



Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 – PD day – no classes

Nov. 6 - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:30-6:00,
6:30 – 9:00

Nov. 8 – Remembrance Day Celebration, 10:15

Nov. 11 - 15 – No classes

Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10 – Due to church renovations,
regular weekend masses will be held at the usual
times at Lamoureux.

A Message from the Principal

Important changes have been made with respect to reporting student progress this year. Report Cards will be distributed on the evening of Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday November 6. For the first time ever, parents are now able to sign up for interviews using our on-line tool. Please book appointments by visiting the following site: <http://www.schoolbookings.net> and enter the code 3GGU8.

If you were unable to book an interview but still wish to speak with a teacher, we ask you to contact the teacher directly to make alternate arrangements.

Although we have moved to one evening of interviews we have extended the time so that teachers will be available for the same amount of time from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m.. Interview times are 10 minutes each and a bell will ring to signal that it is time to move to the next interview. Please be mindful of the time to ensure that we do not fall behind.

School Goals for 2013-14

Goal One: Building Catholic Culture

Goal Two: Success for Every Student

Goal Three: Quality Teaching and School
Leadership

Goal Four: Safe and Caring Environment

Monthly Values Assembly Focuses on Courage

In an effort to build community, the school will be holding monthly assemblies this year designed to promote positive values. In September our focus

was on **Respect**. October's assembly focused on Courage. Thank you to Mr. Robert who talked on **Courage** and standing up for what is right! We encourage our students to accept the challenge to act with courage throughout the coming month.

Catholic Education Sunday

Each year our schools come together to celebrate Catholic Education in Fort Saskatchewan. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the good news about Catholic Education with the faith community. This year our celebration will take place at the 5:15 mass on Saturday, November 23rd at Our Lady of Angels Parish. We invite all of you to attend!

Awards Night a Huge Success

On Thursday October 24th the school held its annual Academic Awards Night. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. John Paul II is extremely blessed to have the support of our parish, community agencies and service clubs, charitable as well as many businesses. We thank you all for having so much faith in our students.

We are pleased to offer three new awards to pay tribute to members of our community:

Grade 9 – “Renatta Yuzda (Grainger)

Memorial Award for Dedication and Perseverance”

Winner – Mekenna Cummings

Grade 10 – “Sister Ada Toner Award for

Dedication and Perseverance”

Winner – Adam Ries

Grade 11 – “Andy Polanski Memorial

Award for Dedication and Perseverance”

Winner – Katelyn Bartel

Congratulations to all of our Award winners!

Alberta Education Unveils New Vision

**The Vision of an Educated Albertan: An
Engaged Thinker and ethical Citizen
with an Entrepreneurial Spirit**

POWER SCHOOL HAS THE POWER!

Power School is the web-based information system that our School Division uses to communicate data to parents and students. Power School has the power to keep you informed and to help you make decisions to ensure success for your son or daughter. We strongly encourage all students and parents to log on to this site on a regular basis. Communication between school and home is paramount to increasing the likelihood of student success.

If you are unsure about how to access this web site, or you have forgotten the user name and password, please contact Mrs. Raiwet in our office by email:

yvonner@eics.ab.ca

Thank you for being totally involved in your child's education.

Punctuality

We continue to emphasize to our students that arriving to class on time is important. If your son or daughter is late for a justifiable reason, please notify the office with a note or phone call. Students will still be held accountable for being inexcusably late. If the situation becomes chronic, teachers or school administrators may be contacting you to assist in resolving the issue. We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

School Fees

School fees are due to be paid at the office. Mrs. Roth's hours are from 8:00 to 3:30 Monday to Thursday. For more information, please call Mrs. Roth at our office, or e-mail rhondar@eics.ab.ca

School Council News

Congratulations to our 2013-14 parent council executive: Paulette Field – Chair, Annalise Yuzda – Secretary, Shannon Knowles – Treasurer, and CSPCC Rep – Stacy McKay.

SALT AND LIGHT

For this weeks Chaplain's column, I invite you to read the following excerpt from americancatholic.org entitled "*Halloween and its Christian Roots*". I believe the reflection to be very pertinent since we have just celebrated Halloween and All Saints Day (November 1), and now will continue to honour our dead through Remembrance day.

When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But do you know the Christian connection to the holiday?

The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead - including ghosts, goblins and witches - returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider- traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as "All Hallows Eve" or "holy evening" Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. On November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day.

The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the "communion of saints" which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that through the communion of saints "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (#1475).

This article is certainly food for thought. God bless you and yours in the coming month! Sincerely, Mr. Walker, School Chaplain

JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 1

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Sessions will be conducted in the John Paul II
Gymnasium

November 6, 2013

3:30 – 6:00, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Student report cards will **not** be distributed in advance.

Report cards must be picked up in the gym on Nov. 6,

All parents and students are encouraged to attend
interviews.

*We look forward for the opportunity to work together
for success.*

For further information, please call 780-992-0889.



<http://teenbeing.com/technology/whats-app-ask-fm/>

Copy and paste into your browser to find out information on a website that is causing problems for many teenagers. Sad, but true.

PEP – PARENTS EMPOWERING PARENTS

This group offers several services to support our students and families. This Team Talk is but one offered in the Strathcona area. Schools in the Strathcona area please add the following link to your site to inform your community of this great organization and many offerings.

<http://www.pepsociety.ca>

GRAD 2013

Save the date!!! Grad 2014 dates are as follows...



Formal Banquet at the SHAW Conference Center, Saturday, May 10th at 5 pm. Tickets on sale in 2014. Stay tuned for more details.

Grad 2014 Mass at OLA on Sunday, June

22 at 5 pm

Grad 2014 Commencement Ceremonies at the DOW Sunday, June 22 at 7:30 pm. Tickets on-sale in 2014. Stay tuned.

Graduate Formal Portraits will happen during January exam break. More info to come!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget...

Remembrance Day Service



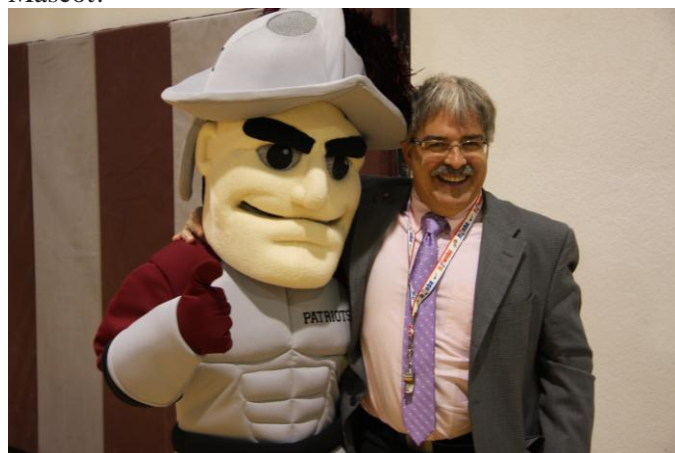
Please come and join the staff and students of John Paul II High School as we remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The service is on November 8, 2013 and will begin at 10:15 a.m. The ceremony will be approximately 1 hour long. Help us ensure the generations to come will never forget.

PATRIOT LEADERSHIP

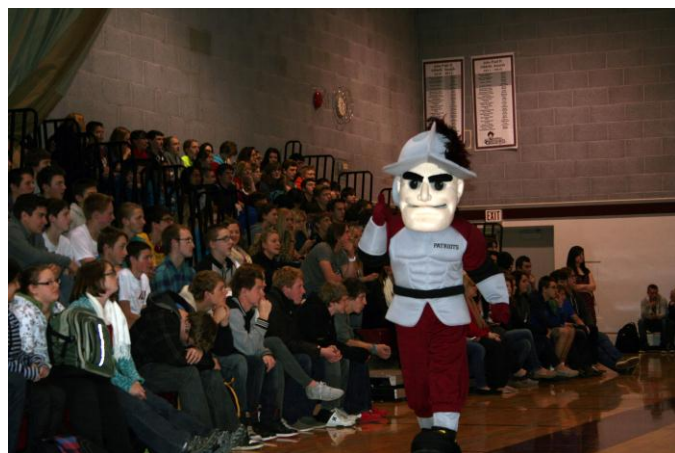
Leadership has gotten off to a great start this year! We have many more wonderful activities planned this year and look forward to the participation of all our students.

This month we had a pj day and a week of food challenges. Congratulations to the winners.

In October we were very pleased to introduce the newest member of our JPII family, JP the Patriot Mascot!



Next month watch for news and announcements on Geomeer!



EUROPE TRIP 2014

Any students that are interested in attending this year's Europe trip to Rome, Tuscany, the French Riviera and Paris, your window for opportunity is closing quickly. Deadline for application is approaching fast so please see Mr. Gau if you are interested in attending this life changing experience.



READ-IN WEEK, 2013



The magazine subscription program for Read-in week was another great success this year. 20 people brought in magazine orders while others ordered online. The ones that participated were treated to a free pizza lunch where

several were presented with prizes for their efforts. Samara DeMong and Nat Oud were further recognized for bringing in the most subscriptions. Thanks to you all....and remember that this is an annual event so you may renew your orders next year and help our students benefit. Anyone may also **order year round online** and our school receives full credit. Begin by logging in to www.qsp.ca, and clicking on "just shopping", enter group #1794 and "shop now". Enjoy your reading.....MAKES GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!



PATRIOT ATHLETICS

JP II CURLING

Our curling team this year consists of Rebecca Bartz, Courtney O'Brien, Logan Noyen, and Matthew Yaworski. They are doing very well with three wins and no losses playing in the Metro League. Hurry hard, guy

Senior Boys' Volleyball

The senior boys have had a busy season so far this year. After failing to qualify for playoffs in the Fort High tournament, the boys rebounded back losing a close match in the consolation final in the Ardrossan tournament the following weekend. In league action, the boys have been very impressive going 9 & 0 to start the season with a win loss record of 27 & 3. At our home tournament this last weekend our boys were quite successful although not making it into the medal round. They finished second in the round robin and defeated Our Lady of Mount Pleasant school from Camrose in the quarter finals. Although the boys lost in the semi-finals they played some strong volleyball all weekend and are looking forward to hopefully finishing league without losing a match. Good luck with the rest of your season boys.



Junior Girls' Volleyball

Congratulations to the following girls who made the Jr. Girls' Volleyball Team: Brooklyn Chernichan, Chandler Grainger, Drew Guenther, Emma Hyrnchuk, Hannah Schnieder, Hailey Reich, Kayan LeGrow, Kesik McPherson, Mackenzie Loren, Madison Carnell, and Mekenna Cummings.

Skill level for our players just keeps rising! We are looking forward to having a fun and competitive season. Coach: Ms. Zwicker

The Pope John XXIII Parent School Council 6th Annual Poinsettia Sale



Nothing symbolizes Christmas like a beautiful Poinsettia in your home, office, or as a gift. *Wallish Greenhouses* will be providing the hardy festive plants for our major fund-raiser.

This year we will be selling two plant sizes. A 10" plant for \$40.00 and a 6.5" plant for \$20.00. Colours to choose from are red, white, or pink.

We have in past years extended this fundraiser to Our Lady of the Angels Church selling plants for take home as well as for memorial. The memorial poinsettias (6.5" Red for \$20) are purchased in memory of a loved one. These plants are delivered to and remain at the church with a name card as decoration for the Christmas masses. If you wish to purchase a memorial poinsettia you may include this on your school order form.

Order forms and payment are due back to Pope John XXIII Catholic School no later than Friday November 8th. Extra order forms are available at Pope John XXIII office and on the website.

Poinsettia pick up is scheduled for Wednesday December 4th from 1pm-7pm and Thursday December 5th from 9am-6pm at Pope John XXIII school (9526-89 St). Please remember they are vulnerable to cold temperatures and will require water.

The proceeds will support all students at Pope John XXIII School. Funds will be used to enhance literacy materials in our school.

We thank you for your continued support and God's Blessings this holiday season.

For order forms, contact PJ XXIII at 780-998-7777.

OCTOBER TOIL AND OIL!

Twelve teams of two or three students from JPPI entered the *PetroChallenge Canada 2013* National Competition this past week. They competed against seventy-three teams from the North Central region for the first place prize - a trip to the international PetroChallenge competition in London 2014.

Teams became oil company owners, starting with \$80million dollars, and had to work with their team to buy, sell, and drill prospects in hopes of striking gold! Students learned how to read and interpret environmental, gravimetric, magnetic, and 2-D & 3-D seismic information; in addition, students developed keen negotiating skills, a stronger appreciation for our environment, and learned the importance of community social responsibility. Although stressful at times, our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many are now motivated to find careers in the oil and gas industry!

John Paul II blew the competition out of the... oil? Congratulations to all of the 36 students involved, they all became billionaires in less than five hours!! JPPI had two teams place in the top ten, and also took home a prize for team with the most sportsmanship.





JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



THIRTIETH ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

The students and staff of John Paul II Catholic High School would like to extend a special thank you to all the community partners and sponsors of the various awards. Your continued support has allowed us to recognize the incredible skills and talents of the students at John Paul II Catholic High School. The students are truly the winners when the community and school work together.

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John Paul II Catholic High School
Yakimets Family
ATA Local 21
Dr. Fung
Shell Canada Products Ltd
Knights of Columbus
JP II Parent Council
Keyera Energy
Home Hardware Building Center
Castle School District
St. George's Anglican Church

Father Francis Mariappa
Yuzda Family
Letwin Family
Langdeau Family
Ft. Sask. Lions Club
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Merit Contractors
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Agrium Community Advisory Panel
City of Fort Saskatchewan
Wigmore Family
Kosztinka Family
REAL Foundation

"Knowledge, Faith and Pride – Acquired and Retained Forever"

John Paul II Catholic High School Students – Collaboration Fluency in Action

Living the 5 Es at St. Leo Catholic Elementary School

Grade 10 Religion students from John Paul II Catholic High School in Fort Saskatchewan have embarked on an exciting new partnership called “Collaboration Fluency” with St. Leo Catholic Elementary School in Edmonton. St. Leo is part of the Edmonton Catholic School District (ECSD).

As part of this ongoing project, Religion students from John Paul II have committed to supporting and helping students and staff with ongoing projects in the classroom at St. Leo. This work is part of St. Leo’s commitment towards social justice work in action, thus the name, “We Serve”.

This collaborative initiative is mutually-beneficial to both school communities on many levels. For now, it allows Grade 10 students studying Religion at John Paul II the opportunity to provide three days of service in a meaningful way to other students. In the future the program will be expanded to Grade 9 John Paul II students studying religion.

For St. Leo, the initiative is part of the ECSD’s continued work of Transforming classrooms into 21 century learning spaces that are diverse, filled with opportunities for inquiry instilling collaborative team work, and a whole lot of creativity.

The educational world and our classrooms are changing. John Paul II teacher, Vernon Brady and the students from JP II are excited to be a part of those changes as they work with staff and students at St. Leo under Lee Crockett’s six 21st Century Fluencies for a Digital Age.

For more information about this partnership, please contact:

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