

St. Luke Catholic Weekly Memo April 27 - May 04, 2017

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Parish news CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 14 at 2:00pm at OLPH Parish at 2:00pm (**St. Luke & St. T**)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Raylene at ryzyk@olph.ca or 780-467-5470

Swimming Program

Our students will begin swimming lessons at the Emerald Hills Recreation Centre for eight Thursdays starting on May 4th. Parents have already completed registration forms including permission for your child to attend. Our first group (Grades 1, 3, & 5) swims from 9:15 - 10:15 am and our second group (Grades 2, 4, and 6) swims from 10:15 - 11:15 with the bus arriving back at school before 12 noon. This second group will still get ample time to eat their lunch before pm classes begin.

Significant Reduction in Fees in 2017-2018

As part of the current government's plan to reduce school fees, Elk Island Catholic Schools is reducing fees by eliminating the need for parents to purchase school supplies. Elk Island Catholic Schools will be working with schools and vendors to have school supplies provided to students. Exactly what that will look like is still being determined, but the only thing students will be needing to bring the first day of school is a backpack, lunch kit, and recommended one-to-one device (BYOD) for students in grades 4-8.

Please see the [Sherwood Park News article](#) for more specific information.

Fees associated to field trips, sports teams or school clubs, or enhanced programming will continue to be optional. We will continue to communicate with parents as we approach next year in order to ensure that all parents are fully aware of what is occurring.

Families Returning for 2017-2018

Each spring, we learn of families that will be leaving the St. Luke's family or the community for a variety of reasons. When this happens, we always wish these families the best of luck. In the summer and early fall, we often have new students join our school and this is very exciting. In order to plan for the upcoming school year, it is important to have as accurate as possible, the number of students returning and the grade. If you could please help us by contacting the school if you are leaving, we would be most appreciative.

School Registration for 2017-2018

We continue to take registrations for the upcoming school year. For information on the registration process for the 2017-2018 school year, please click

(<https://www.eics.ab.ca/parents-and-students/school-registration>).

Students entering kindergarten in September 2017 must be 5 by December 31, 2017. If you know of anyone interested in joining us in 2017-2018, please have them register online and ask them to contact the office to schedule a visit and mini tour at 780-922-5920, or talk to the Principal.

Anaphylaxis and Severe Allergy Awareness

As mentioned earlier in the school year, students safety is our utmost concern and it is in working together that we are able to keep our students as safe as possible. We just wanted to remind all parents of the very dangerous effects that contact with peanuts or other nuts can have on some of our students. As a nut aware school, we would ask that no products containing peanuts or nuts be brought to school. Thank you for your consideration of this request. For more information about Anaphylaxis and Severe Allergies, please see the Elk Island Catholic Schools Administrative Procedure on the topic. It can be found here: (<https://www.eics.ab.ca/download/88229>)

Assurance Plan for 2017-2018

Each year, schools use feedback from parents, students, and staff members to plan for the following year. The feedback is used to improve the education that students are receiving. New directions provided by the provincial government as well as the school division help us to set goals for the upcoming school year. Each school in Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) creates an Assurance Plan which was called the Three Year Education Plans. The Assurance Plan for St. Luke's is currently in draft form and will be presented to the School Council at the next meeting on Monday May 1st at 6:30 pm.

Yearbook Photos Needed The grade 7/8 class is busy working on the St. Luke yearbook. We could really use your help in gathering photos from events that you have attended during the 2016-2017 school year. If they are in digital format, please send them as a jpeg with a brief description of the event and the participants. Photos may be sent digitally to: Michelle.VF@eics.ab.ca
Thank you for helping us tell the St. Luke story in pictures.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

South Cooking Lake Greenhouse Gift Certificates are now available, send your order form in today, makes a great Mother's Day gift! Please consider coming to an upcoming meeting to share in the educational conversations. ***The next School Council/Parents Association Meeting is Monday, May 1st at 6:30 pm.***
ALL PARENTS WELCOME! Childcare is provided in the gym and paid for by School Council

Strathcona County Library

The County Library has access to the online study help for grades 3 - 12. This includes Math, Science and Language Arts lessons and review. Find out more at <http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca/kids/homework/databases.htm>
This is a GREAT resource that is available from the County Library.

Positive Mental Health

Students often get common "mind viruses" which come in the form of negative self-talk. This resource identifies nine of those common negative thoughts, and gives us tips on how we can inspire students to combat them.

[Check out the infographic.](#)

Hats on for Mental Health Day May 3rd

Next Wednesday, encourage your students and staff to wear hats to raise awareness around mental health.

Looking Ahead . . .

	April 28	PD day - no school
May 01		630 School Council mtg Grade 5 and 6 Badminton Practice for May 1 is cancelled
May 03		Early dismissal Staff Meeting
May 04		Swimming begins Hot lunch - Chicken fingers
May 05		Assembly / Grade 1 Field Trip
May 08		Alta'd in Faith day - Assembly 8:30
May 10		Mass at school 9:00am - Adoration
May 11		Hot lunch - Chicken noodle soup w/bun
May 11		Swim day