

St. John Paul II Catholic School

June 2014 Newsletter

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. In so many ways it has been an incredible year filled with memories for staff and students alike. We are blessed with an incredible staff, fabulous community support and great students. Effective June 27, our school name changes! In recognition of the canonization of our patron saint, we will now be known as St. John Paul II Catholic School. Contact information remains the same.

We Appreciate You and Value Your Contribution!

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank the people who work so hard to make John Paul II the great place that it is:

- Our Caretaking staff who work so hard to keep our school very clean;
- Our front office staff who meet and greet everyone who comes into the office, handle our financial matters, communicate marks with Alberta Learning and ensure that report cards and schedules go out on time;
- Our Educational Assistants who go above and beyond the call of duty to build a climate of success for our students;
- Our Teachers who continue to meet every challenge and ensure that quality education happens every day;
- Our Parent Advisory Council, a small but dedicated group of parents, who support staff and students, providing an important voice for the parents and community of John Paul II;

Staff Changes - it is with sadness that we say good bye to the following individuals:

- Mr. Vernon Brady who will be moving to Our Lady of Angels Catholic School the fall.
- Mr. Stephan Perozak who has accepted a transfer to Archbishop Jordan Catholic School in Sherwood Park.
- Mr. Rob Stecyk who will become the Assistant Principal at Archbishop Jordan.
- Ms. Tracy Melnyk who will be moving to Great St. Albert Catholic Schools as an Assistant Principal.
- Ms. Kelly Scott who is returning to Ontario.
- Mrs. Michelle Gau who will be on maternity leave.
- Mrs. Shannon Ellenwood who will also be on maternity leave.
- Ms. Holland Eddie who has accepted a teaching position with Evergreen Catholic Schools.

Diploma Results

Official transcripts including non-diploma and diploma course marks will be mailed to any student writing a diploma exam on July 21st. The deadline to submit a request to rescore a diploma exam is August 5th. For more information, visit the Alberta Education website.

Registration Dates

The school office will be open 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for the 2014-15 school year beginning August 20th. ***Student registration will take place on the following dates:***

Grade 9 - Monday August 25th (9:00 - 11:30)

Grade 12 - Monday August 25th (12:30 - 3:00)

Grade 10 - Tuesday August 26th (9:00 - 11:30)

Grade 11 - Tuesday August 26th (12:30 - 3:00)

Student fees are due at the time of registration. The school will accept cheques, debit or credit cards or fees may be paid on line. In addition, a bank machine is available in the main foyer.

Textbook Caution Fee

Please be advised that a \$100.00 textbook caution fee is assessed upon initial registration at the school. Students who have lost or damaged books must settle that account with the school each year. Caution fee refund cheques will be mailed out to students who are not returning and whose books have all been returned. Caution Fee Refunds will be mailed out in the fall.

Returning Grade 12's

Students wishing to return to high school to upgrade are welcome. As returning grade 12's you will be accepted as Adult students responsible for your own learning. Students may enroll in regular classes or may complete courses via Distance Learning. We are here to support you in your goal for high school completion and post secondary entrance. Please make an appointment to register with Mr. Tonita.

New Students Welcome!

New students may register by making an appointment with Principal Bill Tonita beginning on August 20th. Students wishing to make timetable changes are to see Assistant Principal Mr. Steve Tymko (grade 9 and 10), Counsellor Ms. Nicole Labrecque (grade 11) or Principal Mr. Bill Tonita (grade 12).

Student Parking

Students wishing to park in the school lot are assigned parking stalls on a first come, first serve basis beginning on August 25th. Parking permits will be issued at a nominal cost of \$20.00/student. All students will be required to sign a parking code of conduct to access the school lot. Students must pay all school fees prior to applying for a parking stall.

First Day of Classes

Classes will commence on Tuesday September 2nd.

School Supply List

Pens/pencils

Lined paper, binders as needed (minimum 1 for each core subject)

Thesaurus

Highlighter

Ruler

Compass

Protractor

Math: ***Calculator - Grade 10-12 TI n-spire CX***

Grade 9 - any calculator with basic operations plus square root will do.

Clean indoor pair of non-marking runners

Change of clothing for Physical Education

Meet the Staff Night

Please join us on Wednesday September 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the library for our meet the staff night. Parent Council elections will also take place that evening.

JPII Welcomes New Staff Members

When the new school commences next fall, we will welcome several new staff members:

- Ms. Nicole Cava teaching, who recently graduated from the University of Alberta will be teaching English.
- Ms. Justine Degenhardt, also a recent graduate from the University of Alberta will be teaching English.
- Ms. Angela Stolk returns from Maternity leave and will be teaching English and Comm. Tech.
- Mr. Cameron Keats, a graduate of JPII will be transferring here from OLMP in Camrose joins our Math department.
- Ms. Barb Lemmens returns to our Math department after at year at home raising her family.
- Ms. Terri-Lynn Panich also comes to us from OLMP and joins our Math department.
- Ms. Ewelina Tully also comes from OLMP and will be teaching Foods.
- Mr. Sean Reader comes to us from Archbishop Jordan as a Phys Ed/Personal Fitness Teacher.
- Mr. Pawel Romanowski comes to us from St. Luke Catholic School as a Social Studies/French teacher.

Final Word

To those of you who are leaving JPII, especially our grads, we wish you the light of Christ as you embark on the next phase of your journey. Please keep a special place in your heart for JPII, knowing that you have truly made a difference to all of us here. In the words of St. John Paul II, "May your faith shine before the world." God bless you all.