



Upcoming Events

Sept. 24 - Mass at OLA Church, 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 24 – Meet the Staff evening, 7:00, library
Sept. 25 - Mitch Dorge Presentation 10 a.m.
Sept. 26 - Terry Fox run
Oct. 21, 22 – Grade 9 retreat, Camp Encounter
Oct. 26 - Academic Awards night, 7 p.m.

A Message from the Principal

Welcome back! It is wonderful to see the level of excitement this exists in our students as they begin the new school year. By now, most of our students have settled into the routine of classes. Timetables have been changed, tryouts for school teams have taken place and student activities are up and running.

As we begin the New Year, our staff has reflected on our mission to provide a high quality learning experience for students infused with the gospel values of our Catholic Faith. Our division motto is, “Seeing Christ in Everyone.” It is those words that guide our actions as we seek to create a warm and caring environment for all. If at any time you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to give us a call. As parents you are an important partner in the education of your children. We welcome your involvement.

School Goals

Goal One: Building Catholic Culture

- To build a strong, Christ centered community, filled with school spirit and pride.

Goal Two: Success for Every Student

- To ensure that every student finds success.
- To assist all students in their growth as responsible citizens of the global community.

Goal Three: Quality Teaching and School Leadership

- To ensure that sound educational practices are in place which support quality teaching and encourage leadership development.
- To increase student engagement through differentiated instruction, and by integrating technology and sound assessment practices into all aspects of instruction.
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Goal Four: Safe and Caring Environment

- To create a safe and caring environment where students feel valued, nurtured and cared for.
- To create an environment that is hospitable to education.

Meet the Staff Night

All parents are welcome to attend our meet the staff night on Tuesday September 24th at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a short presentation in the library followed by a meet and greet with the staff. Please join us to meet our new staff and renew acquaintances for our veterans!

Parent Teacher Interviews

In order to serve you better, a number of changes will be made to our interview format this year. We will be moving to an on-line appointment booking procedure for our fall interviews. Interviews will be held on November 6th from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Once the on-line booking procedure is in place, a phone call home will be made with more information.

Terry Fox Run

Once again this year, we will be participating in a school wide Terry Fox Run on September 26th. Our goal is to raise \$1000.00 for cancer research through the run. Parents may send in donations with their children or may donate through the office.

Opening Mass

Please join us for our opening mass at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church on September 24th at 9:00 a.m.

In Your Face and Interactive – Mitch Dorge

Since 2007, The Co-operators has partnered with [Mitch Dorge](#), a Juno-award winner, Grammy Award nominee and drummer with the Canadian musical group Crash Test Dummies. Mitch is passionate about empowering today's youth and is the spokesperson for Teens Against Drinking and Driving (T.A.D.D.) and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.).

Mitch has developed a unique, thought-provoking presentation, *In Your Face and Interactive*, which takes

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an honest and intense look at **responsible choices**.

Mitch's engaging two-hour presentation encourages young adults between 12 and 18 to **set goals** for themselves and to make choices that will help them get there.

Parents are welcome to join us for this information presentation on September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

AP Program Expands

September marks the beginning of year two in our Advanced Placement Program expansion. Advanced Placement courses are designed for students looking for additional challenge academically. Students in grade 12 who write the AP exam may receive advanced standing in university and may have access to additional scholarships.

This year John Paul II offers a full range of AP courses at the grade 10 level including English 10AP, Math 10AP, Science 10AP and Social Studies 10AP. In grade 11, the program includes English 20AP, Math 20/30 AP, Chemistry 20/30 AP and Social Studies 20AP. Through the combined Math20/30AP course students will write their Diploma exam in Math 30-1 at the end of June. In Chemistry students will write the AP exam at the end of May as well as the Chemistry 30 Diploma exam at the end of June. It is exciting to see so many students accepting the AP challenge in grade 10 and 11.

AP teachers including the following: Mrs. Melyn – English 10 and 20AP; Mr. Robert – Social Studies 10 and 20AP, Ms. Zwicker – Science 10AP and Chemistry 20/30AP; and Mr. Perozak – Math 10/20/30AP.

School Responds to Funding Cuts at Distance Learning

In response to the funding cuts with Alberta Distance Learning in the spring budget, John Paul II has made a number of changes to our Distance Learning model. The school has purchased a site license for all distance learning print materials which gives us print access to many of the courses we currently deliver via the distance learning model. The changes at Distance Learning have resulted in some initial delays in terms of getting materials out to students; however, most students now have their course materials. Local fees charged for these courses will cover the licensing fee for each course as well as print costs at the school.

John Paul II continues to employ the equivalent of one full teacher to support students on distance learning

through the student centre. Our approach to Distance Learning over the years has resulted in one of the highest completion rates for students on distance learning. Indeed, John Paul II is seen as one of the most successful distance learning centres in the province due to the high level of support that students receive from our teachers.

Students enrolled in Distance Learning courses are required to work in the student centre where they receive direct teacher support. This model ensures the greatest success for students.

School Fees

School fees are due. For those of you who have not yet paid fees, Mrs. Roth, our accounts clerk, will be sending home invoices with students on Monday or Tuesday, Sept. 19, 20. Please check your invoice for accuracy. We accept cash, cheques, debit or credit cards, however, Mrs. Roth's hours at school are 8:15 to 1:30, Monday to Thursday.

GREETINGS FROM THE CAFETERIA

We are up and running for another school year and are very blessed to be able to serve the staff and students at John Paul II. Our aim is to serve nutritional choices that fit within the students' budgets. Hours for cafeteria will be 8:30 am to 2:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. We will be opening up earlier in the next few weeks to serve those earlybird students and staff that start earlier, so watch for our signs. The monthly menu is posted around the cafeteria if you would like to know what we are serving ahead of time. We are also looking for students who would like to work the cafeteria during spare blocks or during lunch hours. If you would like to try this and make a few spare dollars or earn some meal tickets, please stop by and see Maddy. I am also trying to recruit a couple of students who are awesome artists to do up some daily chalk boards for us. This would be a great way to get some meal tickets for a few minutes of your time doing something you love to do. Congratulations to Willem Groten for guessing our quote of the day and earning himself a free lunch. This is something we do daily, so if you like to challenge yourself a wee bit, then come and see the quote of the day posted on our menu board and try and guess who the author or origin of the quote is from. The first person who guesses the correct answer gets lunch on us.

Our cafeteria is nut free, for anyone who may be worried about a nut allergy. If you have any other allergies please stop by and tell us and we will do our best to keep some menu items with those allergies in mind. Coming up in the near future is our meal card

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plan. These will be handy cards that you can purchase to so you don't always have to carry cash to the cafeteria. As well if you would like special catering for your sports team or meeting, we can cater this, in school or out including weekends. We do all kinds of things like pizzas, desserts, fresh baked buns. Just call or email Maddy ([780 298 5036](tel:7802985036), maddan.dan@gmail.com) and inquire or stop by anytime and come meet me, Maddy, or say hello to our worker Leah. Have a wonderful first month of school, and I look forward to your visit to the cafeteria. Maddy

Attention all Grade 9 students (and their parents!)

On October 21- 22, 2013 we will have our Grade 9 welcoming retreat at Camp Encounter!

All grade 9's are to attend this retreat whether they are in first or second semester Religious Studies 9.

It is a wonderful experience that is sure to be one of the best memories of their first year at JP2! Students will engage in various exciting activities such as rock wall climbing, canoeing (weather permitting), archery, and a fantastic personal and group challenge course – along with some great community building activities and experiences. Students will leave at the start of the school day on the 21st of October, stay overnight at the camp, and then return in time for the end of the school day on the following day.

Permission forms and itineraries will be sent out the week of September 23rd, so be on the lookout for more information about this great opportunity!

All grade 9 students are eligible for the Servus Credit Union Martyn Godfrey Young Writer's Award. Students have the opportunity to win e-readers, books, and author visits to our school! All you have to do is write a funny short story or mini graphic novel and send it in by January 6, 2014. For more information visit www.yabs.ab.ca, call [780-422-8232](tel:7804228232), or see Mrs. Ellenwood.

Drama Club

The drama club meetings will be held **after school September 17th until December 22nd, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:30**. Drama Club is for students who are dedicated and driven to improve and hone their acting skills. Being a part of the theatre is a great way to meet new people, take



risks and grow. We promise you this process is highly worth it and a lot of fun. As you will learn throughout the year, there are a number of roles in a production: actors, publicity, lighting designers, set designers, costume designers, sound crew, light crew, etc. Please talk to Ms. Jenkins if you would like to be a part of this exciting drama opportunity!

Auditions will be held on September 17th in the drama room from 3:15 – 4:30.

If you have any questions or concerns you can email Ms. Jenkins at:

nicolaj@eics.ab.ca

LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to extend a heartwarming thank you to Mr. Tom Hughes. He has donated hundreds of books and maps from his personal library to share with our students and staff. What a wonderful addition to our collection! These items will be cherished by all for years to come.

We are once again holding our QSP magazine subscription fundraiser throughout “Read-In” week. Look forward to having the catalogs distributed in early October. All orders will need to be returned after Thanksgiving weekend OR you may order directly online. Information will follow.

SALT & LIGHT

September Reflection

Many Parts, One Body in Christ

Our school district has chosen a fantastic theme this year – “Many Parts, One Body in Christ”. It is based passage from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians which speaks about the Church as the body of Christ. As Christians, all of us are called to live “as one body”. We know that we are better together. We know that community is better than isolation. We know that God has called us together as one in Jesus who prayed “Father may they all be one”. We know that each of us have unique and precious gifts, talents, and abilities to share - yet we so often lose faith in this regard. Perhaps this year’s theme, then, is best seen as a challenge. Perhaps with this theme in mind we will be led to continually ask ourselves “how am I supporting others?” and “what gifts can I bring to my community?” Here at JP2 we want to embody this message. We need each other. We value each other. We serve each other. What I bring, no one else can. The community is less if I am not an active part of it. May God bless each one of us – parents, students, school staff – as we seek to truly live as one – led by Christ’s love!

JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

***Annual Awards Evening
Thursday, October 24, 2013
at 7:00 p.m.***



This is a special occasion during the school year when our diligent students are recognized for their academic excellence.

Please come to congratulate and encourage them. Everyone is welcome!

JP II is looking for sponsors of awards and scholarships. If you or your company are interested in being a sponsor, please call Mr. Tonita at school at 780-992-0889.



Welcome to another exciting athletics year at John Paul II H.S. While our senior teams will be competing in the Edmonton Metro Zone for their third season, the amalgamation of the Edmonton Public Zone with the Edmonton Metro Zone this past June will provide our grade 10-12 student-athletes with new opportunities and challenges. The league has doubled in size and our senior teams are looking forward to showcasing their abilities in this new structure. Senior volleyball is in full swing already with our teams at a tournament at Fort High and our junior teams are currently running tryouts. Speaking of our junior athletics, we have transferred from the EICS league into the EIPS league. This will provide some more local competition for our junior athletes and new schools to play against in volleyball and basketball. Best of luck to all our student-athletes and we encourage everyone to come out to a game and show your Patriot Pride!

Mr. Stecyk
Athletic Director

SPORTS

Senior Girls' Volleyball

The Senior Girls Volleyball team is ready for an awesome season! They will be practicing hard in the next couple of weeks as the season kicks off with the Fort High tournament on September 13th and 14th

followed by the Ardrossan tournament on September 20th and 21st. It has become a tradition for the team to participate in the Run for the Cure in support of breast cancer research, so look out for the girls on Sunday October 6th as they run for a great cause decked out in their finest pink running gear! We host our home tournament on October 18th and 19th. Check out the Athletics bulletin board and the JPII website for dates of home games and opportunities to come out and cheer on your Lady Patriots. Go Patriots Go!

The following young ladies have made the team! Brittany Dubuc, Kylie Zazula, Kenedy Takacs, Justice Blackburn, Allyson Apolonio, Shae-Lynn Munroe, Natasha Gracie, Chandler Grainger, Mackenzie Loren,

Mekenna Cummings, Drew Giebelhaus, Shaden Over-Bradsell. Good luck, girls, and have a great season!



Senior Boys' Volleyball

The Senior boys were off to a quick start to the season holding tryouts on just the second day of school. So far the boys are looking good with 6 returning players coming back from last season as well as adding some youth with a number of grade 10's and 11's. The boys kick their season off at the Fort High tournament on September 13 and 14, and then travel to Ardrossan's tournament on September 20 and 21. JPII will be hosting their tournament on October 18 and 19 so come out and cheer them on.

This year's team: Louis Kolla, Micah Bonneville, Brad McQueen, Brett Dunstall, Ryan Rocque, Brett Dubuc, Alex Hynes, Bryce Grozli, Ben Hawryliw, Wyatt Lavallee, AJ Cuthill, Nicholas Kolla, Mark Field, Mason Franchuk, and Brandon Geiger.

Coaches : Ryan Gau, Bill Rindero, and Jason Letwin

LATE BREAKING NEWS REGARDING JUNIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Delainey Music, Kaitlyn Krauskopf, Emily Clark, Danielle Ouellet, Rhianna Zazula, Brittany Millard, Delaney Takacs, Andrea Buban, Alexandra Dykey, Megan Nixon, Alexandria Vrdoljakv, and Alana Carter have made the team.

Red Shirts are Abby Ackerman, Natasha Magas, Shaylin Sharpe.

Have a great season and good luck!

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Sherwood Park News and the Information & Volunteer Centre are proud sponsors of **BE THE GAME**.

Join Joe Drexler, Founder of BE THE GAME “building strong kids from the inside out” to impact kids to **CREATE CHANGE** and to truly **STOP BULLYING** by focusing on their actions and his 21 Day Challenge to End bullying program.

Too much “focus” is being given to the negatives of bullying. We all know bullying is bad and the negative results that develop from this **learned behaviour**. Joe will be here to help students **unlearn** this behaviour with his positive, confidence building program that is developing tomorrow’s leaders. No child should ever be afraid to go to school. We are all the same colour in the dark.

Students take a lot of pride in being a big part of the journey to **create change** and to **end bullying**. All participating students receive **Awards of Excellence that many parents are proudly displaying across the Globe**. The challenge can also be used on applications for volunteering and employment!

When: October 18, 2013

Where: Festival Place

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Website: www.bethegame.ca **Twitter:** @BeTheGame

Fee: In Kind pledge to BE THE GAME

Please RSVP to Anna Tymoszejko at 780.464.4242 by October 7th, 2013.

Join the 21 Day Challenge to end Bullying and Create Change.

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JAPAN 2013

From July 19- Aug. 3, five students from JPII had the amazing opportunity to travel to Yokohama, Japan, to live in a Japanese home and, to travel and reacquaint with the Japanese exchange students they met in April. The students who traveled were Cailin Yang, Bailey Husieff, Wade Hebbard, Jeremiah Aquino and Dustin Vaudan. The Japanese visit was extremely successful, and the experiences and relationships the students made will never be forgotten.

While in Japan, our students got to spend two weeks living with their host families. They got to experience Japanese life in a true context, as opposed to a hotel context. Some activities the students did with their families were cook traditional meals, eat out in a variety of restaurants, travel to Mt. Fuji, spend time at the beach in Kamakura, attend the Fireworks and Yakata festival in Yokohama, and many other activities. The students got to be fully immersed within the culture and they observed many traditions, learned some of the language, saw how Japanese people live in a very busy city. When the group tours took place, 81 members of the Edmonton group were all together, combined with Regina, SK, and two American cities: Walla Walla, WA., and Dayton, OH. Our day tours included Tokyo Disney, Sea Paradise Aquarium, Asakusa, Edo Museum, boat tour of Tokyo, Cultural Day at Yamate, and more. We had amazing sights to see, food to taste, and activities to entertain us.

What was also exciting is the JPII students got to meet and reacquaint with the Japanese students who were here in April. They were so happy to see their new friends again, that when the time came to say good bye, on Aug. 3, there were tears shed by everyone.

One of the most exciting results from this exchange is the full expectation of the JPII students to travel back to Japan to see their “families” again. The bonds of friendship were forged, and with the use of social media, hopefully last forever. I’ve heard some of the JPII students say they are going back after graduation. I am very excited for them.

Overall, I am very happy with the level of maturity of our JPII students. They were exemplary students in Japan and I am very proud of them. I truly look forward to 2016 when more JPII students will have this amazing opportunity.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Zaleschuk.



Sankeien Gardens, Yokohama.

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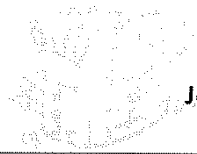
Tokyo Disney.



Our final good byes at Yamate High School.

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The Lunch Bucket

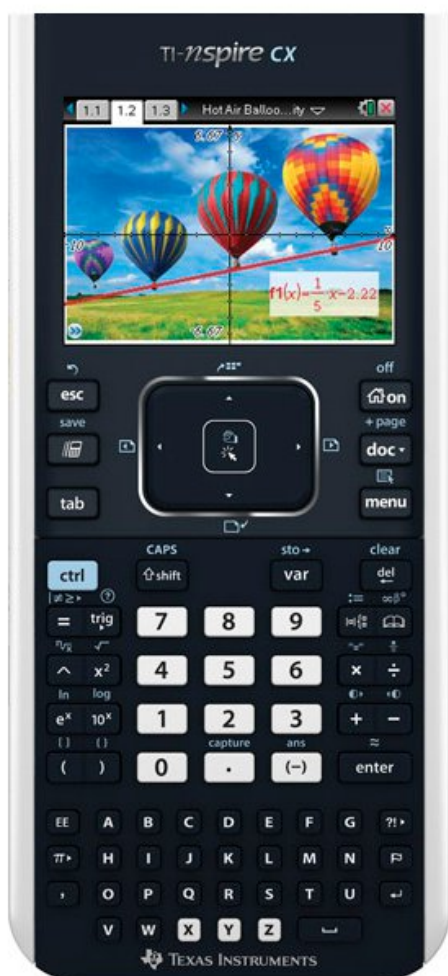


John Paul II High School
Cafeteria

September Daily Specials

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Chicken Noodle Fresh Buns Sweet and Sour Meatballs/Rice Garden Peas	10 Tomato Rice Sesame Buns Grilled Ham/Cheese Sandwiches	11 Beef Barley Cheese Buns Mushroom Chicken Penne Alfredo Glazed Carrots	12 Corn Chowder Bannock Meatloaf/Mashed Potatoes/Mixed Vegetables	13 Hamburger Soup Onion Buns Fries Burgers Vegetable Sticks
16 Tomato Bisque Fresh Buns Fish Fry Rice Pilaf Broccoli/Cheese	17 Vegetable Quinoa Fried Bannock Chili Baked Potato Wedgies Corn	18 Chicken Rice Cheese Biscuits Lasagna Caesar Salad Garlic Toast	19 Clam Chowder Kaiser Rolls Beef Fajita Sweet Potato Fries	20 Mushroom Fresh Buns Fries Burgers Vegetable Sticks
23 Cream of Celery Sour Dough Rolls Chicken Stir Fry Rice	24 Baked Onion Pepperoni Buns Soft Taco Potato Jems	25 Turkey Rice Cheesy Buns Macaroni/Tuna Casserole Peas	26 Minestrone Baked Bannock Beef Stew Garden Salad	27 Potatoe and Bacon Surprise Buns Fries Burgers Vegetable Sticks
30 Cream of Chicken HotDog Rollups Fish Sticks Mushroom Rice	<div>Hours of Operation *8:30 am - 2:00 pm Except as otherwise posted <i>Identify the quote of the day posted on our daily menu board and get your lunch free</i></div>			

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Texas Instruments TI-*nspire* CX

Dear Parents,

Students enrolled in **Math 10C** in the 2013-2014 school year require a graphing calculator. Teachers will be instructing using the **TI-*nspire* CX**, so it will be advantageous for your child to have this calculator. The older TI series (TI-83, 84) of calculators that we have used for the past ten years or so will eventually be phased out of production. If you were planning to hand-down an older calculator from a graduating sibling to a sibling entering grade 10, you might want to look at selling it on *kijiji* or the like.

The **TI-*nspire* CX** is available at stores like Staples and London Drugs, or on-line.

!!!!!! IMPORTANT !!!!!

If we can collect at least 60 proofs of purchase for these calculators, our school will receive a TI-Navigator system (a \$2500.00 value) free of charge, so please **keep ALL of the packaging** when you purchase the calculator (have your child bring the packaging to Mr. Perozak at the school).

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013.

(please cut along the dashed line and submit the portion below ASAP)

(student name – please print clearly)

(parent signature)