



Upcoming Events

May 1 - PD day, no classes

May 11 - PAT's begin, ELA 9, Part A, (Essay and Business Letter)

May 15 – School Closure, no classes

May 18– Victoria Day, no classes

June 11 - Athletic Awards 7:00 pm.

June 12 – First of the diploma exams, Eng 30-1, 30-2 Part A

June 16 – Last day of classes

June Exams: The final exam schedule will soon be available on our website.

Before writing any final exam, please hand in textbooks at the library. All textbooks and all library materials are due during exam time.

Reminder: It is very important that school records are accurate. Please notify the school if you change address, phone number, cell phone number, work number, or e-mail address. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

A Message from the Principal

I always find this to be such an exciting time of year. Not only is the weather improving and the sun is shining more, but it is a time of celebration within our school community as well. With Graduation celebrations beginning in a few weeks, our Grade Twelves are starting to see the end of high school in sight. Our Graduation Banquet is on May 9th and our Mass and Commencement ceremony is June 21st. For our graduates, this is an exciting end of a chapter in their lives and the start of a completely new one. This is a time of

optimism and anticipation. I am confident the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our graduates as they embark on the next phase of their lives.

We're a little more than half way through this semester and our classes are all progressing nicely. Meanwhile, we are beginning to plan for next year. In the office, we are busy planning budgets and staffing for next year. The proposed budget is setting significant constraints on our school but I am confident with some flexibility and creative problem solving, this proposed budget should not have a significant impact on our classrooms or quality of instruction. Due to careful planning over the past few years, we are in good shape to continue to move forward as we have been doing.

Speaking of changes coming for next year, we, along with about 200 other high schools in Alberta, are joining an exciting Alberta Education initiative called the Moving Forward With High School Redesign pilot project. Joining this initiative will allow us to increase student accountability while being in a better position to provide personalized learning supports to all of our students. Additionally, the project will allow greater opportunities for one-to-one supports for students and for them to have more control over how they learn. The result of all this being that students will be better prepared for life after high school and receive an enhanced education while they are here. More information will be coming as we work out the final details of this exciting initiative.

God Bless,
Steve Tymko
Principal

DRAMA

ST. JP II PRESENTS: ALICE IN WONDERLAND

For the past three years the St. John Paul II Drama Club has put in hours of work to bring to life such productions as *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, *The Great Gatsby* and *Lend Me a Tenor*. Through effort on the parts of our directors, actors, and all those who have supported us we have been able to reach an immense

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milestone in the growth for our club: to put on a play in the Shell Theatre, our first in a dedicated performance venue. For this reason we are incredibly excited to invite you to our performance of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Alice has found herself stuck in a delightful new world full of curiosity and confusion. Trying to deal with her habit of getting angry when frustrated, she learns from her peers how to control her anger. *Alice in Wonderland* is the story of Alice, a little girl who falls down a rabbit hole and all she wants is to get back to her home. In her journey to get back home, she comes across an extremely curious cast of characters; like a white rabbit with a waistcoat and a pocket watch, a mad hatter, a

strange, cryptic caterpillar, a short tempered queen, and many more. She will discover more about herself and the world around her than she would've ever thought possible. It is based on the novel by Lewis Carroll.



Alice in Wonderland

Shell Theatre, May 26, 2015

7:00pm - 9:00pm with a 10 minute intermission

General Admission \$10.00

Tickets sold online at www.showtix4u.com

Alice in Wonderland is suitable for all ages!

Nicki Jenkins

Fine Arts Teacher

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Edmonton Regional Skills Competition

Once again Matthew Yaworski competed in the Edmonton Regional Skills Competition. Congratulations, Matthew! Keep up the good work!

GRAD 2015

Grad 2015 is rapidly approaching. Graduation Banquet takes place on Saturday, May 9. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner, a formal program and dance. The Commencement Ceremony will take place Saturday, June 20,



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with Mass at OLA Parish at 3:00 pm and the Commencement Ceremony at 7:30 pm at the Shell Theatre in the Dow Centennial Centre. For further information, please see the school website at stjp2.eics.ab.ca or contact Ms. Zaleschuk at elaanz@eics.ab.ca

There will be an important Grad meeting next Tuesday, May 5, in Block 3 at 12:20 in the Library. All grads MUST attend!

Leadership News

Are you Ultimate? The Ultimate Scavenger Hunt is making a return appearance at St. JP II this year from April 29th to May 6th! In sponsorship of the Families First Society of Fort Saskatchewan, and the refugee family that will shortly be joining our community, the Ultimate Scavenger Hunt will be a great school & community event. Thank you to all of the staff and students who will be participating this year, and a special thank-you to all of our sponsors for the event. Happy Hunting!

Did you like BYOB (bring your own banana?)? If so, you are in luck! St. JP II spirit days will be returning in May and you may just even find yourself wearing a hat to school! Stay tuned!

Ms. Degenhardt and some members of the Leadership team will also be attending the Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC) in Olds May 11-13. This is a fantastic annual provincial event and a great opportunity for students to network with other student leaders. If you are interested in attending conferences like this, then join leadership! Leadership is always looking for new members, so if you are interested, please see Mr. Segberg or Ms. Degenhardt. ☺

Day of Service

The Grade 12 Day of Service was a great success! The majority of our St. JP2 Grade 12's spent the better part of the day on Friday, April 24th serving others. Groups of about 10+ students were sent to the following locations to serve: The Bissell Centre, The Mustard Seed Church and Personal Assistance Center, The Habitat for Humanity Prefab Shop, The Edmonton Food Bank, and our own local elementary school, St. John XXIII. In each of these locations students received training and then were able to help out in various ways. Perhaps the most important though, was that in each location, students we educated about the needs of those served by each agency. Our hope at St. JP2 is that this day be-

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comes a springboard to a life of giving back to others - especially those in most need - for this is our calling in Christ.

Mr. Walker, Chaplain



See more photos on last page.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS



Another year is approaching completion and our department is planning the 2015-2016 year. Please take the time to read through the bullets below. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Office by calling 780-449-6480, via fax: 780-449-6481 or email [transportation @eics.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@eics.ab.ca).

Thank you !

- If your child's transportation address(es) will be changing, the Transportation Request form must be completed indicating the alternate address information. The form is located on line at www.eics.ab.ca under "Transportation".
- If your child ***did not*** access the yellow bus this year and will require busing for 2015-2016, please complete the Transportation Request form located on line at www.eics.ab.ca under "Transportation".
- If your child accessed the yellow bus this year, busing will be automatically assigned and the

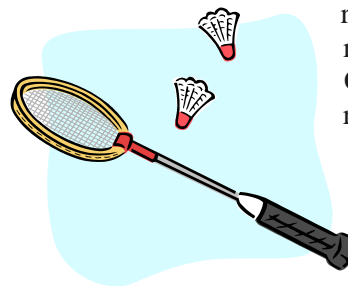
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2015-2016 invoice, where fees are applicable, will be mailed to you in May.

- If your child accessed the yellow bus this year and ***will not*** require the service for 2015-2016, please advise the office immediately. This will allow for the planning of more efficient services.
- If you are contacted by a driver in August and your child ***will not*** be access the yellow bus, please let us know so that we may remove his/her name from the list and cancel the invoice if one has been issued.
- *The deadline for payment to ensure your child receives bus service for August 31st is July 31st.* Students accessing the Elk Island Public Schools busing service must pay them directly.
- *Students who reside within the Hamlet of Sherwood Park* who are entering Grade 9 this fall will be using Strathcona County Transit for school transportation. Route information is available on the County website at www.strathcona.ab.ca or by calling 780-464-7433. Passes will only be provided to eligible students and are distributed by the school. Payride students can purchase their own transit pass from Strathcona Transit. All students who ride Strathcona Transit must display their Transit pass whenever they are boarding the bus (except for the first 3 days of school in September). *There will be no exceptions.*

SENIOR BADMINTON

The SENIOR BADMINTON season was a brief but exciting one!!! Twenty students (12 boys and 8 girls)



ranging from grade 10-12 represented St. John Paul II Catholic school in 5 separate tournaments in the regular season, 1 playoff tournament, and all three Provincial Zone Playdown Categories (Singles, Doubles, and

Mixed Doubles). Every single player contributed to the successes of the regular and post seasons. As a very young team (5 grade twelve students) the players al-

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ways competed against older and more seasoned opponents and gained some very valuable experience. The effort, persistence, and enthusiasm shown all season long was never match by any opponent. This young squad will be a force to reckon with in years to come.

A special "thanks" to the graduating players. Your leadership, effort, and skills were examples of the standard set for the culture of this team moving forward. We appreciate your time and energy.

Jeremiah Aquino
James Barbour
Brett Dubuc
Alex Hynes
Matthew Yaworski

Coach Reader

JUNIOR BADMINTON

Mr. Romanowski and Mrs. Tully would like to thank the Junior Badminton Team for a great season. It was short and sweet, and it was nice to see all players improving their skills with every practice and every competition. We had a two exhibition games and two tournaments, including the Final Tournament on April 28th. We got better with each game. A big shout out to all of our athletes in Grade 9, and extra big congratulations to our two bronze finalists – Michael and Brayen in boys doubles and Rani and Bryce in mixed doubles. Sincerely,
Mr. Romanowski and Mrs. Tully

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RUGBY

We have both girls' and boys' rugby teams. The girls have joined with the Archbishop Jordan girls and are coached by Ms Zwicker. Upcoming games are on May 5, 12, 19 at 4:45 at Lynn Davies Field in Sherwood Park. Mr. Robert is coaching the boys again this year.



EUROPE TRIP

The Europe trip 2015 was a blast ! We travelled to Budapest, Vienna, Prague, and Berlin. We also made a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia and Dresden, Germany. A few highlights of our trip were the boat cruise we took on the Danube River, and a day we spent at the famous amusement park Prater in Vienna, Austria. Shoutout to Ms. Labrecque for being the best teacher and for putting up with all of us for ten days.

Callie Woodley, Jensen Barss



SKILLS FIELD TRIP

On Thursday, May 14th, St. JP II students will have the opportunity to attend the SKILLS Alberta Competitions held at the Expo Center in Northlands Edmonton. This will be a full day event, from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Students are expected to bring a bagged lunch, but there will be food for purchase at the event. **To help offset the cost of busing, a small fee of \$5 is requested.** Sign up for Remind to receive reminders about the trip!

What is it?

It is a chance to check out the Skills Competition that high school and post-secondary students, from all over Alberta, participate in. Booths will be set up for students to try out a variety of trades in hopes of learning more about the career path. Post-Secondary schools and employers will be there to answer questions and share information.



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