

G.R.C.C.S. News

GERARD REDMOND COMMUNITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 "Ever Growing, Living and Learning in Christ"

Grades 5-12



School Information

Principal-
 Mr. Tim Fafard

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Memo:

*The Holy Grill is being run by
 Mrs. K. Goudrian.*

**CLASSES RESUME ON
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2012.**

News from the Admin

Dear Parents,

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation and of preparation. We are reminded to count our blessings, to spend time with our family and to celebrate and give thanks for all of those things in our lives that give us purpose and meaning.

Here at Gerard Redmond, we have many things to celebrate and give thanks for: namely that we are able to live and teach in our faith. We have a wonderful and dedicated teaching and support staff who are truly committed to what they do, a caring student body who are supportive of each other, and a very involved parent community who supports us in what we do each day. Life is good!

We feel truly blessed to have this opportunity to work with your children and we would like to take this occasion to thank all of our families for their continued support and commitment to our school.

On behalf of the staff of Gerard Redmond Community Catholic School, we would like to wish you all a very resistive and relaxing Christmas break and a prosperous New Year



Merry Christmas and God Bless!
 Mr. T Fafard
 Mrs.M.Phillips

Christmas Greetings from Father Brian

Dear Friends,

At Christmas, we reflect on how important our faith in God is to us. God has drawn close to us so that we may draw close to Him. He shares our human condition so that we may share His divine life, even now. We hear that we are loved by God. We hear how important it is for us to love one another. At Christmas we say and show in many ways how much we value our family and friends and how blessed we are by their love.

To many who have contributed generously to the life and mission of our parish in the past year, sincerest thanks. God bless you and your loved ones this holy season and in the coming year.

To those who no longer join us each week to thank God for His gifts, you are missed. We are here to welcome you whenever you return.

God bless you all!
Father Brian Inglis



Our Lady of the Foothills Catholic Church Holiday Schedule 2011

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 14th – 7:00 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 17th – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18th – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, Dec. 24th – 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Friday, December 30th – 9:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Vigil - 11:00 p.m. – Midnight

Feast Day of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, Jan 1st, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

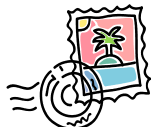
Saturday, January 7st, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 8nd, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

“Stamp” out Cancer

Wanted: Used postage stamps.0

Used postage stamps are being collected to help fundraise for the fight against Cancer. Any stamps that are collected can be brought to the office at GRCCS and will be forwarded from there. *The stamps should have a margin of ¼ inch or more around them with the postal markings, if possible.*



Outdoor Shoes

This is a reminder to all students that an indoor pair of shoes may be necessary now that the wet weather has arrived. Please help to keep our school and gym looking great. School custodians appreciate all student efforts to keep our school clean.



Christmas Concert

It's that time of year again and the Christmas Concert is quickly approaching! The music students have been working hard this year and we're excited to share our progress with you. The Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm. Students need to be at the school by 6:30pm for warm-up. All students from grade 5 – 12 music will be participating in this performance.

There is no cost for admission, but please feel free to share the season's spirit by bringing a contribution for the food bank.

Thanks for your continued support of the music program. See you at the concert!



Emergency Phone Numbers

Poison Control-1-800-332-1414

Mental Health – 1-877-303-2642

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Bullying Help Line – 1-888-456-2323

Child Abuse Hotline – 1-800-5437

Family Violence Info – 310-1818

Turkey dinner will be served on December 14th, at 11:30 at a cost of \$7.50.

Girls Basketball

GRCCS Senior Girls' Volleyball had a successful season this year. This year's team had 12 players of which 7 were new. As the season progressed, our team became better and better. We fought along the way even though suffering some injuries. Each girl displayed true sportsmanship on and off the court. There are a few memorable moments in which the team will never forget. First, beating our rival school, this boosted the team's spirit. Second, at the Rockies' tournament back in October, we faced a very strong team, Vegreville. Our team sadly did not have a chance but it was the best we had ever played. Our Team fought hard and dug for the ball. During the Jasper tournament, we won all our games which placed us first in our pool. Sadly, we lost in the semifinals. Finally, our team will never forget winning bronze at The Howler in Swan Hills. This tournament is 'the' tournament of tournaments. Our team was stuck with injuries such as a concussion and eventually the flu. Despite some battles the girls had to face, they played hard and did not let anything let them down. On November 19, we played our last 3 games together as a team at Zones in Drayton Valley. It was a sad moment as the girls really grew and bonded together this season. Good luck to those players who are graduating in the spring and I look forward to coach returning players next September.

Miss B. McLean
Coach



Basketball begins!

Moving in to the Christmas Season we start thinking of dribbling balls and post moves with dreams of basketball season in our heads.

The Raiders basketball teams are back in full swing with two senior teams and four junior teams. The senior boys are looking to improve on their season, from last year, that saw them finish with a third place finish and three fourth place finishes. The team is very young with 8 rookies and 4 vets which should make for an exciting 2011/2012 season.

The senior girl's team is back! With the graduation of Bailey Brazeau, Florencia Hernandez and Emma Woolsey from junior high, the team will have a renewed drive in the program that the team has been looking for. The senior girls team will be coached by Ralph Kermer, who coached the Junior A girls team last season. Under his guidance the senior girls will be looking to build toward the future and developing a tradition that the junior players can start to look toward.

Once again we are seeing great growth in the junior high program. This season we will have four teams competing in basketball. Two teams in the boys category and two teams in the girls category. The teams will once again take part in the GYAC association and the junior A teams will also compete in the North Central Junior High Athletic Association.

For practice and game times check out the Athletics Calendar and team pages. The junior high games will be posted after December 7 following the GYAC scheduling meeting.

D. Dokken
Athletic Director



THE LAST PRESENT UNDER

THE TREE

There is one last present under the
Christmas tree,
I wonder whose it is?
Is it for the little girl with the
rocking horse,
Or is it for Grandma or Aunt Liz?
It looks so lonely,
Sitting there by itself;
It'd certainly be an awesome
addition
On "somebody's" shelf.

The ribbon is gold,
The paper is paisley red;
"Who does it belong to?"
Keeps rattling in my head;
I decided to snatch a peek,
And see whose name is on the
card;
It'd only take a second,
It won't be very hard.

When no one was looking,
I reached under the tree,
Carefully handling the package,
"Who knows, it may be for me!"
But when I read the card,
I thought it was extraordinarily
odd,
Because the message read,
"Love and blessings," God.

--Joel Bjorling



Counselor's Corner

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Imagine if there was a fast track to an enriched academic experience, connection to a lifelong network of high achievers, and access to exclusive university scholarships. Shad Valley offers a program of academics, collaborative projects, and recreational activities. It is a 4 week program for grade 10 – 12 students . Every student who is accepted receives \$3000 towards this program. This application must be received on December 7, 2011 and January 18, 2012. For more information or an application form, please go to www.shad.ca/apply.

Don't forget to apply for the **Fireside Catholic Publishing Organization** is a \$1000 scholarship for any students who are registered in a Catholic high school. Students must write a 750 word essay on "*How is your religious education influencing your life?*". The application and essay must be given to Mrs. Phillips by November 30th so that the school can forward one application.

The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award is for any grade 12 student who is planning on attending a Canadian university or college. The scholarship winners can receive up to \$7000 annually. To qualify for this award, students must demonstrate the highest ideals and qualities of citizenship as well as demonstrating service and participation in sport, fitness, and community service. This award is due by February 1, 2012 and application forms can be downloaded at www.terryfoxawards.ca.

The 2012 Toyota Earth Day \$5000 Scholarship is available for grade 12 students who have excelled in academics, extracurricular activities, and have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the environment. Please go to www.earthday.ca/scholarship for an application form. Deadline is January 31, 2012.

The Schulich Leader Scholarships program for students enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at an approved Canadian university. There are four-year scholarships valued at \$60 000. Only one application can be forwarded from each high school so students need to have their application forms in to Mrs. Phillips by Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Please go to www.schulichleaders.com for the application form and further information.

Any grade 12 student who have applied for a program in a post-secondary institution, need to see Mrs. Phillips to get a school transcript which will have a list of their midterm marks for this school year. This transcript is accepted by the post-secondary institutions until an official transcript is sent directly to the institution from Alberta Learning. Students should also be aware that there is a new way to apply to the institutions by going to www.applyalberta.ca. This allows students to apply to more than one institution at the same time and to have your transcripts sent directly to the institution without a fee.





In closing, I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holidays. God bless you and your family this Christmas season

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Classes resume on January 3 rd , 2012.				1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10
11	12 Day 2 School Spirit Week	13 Day 3 Christmas Concert 7:00 	14 Day 4 Turkey Dinner 11:30	15 Day 5 School Ski Trip 	16 Day 6 <i>Have a safe and happy holiday!</i> 	17
18	19 Christmas Break Begins	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Happy New Year</i>