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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



Dear St. Teresa families,

The month of January simply flew by! We were excited to be able to welcome Alberta Opera back into our school and enjoy the presentation of Jack and the Beanstalk. We were all mesmerized by the giant and such a wonderful performance that made us laugh, sing and once again be able to appreciate this type of artistry and storytelling.

Our volleyball team has resumed their practices and will be participating for the first time in a tournament hosted by Father Michael Mireau school. We thank our coaches for their time and dedication to our team. It is always wonderful to see the skill development of our students throughout the season.

Throughout the month of January our grade 6 and grade 1 students have overseen morning announcements. Student led announcements are always such a treat for us all! Our students always take pride in leading announcements, whether it is through prayer, treaty six acknowledgement or adding some "did you know" or "joke of the day" tidbits, we are always delighted to come together every morning on TEAMS and get our learning day started this way.

On January 24th SAC held a meeting. As part of the principal's report, we had our grade 2 teachers share some math games that help support with numeracy skills such as counting, adding, as well as learning vocabulary. We would like to thank the parents that participated and look forward to even more parent participation for the upcoming SAC meetings. We are planning many exciting new initiatives as we are now able to plan more SAC hosted events for our students and parent community.

Currently our grade 6 students and staff are getting ready for our Open House which will be held on February 9th at 6:30 pm. Our grade 6 students will be hosting, MCing as well as performing on their drums for you...Join us!! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!

We send you many blessings as we begin the month of kindness!

Señora Zelada
Directora/Principal

Mrs. Saccomanno
Assistant Principal

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child will be **five years old by December 31st, 2023**, they are eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year. Edmonton Catholic Schools Division (ECSD) only offers online registration. Go to the online form, located at www.ecsd.net create an account, and then fill out all the necessary information. Kindergarten registration began online on January 23rd, 2023. We will continue to accept school registrations for kindergarten after this date and throughout the rest of the school year, but you could be put on a waitlist.

To register your child for kindergarten you must have:

- Completed Registration Form (online)
- Copy of your child's Birth Certificate (uploaded online)
- Copy of the child's/parent's Baptismal Certificate (uploaded online)
- Proof of Residency (Proof that you live in our catchment area)



Confirmation of Registration will NOT occur until we have ALL the required documents.

LOUIS ST. LAURENT OPEN HOUSE



Open House - February 15th, 2023

- Junior High at 6 PM
- Senior High at 7 PM

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Random Acts of Kindness Week, February 12-18, is a week dedicated to kindness. One can never go wrong with kindness, and there can never be too much of it. The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Week is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten up someone's day. Every small act of kindness is significant. Just like the domino effect, one act of kindness can lead to more positive outcomes. Don't hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion!



ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday February 22 we will be having an Ash Wednesday Celebration. The grade 3's will be leading the celebration. More details to follow.



LENT

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. The Lenten season this year takes place from Wednesday, February 22, to Wednesday April 8, 2023.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year; join us on February 22nd, 2023, in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness for anti-bullying.



SAVE-ON-FOODS MAGRATH

Thank You to Save On Foods in Magrath for their generous gift of helping provide healthy snacks for our students for the school year. A special thank you to Señorita Jesus for organizing this snack program. Next time your grocery shopping at Save on Foods please make sure to say thank you from St. Teresa School.



February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Winter Walk 	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 St. Teresa Open house 6:30 PM	10	11
12	13  Open Volleyball Practice	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20 Family Day NO SCHOOL	21  Shrove Tuesday	22  Ash Wednesday Pink Shirt Day	23	24  HOT LUNCH	25
26	27	28				

Coming up in March



March 2nd & 3rd – Teachers Convention- NO SCHOOL

March 13th-17th- Rocks and Rings

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day & KFC Hot Lunch

March 20th-23rd- Scholastics Book Fair

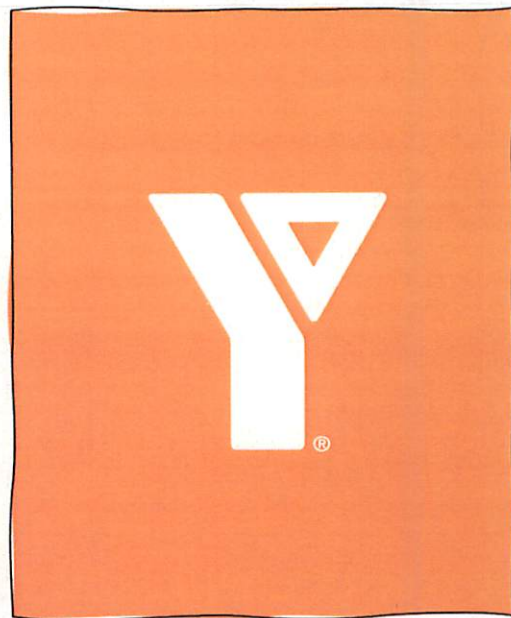
March 23rd- SWITCH DAY Thursday (Friday Schedule)

March 23rd-DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING

March 24th- SWITCH DAY Friday (Thursday Schedule)

March 27th- March 31st- Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

April 3rd- Back to School



YMCA Blue Quill CHILD CARE

OPEN 7am-6pm

Qualified Educators

Interest Based
Activities

Inclusive
Environment

Outdoor Focus

**Government
Subsidy Available**

PRESCHOOL

\$715.50/month* this fee has been reduced by Affordability Grant
available July and August prior to starting Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN

\$290.25/month* this fee has been reduced by Affordability Grant

SCHOOL AGE

July and August **\$762.30/month***

July and August **\$200/week**

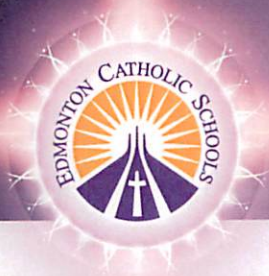
September 2023 to June 2024 **\$633.15/month***

*Based on an average of 21 days

To Register Now Call: 780-399-1536

For Care on or after July 1st please visit:

ymcanab.ca/childcarewaitlist



Let Your Light Shine Forth

February 2023

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...
~Joel 2. 13~*

This scripture comes from the first reading on Ash Wednesday (February 22). It is a part of a larger call for us to reorient our lives towards God, for he loves us unfailingly. It is a good reminder for us as we begin our journey with Jesus through the desert that even though we may stray away from a loving relationship with our Father, he is waiting to welcome us back with grace and mercy.

Thanks to all our families who completed their ECSD Annual Survey. We know that surveys take valuable time from you, but the feedback that we gather from any survey is so vital in helping us determine how to meet the needs of our students and families at the school and Division level. We anticipate that Alberta Education will also be sending out their annual Assurance Survey at the beginning of this month. Depending on the size of your child's school, you may receive a survey package that has been mailed directly to you by Alberta Education. If you receive a survey package(s), please take time to complete this vital survey(s) to give us a different perspective on how we are doing. Your voice is so important to us!

Our Division offers so many learning opportunities to meet student needs. We have recently made some changes to our website to make it even easier for families to choose the programs that they would like for their children, all within the framework of an excellent Catholic learning environment. Visit ecsd.net and click on "Our Programs". You can search offerings by grade, category, or school for this current year or for next year. This is such a useful tool for families who are entering kindergarten and for those transitioning schools for grade 7 or 10.

There are many opportunities this month to spend time with those we love and to share love with others. Valentine's Day, Family Day, Random Acts of Kindness Week, and Pink Shirt Day all call us to love others as Jesus loves us. Our Holy Father shared the following wisdom on love in his [Angelus](#) from May 26, 2013:

"God is love." His is not a sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the Cross and is raised, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)

Science, Sharks and the Mystery of Faith

By Fr. Glenn McDonald, CSB

High school students often ask me how to reconcile the truth of science with the truth of faith. In an attempt to answer their question, I stumbled upon reading about neuroscience and the development of the human brain. It has been a fascinating topic to learn about, and to my great surprise resulted in an unexpected convergence with the concept of mystery in Catholic spirituality.

For example, one scientist highlighted the unique experience of the human brain by contrasting it against the neurology of another creature, namely, a shark! Did you know that a shark can hear its prey from more than a kilometer away, smell it from over one hundred meters away, and even taste its prey from a distance, because sharks have taste receptors on the surface of their body?

I take away two lessons from the neurology of sharks. Firstly, I am never swimming in the ocean again! Secondly, I see the world around me, but I am only perceiving part of it — the part that the human brain has evolved to see.

Science reveals that there is a world beyond human senses. Ironically, it is my life of prayer and faith that opens me up to accepting this scientific truth. Catholic spirituality draws upon the idea of mystery to acknowledge that the full truth of God is beyond what human senses can perceive or the human mind can fully understand. However, Jesus has taught us that God is love, and that, whenever we give our lives as a gift of love to others, God's love is present, even if God's presence cannot be seen.