



St. John XXIII School

Holy Week/Spring Break

We are upon now the Holiest week of the Church year. This weekend we celebrated Palm Sunday, and we look forward to celebrating the "Triduum" (Three days) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The traditions of these days are familiar to most of us, as the Church this week engages in some of its oldest liturgical practices, but for all that they are also the richest and deepest spiritual experiences of our liturgical year. All are encouraged to take the time this week to encounter anew Jesus revolutionary and salvific demonstration of love and forgiveness.

As Easter falls within Spring Break this year **students will be off school for from Thursday, March 24th (a staff PD day) through April 4th (the final day of Spring Break).** Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 5th.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences March 21st & 22nd

There is still time to book your interviews – the website will close Monday, March 21st at 8:00 am.

Please visit: <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?z=qSH50w>

Our school code is: 74um5

If you encounter any problems, or have questions, please contact Mrs. Jeannette Wilson at 780-998-7777.

Music Festival

Congratulations to our Grade 2/3 Choir on an amazing performance at the Festival last Monday! They received an "Honours with Distinction" and an "Honours" on their two song selections – and were recommended for provincials! Well done – you made us proud!

Pray, Fast, Give Lent Challenges

As we are coming to the close of Lent, we are wrapping up our "Pray, Fast, Give" challenge, with fantastic success. Well done St. John XXIII Catholic School – together we raised over 600 items for the Mustard Seed! As we met our goal, all are welcome to come and witness Mr. Walker and Mr. Corrigan have their facial hair shaved off at the Monday assembly. Thanks to Legendary Barbershop for your assistance with this event!

Parent Assurance Survey

EICS, in its continuing effort to increase school effectiveness, has implemented the Parent Assurance Survey. This is an online survey that allows parents to give their input into school improvement initiatives. All parents have the opportunity to participate. You are encouraged to complete the survey, but may choose not to.

The purpose of this process of gathering, analyzing and synthesizing information is to assist in the creation of St. John XXIII's three year education plan that continues to move and improve our school. Our ultimate goal is to impact student learning and to ensure that children are successful. Successful schools foster greater communication with parents, encourage parental involvement in their child's schoolwork, and enlist parents to volunteer at the school and participate in school governance.

Please note, only one survey per person will be registered by the program. The survey is available now until Wednesday, April 15th. The Parent Assurance Survey can be accessed [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Hot Lunch

PSC has opened the [Hot Lunch Website](#) for the final menus/ordering of the year. Please place your orders by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 23rd. Thank you to the many Hot Lunch volunteers who have provided us inviting, fun lunches all year long!

PSC Spring Dance April 8th

The "Dress Your Best" Spring Dance is coming April 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm! Tickets are \$15/family and can be purchased from the Hot Lunch from March 30th – April 6th. [Hot Lunch Website](#)

Looking Ahead . . .

March 21	School assembly brought to us by Mrs. DeChamplains's Grade 3 class
March 21 & 22	Grade 3 Communities in our World T-Pet Presentation
March 21 & 22	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
March 23	Holy Thursday/Good Friday Celebration 9:30 am in the gym
March 23	Grade 4 Rec Swim in the afternoon
March 23	Grade 3 Basketball Club (pre-registered students)
March 24 – April 4	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break & Easter Holidays
April 6	NO ECS
April 6	Early Dismissal – School Spirit Day Western and/or Bunny Day!
April 7	Janelle Concert – please join us!
April 8	PSC Spring Dance 6:30 – 8:00 pm
April 14	Easter Mass 9:15 am at Our Lady of the Angels Parish – please join us!
April 20	OLA School Open House 6:30 – 8:00 pm
April 21	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



WALK OF THE CROSS

"An Interdenominational Event" sponsored by
the Fort Saskatchewan & Area Ministerial Association

Good Friday, March 25, 2016 @ 12 noon

Meet at the Fire Hall parking lot:
10099 – 93 Ave., Fort Saskatchewan

Walk ends with refreshments at the Fire Hall parking lot.

Please join us!

2.5 km 40 minute walk

