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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



As October has come and past, we have started into a busy November! With November comes important events such as Parent Teacher Interviews, Remembrance Day, and the ALMOST the start of Advent (Dec. 01). And let us not forget Daylight Savings Time starts on November 3rd... This WEEKEND!!!

It's Getting Colder! - Brrrrr.....

As many of you have noticed, winter has already arrived here in Alberta, and we've been experiencing temperatures around -10 degrees Celsius! Despite the chilly conditions, we're still seeing a number of students arriving without essential cold-weather gear, like gloves and toques. Please help us keep everyone comfortable and ready for outdoor recess by ensuring your child is bundled up in warm layers each day. With the unpredictable nature of Alberta winters, having hats, gloves, and proper jackets is essential for staying warm and enjoying the fresh air during recess. Thank you for your help in keeping our students cozy and ready for winter fun!

Remembrance Day - November 7

This year, Mrs. Barrow's Grade 4/5 class will be organizing and presenting our Remembrance Day Commemoration. Please join us at 10:30 AM as we honour the courage and sacrifices of those who served and continue to serve our country. We look forward to sharing this meaningful commemoration with our school community.

Parent Teacher Conferences - November 6 & 7

November brings us to our first set of Parent/Teacher Conferences which will take place on November 6th and 7th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Like last year, we will once again be offering our Parent/Teacher Conferences with the choice of format. On **Monday, October 28th**, you would have received an email with the registration details. When booking, you will be asked to choose either a **Face-to-Face interview or a Phone-Call interview**. We also ask that you try to leave at least one block of time in-between each of your conferences to help avoid a missed meeting. Bookings will close on **November 5th @ 3:00 PM**.

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST & FOUND WHEN YOU COME FOR YOUR CONFERENCE!

Calling at the End of the Day - Alternate Pick-Up Arrangements

As we approach the busy final hour of the school day, we're experiencing a high volume of last-minute calls with alternate arrangements for students heading home—whether switching from bus to pick-up or vice versa. Communicating these changes to students in the last hour can be challenging, and we'd hate for any messages to be missed. These messages are also disruptive to the classes as they can receive multiple calls for various students.

To help us ensure all messages reach students, we kindly ask that any adjustments to pick-up or bus arrangements be made earlier in the day. For families who need to pick up their child(ren) directly, another option is to meet them at the bus lane beside the school rather than calling the school for a change.

With the occasional days when we only have one staff member in the office, your cooperation is especially appreciated and helps us keep dismissal as smooth and safe as possible for everyone. Thank you for your support!

Important School Messages to Text - ACTION REQUIRED

We've upgraded to a new text notification system to keep you informed about important events, school closures, safety alerts, and more. To receive these notifications directly on your mobile phone, parents and guardians will need to take a quick action to activate this service.

For step-by-step instructions on how to sign up, please refer to the guide at the bottom of this newsletter. Stay connected and informed with just a few simple steps!

Student Update Forms - REMINDER - PAST DUE 😊

The Division's "2024-2025 Student Information Update Form" is now past due! This form is a legal document that is used by Alberta Education to verify enrollment and ensure the information the school has is up to date. We are required to have Parents / Guardians complete this form for each student annually in the Fall. If you are receiving emails regarding this form, that means yours is currently incomplete.

This form is accessible using SchoolEngage via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal on a web browser (NOT the app) using this link: [PowerSchool Public Portal](#)

To complete the **RDCRS Student Information Update Form** for the current school year, click on **School Engage** (on the **bottom left**). A list of incomplete forms should appear in the **Home** tab, under the heading **Notifications**.

If you require assistance to complete the form, need access to a Chromebook, or need to have your password reset (many people find the reset password link on the main login page does not work), please let us know and we can help you out in the Office!

Many thanks to you all for your prompt attention to this important process.

Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



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Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number.

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.



**if your number is Canada-based.*

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send “Y” or
“Yes” to
978338.**

(For Canada-based numbers).

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

i *Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:*

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.