

G.R.C.C.S. News

September 2011

GERARD REDMOND COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL Grades 5-12
"Ever Growing, Living and Learning in Christ"



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Memo:
*The Holy Grill is being run by
Mrs. K. Goudriaan will be open on
September 12, 2011.*

Greetings from Administration

Dear Parents,

The administration and staff would like to welcome back to all the students and parents of Gerard Redmond Community Catholic School and would like to extend a warm welcome to all of those who are new to our community. We are excited to start this year and we thank you for the opportunity to serve and teach the students and families of this community.

I would like to introduce Mr. Delli Santi, who is currently teaching junior and senior high sciences, to you. He hails from Edmonton and has spent the last 4 years teaching in the U.K. We are very excited to have him on our staff. As well, we would like to welcome back Mrs. Maguhn from her maternity leave and Mr. Maguhn who will be resuming his previous position as our senior high social studies teachers. We would also like to wish Mrs. Bado a very safe and enjoyable maternity leave as she (and her husband, Mr. Bado) is expecting her first child this October. Filling in her shoes this year in the junior high math department will be Mrs. Bartling and we are very thankful for her being so willing to take over this new role. We know that our new staff will only serve to strengthen an already strong teaching team.

We are excited about the new public wireless server that was installed over the summer. This will allow students to log onto our web-site using their own personal laptops to assist them in their learning during structured class time.

Our spiritual theme for 2011-2012 is: "Ever growing, learning and living in Christ." This theme is the vision statement created by the Evergreen Catholic school Board and it serves to remind us that the teachings of Jesus Christ should not only permeate our lives on a daily basis in everything that we do, but that we must strive to be engaged and present with our faith in order to grow and become more "alive with Jesus." We hope that we will be able to create an atmosphere of action in our school where our faith takes on a visible and tangible role for staff and students alike.

You may have noticed that we have, once again, a newly formatted school web-page. Please take a moment to peruse and give us some feedback on its ability to provide you with up to date and pertinent information when required.

Please remember that communication between home and school is very important to us. Do not hesitate to call or make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns or questions. The administration and staff are looking forward to an excellent year, one filled with many great memories and moments of joy.

Sincerely,
Mr.T.Fafard
Mrs.M.Phillips

Counselor's Corner for September 2011

Certificate, diploma, applied degree, degree.....What is the difference?

A certificate program prepares students for entry into a specific occupation and typically takes less than a year to complete. An example for a certificate program would be Early Learning and Childcare at Grant MacEwan College. A diploma program prepares students for employment in a group of occupations and takes two years or less to complete. An example of a diploma program would be Computer Engineering and Control Technology through Grande Prairie Regional College. An applied degree combines theory with practice for a particular career or industry and it takes four years to complete. An example of this degree would be a Bachelor of Applied Business Administration in Accounting. A degree program provides an academic approach to learning a very specific career (usually) and will take four to nine years of full-time study to complete (this depends on the type of degree you are earning...bachelor's, master's, or doctoral). An example would be a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Biology.

Grade 12 students need to get busy NOW to plan their future. All grade 12 students will receive a copy of the requirements for graduations, a scholarship booklet, lasted websites, deadlines, and open house dates for all the post-secondary institutions in Alberta in the mail in the next few weeks. Now is definitely the time to start thinking about applying to these institutions as some faculties will be accepting applications next month. Please see me at any time if you have any concerns or questions. All grade 12 students will be having individual meetings with Mrs. Phillips to review credits and plan for their future.

Several post-secondary institutions are having their open houses soon:

Alberta College of Art and Design...October 23 & 24

Bow Valley College...October 15

Concordia University College of Alberta...October 21

& 22

Grande Prairie Regional College...October 4

Lakeland College...October 28 & 29

Mount Royal University...October 29

NAIT...October 14 & 15

SAIT Polytechnic...October 21 & 22

St. Mary's University College...October 15

University of Alberta...October 22.

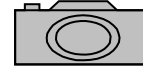
Students can register online by going to

www.ualberta.ca/openhouse

Picture Day - Sept.7, 2011

Student pictures were taken on Sept.7th, and retakes will be taken on Sept. 26th. If your child is having retakes done please return the initial package of pictures to the school on or before retake day.

Please bring your smile☺



Meet the Teacher Night was a HUGE success!

Thank-you to all who attended and helped us eat the hamburgers and hotdogs provided and cooked by the staff of GRCCS. The informal atmosphere is always an excellent way for introductions to be made and we were very impressed with the large number of parents and students who took the time to be present at this event. We also send a big thank you to Constable Alford and Father Brian for being a part of this event. It was a great evening.

NUT AWARE

GRCCS is a nut aware school. As several of our students suffer from a variety of nut allergies we will work together to keep our school safe for all by keeping all nuts out of our school. Participation from all parents, students and staff is greatly appreciated.



Cheerleading Starts Up

This year, the cheer season is beginning with all of the cheerleaders at Gerard Redmond working together in preparation for the pep rally. During this time, elementary, junior and senior cheerleaders will be working on a mass routine and dance that will include the Grade Five and Leadership classes. It is our intent to have as many students at Gerard participate in the dance.

Practice for this will be on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 culminating with the Pep Rally on Friday, September 30th. Parents are invited to help us celebrate the start of another exciting season of Raiders' sports.



School Dance

The first dance of the year is scheduled for September 30th, at the school gym from 8:00PM to 12:00AM. All students are well and the elementary students are welcome to join in the fun from 8:00PM to 11:00PM. Parent supervisors are needed to make this evening a success. Please contact the school if you are available to help out.



Welcome Back Raiders!

The 2011/2012 year is shaping up to be another fantastic year. Once again Raiders Athletics is pleased to be hosting the GYAC Fall Golf Tournament in cooperation with the Hinton Golf Club. The event date is September 29th. The fall tournament is the first in the set of two tournaments to crown the junior high GYAC golf champion. The second event is in the spring in Edson. Scores from both events are combined to determine the top school. Senior golf has their zone tournament September 19th in Westlock with provincials to follow September 26th & 27th.

Cross country will be starting practices very soon. Mr. Kearney and Mr. Delli Santi will be heading up the cross country program this year. It is a brief season for cross country with the GYAC and North Central Junior High Zone meet running at the same time in Edson, AB on September 20th. The senior event will be hosted in the early part of October near Wabamum Lake. Senior high runners will also have the opportunity qualify for provincials on October 15th hosted in Eagle Butte.

Volleyball is underway with teams gearing up for their upcoming competitions. The junior teams will be starting their seasons with games on September 21st against home town rival Harry Collinge. This year Raiders Athletics will be hosting the inaugural Raiders Howler. It will be a two day junior high volleyball tournament on October 28th & 29th. The senior boy's volleyball team will head off to their first tournament September 24th. The senior girls will be kicking off things in October.

Cheer will be starting up in October with teams in senior, junior and elementary. Teams will be training throughout the year for competitions in February and March.

To keep updated with Raiders events and news check out:

<https://sites.google.com/a/grccs.ca/grccs-athletics/home>



Travelling Students!

Europe Trip

I would like to welcome everyone back; I am very excited about this school year. On Spring Break of 2013 we are going to Spain and Italy with the grades 10s to 12s of that school year, this year's 9s to 11s. If you were unable to sign up or are new to the school please contact me at mkoopmans@ecsr.ca. Currently we are doing a fundraiser where we are selling raffle tickets for the 2012 World Juniors, in Edmonton. It is a full ticket package for all the games in Edmonton for two and second prize is \$500.00. I would like to have a meeting to touch base in the first month of school so please ensure your child pays attention to the announcements. I will also send out an email to all of those who are on my email list.

-Mr. Koopmans-Saretzky



Quebec Trip!

We are in the process of getting the Quebec trip organized. Due to the fact that we are going to be doing the trip every two years, it will now be open to students in grades 7 and 8. We will be having a meeting in room 51 on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30. If you have any questions or are unable to make it please email me at mkoopmans@ecsr.ca. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

-Mr. Koopmans-Saretzky



Parent Advisory Council

School Council welcomes all parents to attend our monthly meetings.

Come and be a voice for your child.

1st meeting will be September 26th @ 6:00 pm in the library.

Our AGM will be Oct.19 @6:00 pm in the library.

Any questions please contact

Nicole at kamille@telus.net

School Fees

All school and transportation fees can be paid at the school office by cheque or cash. Option and sports fees will be applied as final enrollments are completed. Payment plans may also be set up by contacting Arleen in the school office. All fees can be viewed in Home Logic on the school website, www.grccs.ca. If you are unable to access this feature please contact us to help with your personal setup. The due date for the 2011-2012 school year is September 30th.

Congratulations to the GRADS of 2011

On September 17th the graduates of 2011 from GRCCS will celebrate their success with family, friends and school staff. Convocation will take place in the school gym at 3:00PM with students receiving awards and scholarships in recognition of their successes. Congratulations go out to all the graduates and we wish them well with their future endeavors.