility of the H1N1 influenza. We are encouraging parents to monitor their child's health. If your child has the flu, please keep them home for 24 hours after the symptoms have disappeared. Staff and students are being asked to reduce the spread of germs by washing their hands frequently, covering coughs and staying home from school if they feel ill. Instructional hand washing and cover your cough posters as well as hand sanitizer stations are also being installed in all 84 Edmonton Catholic Schools.

The District is also working closely with Alberta Health Services and will update parents and staff on important information as it becomes available. Our website www.ecsd.net has extensive information available and may answer any questions or concerns you may have. Parents will also be receiving additional information in the next few weeks on H1N1 with a letter and Health Fact Sheet.

Louis St. Laurent School Parent Council

All parents or guardians of Louis St. Laurent students are automatically members of the Parent Council. The Parent Council meets six times during the school year to provide updates to parents about school issues and allow parents to provide input to the school administration. We also receive information from – and provide feedback to – the Edmonton Catholic School District. Meetings are held in the staff room beginning at 7:00 pm and last no more than two hours. All parents and guardians of LSL students are welcome – and encouraged – to attend.

Though we call it the “Parent Council,” there are actually two organizations with the same membership. The **School Advisory Council (SAC)** was established by Alberta Education in 1995 to increase parent and community involvement in the education of children in Alberta. Acting in accordance with the School Act, parents are the majority of members, along with the Principal. The **Parent Advisory Association (PAA)** is a registered non-profit charitable organization. Its purpose is to raise funds for the school. The meetings are held consecutively, with the PAA meeting immediately following the SAC meeting.

Some annual events include:

- Coordinating parent volunteers for help with registration, library, ... etc.
- Staffing a table at the Open House
- Hosting the annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch in May

Parent Council representatives present awards at graduation and award nights.



From time to time, the Parent Council advocates on behalf of the school and the students. A recent example was involvement with plans for the LRT on 111 St. As a result, buses are now routed closer to the school so students won't need to cross the tracks.

Fundraising currently consists of two activities. Our primary fundraising activity is a casino approximately every 18 months (this year on January 23 & 24, 2010). We also sell wreaths and decorative pine cones every Christmas. In the last ten years, the parents have raised almost a million dollars for the school. This has gone toward the information sign in front of the school, renovations to the theatre, sound equipment, and many other enhancements that the school wouldn't otherwise have been able to afford. Decisions on funding projects are made at Parent Council meetings in cooperation with the School Principal.

2009-2010 Meeting dates

Annual General Meeting: Sept. 16 (during “Meet the Teacher”)

Regular Meetings (7:00 pm in Staff room): Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Dec. 7, Feb. 8, Apr. 12, May 31

For more information contact the chair, Tim Battle, at 780-437-3206 or tbattle@interbaun.com.

PARENT CONNECT

This year there is a new operating program for Junior High and Senior High. Parent Connect is no longer available. Powerschool (new program) does have a parent access which will be rolling out sometime in the fall. More information will be provided at Meet The Teacher Night on September 16th and in future newsletters.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter will be posted on the school website each month. There will also be hard copies in the office, It will not be emailed out .



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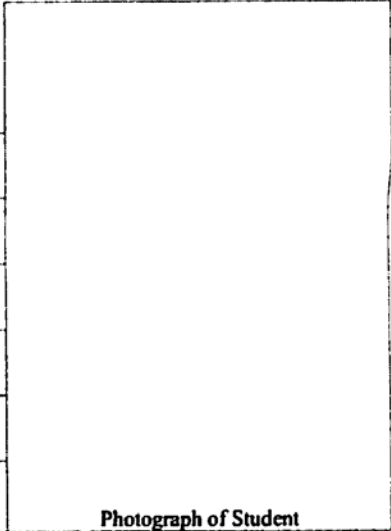
MEDICAL ALERT

(Post in a staff area for ALL staff.)

(Used as per Admin. Reg. 120.5, article 1 (k), 2, 6(e), (i), (l))

(The information on this form is to correspond with the Request for Administration of Medication/Medical Treatment Form)

Student Name	Grade
Teacher	
Medical Condition	
Symptoms of Reactions	



Photograph of Student

DO THIS IMMEDIATELY

Staff who know how to help student

Medical treatment

Name of medication

Dosage	Method of administration
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Location of medication

Administer within minutes

If no relief

Possible side effects

N.B. For life-threatening reactions call 911 for Ambulance



PERMISSION TO POST STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* sets controls and standards on how school jurisdictions collect, use, and disclose personal information in their custody or under their control.

Because it is important to quickly identify the type of medical attention required by a student in need of medical treatment, we are requesting your permission to post your child's information (name, picture, and medical information) as listed on the *Medical Alert Form AP 120(4)* in a staff area. We understand that the student's medical information is provided to Edmonton Catholic Schools for use in confidence and it will be protected and used in compliance with the *FOIP Act*.

I _____ hereby grant consent to (parent/guardian)
Edmonton Catholic Schools to post my child's information as listed and described on the <i>Medical Alert Form AP 120(4)</i> .
_____ Full name of student
_____ Signature of parent/guardian
_____ Date