



PERSPECTive

École Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

273 Fir Street – Sherwood Park, T8A 2G7 Tel: 467-5631 Fax: 467-1786 Web Site: <http://olphschool.eics.ab.ca>

SEPTEMBRE / SEPTEMBER 2015

PARKING

Parents and guests can now park in the school parking lot or, **across from the school**. The drop-off area on Fir Street, in front of the school is not a waiting or parking area. When using it, please be courteous. Drop your child off and leave promptly to let other parents use the space.

DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

This year, we only have one supervisor at the bus pad. Therefore, we are asking **ALL** parents who drop off or pick up their child, to please do so at the front of the school from now on. Thank you

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BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Eternal God

Bless all schools especially Our Lady of Perpetual Help, that it may be a lively center for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find You to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Bienvenue, Welcome Back, to the 2015-2016 school year!

Bienvenue, welcome, to École O.L.P.H. School. We especially welcome all our new students and their families to our school community. École O.L.P.H. is a unique and dynamic school that offers an educational program that is both challenging and exciting for our students. The wonderful gift of bilingualism is one that will stay with them for a lifetime. We are also blessed to be able to offer an array of new programs within an environment of our catholic faith that permeates all that we do. Christ is the reason for this place. This is the beginning of another exciting year at École O.L.P.H. Most importantly, we once again have a great staff and are truly blessed with supportive parents!

Welcome back! Bienvenue!

Mme Julie Lafrance-Coon

Bienvenue to our new teacher, Mme Julie Streadwick and welcome back Mme Sinead Taylor.

UN GROS MERCI

To Mme Lisa Hogan and Mme Corinne Kavanagh, our custodians, for the great job accomplished in cleaning our school during the summer!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 15: Home Alone Program for grades 5 and 6 – 1 ½ hours per class

Sept.17: Linking Generations info session @ pm

Sept 23: Picture day Individual and class

Sept. 23: Meet the Staff – 6:30 pm

Sept 25: P.D. day – no school

Sept. 29: Birch Bay Ranch for Band students

Sept. 30: Terry Fox Run, block 4

École OLPH School

2015-2016 Registration.

(Please note: NHSF = Noon Hour Supervision Fee)

Grade 5:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| District Material Fees | \$50.00 |
| Agenda | \$8.00 |
| Cultural Fees | \$35.00 |
| Options | \$60.00 |
| NHSF | \$35.00 |
| Locks | \$8.00 |

\$196.00

Grade 6:

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|------------------------|---------|
| District Material Fees | \$50.00 |
| Agenda | \$8.00 |
| Cultural Fees | \$35.00 |
| Options | \$60.00 |
| NHSF | \$35.00 |

\$188.00

-Grade 7:

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|------------------------|----------|
| District Material Fees | \$65.00 |
| Agenda | \$8.00 |
| Cultural Fees | \$35.00 |
| NHSF | \$35.00 |
| Holy Spirit Options | \$62.50 |
| OLPH Options: | |
| Media Art | \$25.00 |
| Robotics Adv. | \$50.00 |
| Robotics | \$60.00 |
| Art | \$40.00 |
| Sports Performance | \$140.00 |
| Outdoor Education | \$120.00 |

Grade 8:

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|------------------------|----------|
| District Material Fees | \$65.00 |
| Agenda | \$8.00 |
| Cultural Fees | \$35.00 |
| NHSF | \$35.00 |
| Holy Spirit Options | \$62.50 |
| OLPH Options: | |
| Media Art | \$25.00 |
| Robotics Adv. | \$50.00 |
| Robotics | \$60.00 |
| Art | \$40.00 |
| Sports Performance | \$140.00 |
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2015-2016 School Fees



In September/October 2015, parents will receive invoices for the student school fees sent home via the family's youngest child. Please remit payment online through Power School or by cheque (Made to Elk Island Catholic Schools) or cash to each child's homeroom after you receive the invoices. If you wish, you can pay for more than one child on a cheque/cash, but please indicate every child's full name and grade/homeroom on

the cheque or attach the invoice(s) to the cheque. For those who wish to pay by VISA/ MasterCard, you will have to pay through I - the Online Fee Payment through the PowerSchool Public Portal. If you have already created an account, you can attach your child/children as a new student to your account. This can be done by logging into the PowerSchool Public Portal with your existing account, clicking "Account Preferences", clicking "Students" and adding your child's name using the information below.

If you have not yet created an account, you can do so by going to <https://powerschool.eics.ab.ca> where you will find the page asking for a username and password. Please scroll down this page and click on "create an account". Once on this screen, fill out the top portion with the name, username, password and email address you want associated with your account. You will also need to specify the "Net Access ID" and "Net Access Password" of at least one child in the Elk Island Catholic School Division. The Net Access ID and the Net Access Password is student specific, so if you require this information, it can be obtained from the school office by sending a note in your child's agenda. A letter will be sent home containing the information for you.

Once logged into the PowerSchool Public Portal, click on "Student Fees" on the left hand side to pay your School fees online.

As we are anticipating and encouraging payment of fees to be made primarily online, there will not be cash on hand to make change at the office. Therefore, if you are paying fees at the office, please bring the exact amount. Also, please note, if you are paying fees by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Elk Island Catholic Schools.

Throughout the year, our students will be participating in various fieldtrips, presentations and projects. In order to make the collection of these fees simpler, we will be adding these fees to your child's PowerSchool Public Portal

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account as they take place. A note will be sent home to advise you of this and you will then have the option to pay the fees online or send the payment to the school. Once again, you must send exact cash to make **cheques payable to Elk Island Catholic Schools.** Please contact the school office at 780-467-5631 if you encounter any issues when creating your Public Portal account or when adding a child to your existing account or paying fees.

Fee Waiver Program 2015-2016

Under the principle that finances should not be a barrier to a child's education, Elk Island Catholic Schools will waive fees for independent students or parents/guardians if they meet certain income guidelines, are on social services or are facing exceptional circumstances. If you qualify, you may apply using the attached application form for a waiver for the following fees:

- Ineligible Transportation Fees
- Instructional Material Fees
- Course Fees
- Noon-Hour Supervision Fees
- Instructional Activity Fees

To apply for the Fee Waiver, click on the following link:

http://www.eics.ab.ca/images/Fee_Waiver_Application_2015-16.pdf

When you have completed the forms required to register your child, please submit them directly to the school. During the summer months when schools are closed, you may submit forms to:

EICS Central Learning Services
160 Festival Way, Sherwood Park, AB. T8Z 5Z2
Fax: 780-467-5469 Phone:

780-449-6440.

If you have any questions about our Registration and Student Information Form, please contact your child's school or our Student Services Team at 780-449-6440.

Field trip payments

All field trip cheques must be dated for the exact date of the trip and made to **Elk Island Catholic Schools**. Please write one cheque per fieldtrip – to avoid a paperwork nightmare. Please note cheques will not be cashed until after the field trips. Should any field trip cost less than the money charged by mistake, that money will be utilized for the following field trip which would reduce the cost of the next field trip.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015. More information will be sent home shortly.



Le Café Français

Le Café Français will be running again during morning recess. Punch Cards are available at the School Office at the cost of \$20.00. Each card allows your child to visit the café 10 times. Please note that each grade level is allowed to visit the café only once a week.

We always welcome volunteers to help at the café. If you wish to come and help from 10:15 to 10:40, please send an email to Mme Lafrance with your availability. A schedule will then be created and sent to all who have volunteered.

Merci de votre aide!

HOLIDAYS

Chers parents, when you are planning holidays, please limit the dates to the scheduled school holidays...i.e. summer holidays, Christmas, November or Spring Break. For the student's progress and the development of language skills, this is especially important. With the older students, missing several days of school means

missing some important concepts that are often required for future learning. It also means extra time is often required from the teacher to catch students up when they return – which can slow down the progress of the group as a whole. We have noticed that there has been a large increase in the number of people taking holidays during school time, and this is negatively affecting the progress of all the students. Merci for your consideration in this matter.

Please note the week available in November (9-13).

LUNCH SUPERVISION

This school has in place a Lunch Supervision Program where trained adults supervise the children during the lunch hour both in the classroom and out on the playground. This program provides the staff of our school with a proper lunch break. It also benefits the students by freeing up the staff for more tutoring and extra-curricular activities (i.e. Student Council, Intramurals, etc.)

We have a group of committed and caring adults who make this program a success. This year again our supervisors are hired and paid through the Elk Island Catholic Schools.

LOST AND FOUND

There is a container located in the main foyer where we put all items that are found around the school and school grounds. Parents and students are encouraged to go through this container on a regular basis.

LUNCH Information

****NUT SENSITIVE SCHOOL****
With the increase of students with serious allergies in our school, we are attempting to create a "Nut-sensitive" environment. We request that you refrain from sending peanut-butter sandwiches, cookies & treats that contain nuts and any nut-based snacks. Every child's health & safety is important to us and we appreciate your active concern and response to this request.

****GLASS CONTAINERS** Please DO NOT put GLASS CONTAINERS in your child's lunch.** We have had breakage around the school and it is potentially dangerous for the students to cut themselves.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS AT NOON

Unless students go home for lunch, they are to remain on the school premises during the school day, including the morning and lunch recesses. **EXCEPTIONS MUST BE**

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AUTHORIZED BY PARENTS, IN WRITING, dated and signed as well for each occasion and must indicate where your child is allowed to go. This will help us find them in case of an emergency. Thank you!

***** Please remember that a parent must sign out students leaving the school for lunch or appointments.** Should you not be able to do so, a written note, dated and signed by a parent must be provided at the office prior to the student leaving the school. The sign-out book is located in the office.

Visitors MUST SIGN IN at the Office. All guests/parents are required to sign in at the front office. It is imperative that all parents do so. People will be asked to wear a tag indicating that they are visitors to the school as it is impossible to be familiar with all parents and grandparents, etc. of the École O.L.P.H. families. This will allow students and staff to quickly identify those individuals. Those without tags will be asked to report to the office. Parents who are picking up children are asked to remain at the front entrance of the school unless they have signed in at the office and picked up a 'VISITEUR' tag. Kindly sign out and return the tag to the office before leaving. Merci for helping us with this matter.



PHONE-IN POLICY

In order to assist us in keeping our students safe and secure **we ask you to kindly notify the school BEFORE 8:35 a.m. when your child is going to be late or absent.** Please indicate your child's grade, homeroom teacher and whether your child will be away for any length of time. Should your child arrive after the second bell it is very important for them to report to the school office before going to their classroom. If we have not heard from you, we will make every attempt to contact a parent at home or at work. **The school is equipped with an answering machine, which you can access by dialing (780) 467-5631, night or day.** We appreciate your help in ensuring the safety of our children.

Please call us before 2:15 p.m. if you need to communicate any changes to your child regarding pick-up plans. However, making your arrangements in the morning

works best. Thank you for your efforts.

PHONE CALLS AND/OR TEXTING TO STUDENTS

We ask parents to please limit their calls and/or texting to the students during school hours. It is very disruptive for the teachers and the students if we have to pull a child from their class during instruction hours, and we do not want students texting during class for obvious reasons. After 2:15 pm, it is very difficult to convey messages received. Please make your arrangements in the morning before leaving the house.

SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

It would be very helpful if students did not wear black-soled shoes to school because of the marks that they leave on the floors. An indoor and outdoor pair of shoes would also help to keep our floors and carpets clean and dust free.

PLEASE - NO Roller Blades, Roller Shoes or Skateboards.

BACK TO SCHOOL KIT

There is an information kit prepared by Alberta Education to assist students, parents and teachers, as they get ready to go back to school. It is available on the web site: www.learning.gov.ab.ca/BackToSchool

BUS PASSES

Urban students riding the yellow busses must have an appropriate bus pass. If the student does not have the appropriate bus pass he/she will not be allowed to ride the school bus. Fees, if applicable must be paid prior to issuance of a bus pass. Initially, during the first week of school, the appropriate bus pass will be distributed to the individual student by the student's school.

Rural students will not require bus passes. We would like to start this year off with a reminder of the rules on the school bus.

It is the intent of our district to provide each of our passengers with a safe and comfortable journey to and from school.

Students riding on the bus must remember that they are responsible for their conduct to the driver and through the driver to the principal of their home school. Any conduct that jeopardizes the safety of the driver or the passengers will not be tolerated.

THE BASIC RULES OF CONDUCT FOR ALL OF OUR PASSENGERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Be at the bus stop prior to the departure time indicated by the driver.
2. Respect and obey the driver at all times.
3. Have respect for one another. No poking, hitting, fighting.
4. Use proper language.
5. Student shall stay seated at all times.
6. Keep aisles free of legs, feet and objects at all times.
7. Keep voice low so as not to create excessive noise so that the instructions from the driver can be heard at all times.
8. Show bus pass when asked to do so.
9. Ask driver's permission to open or adjust window openings.
10. Breakable containers are not allowed.
11. Animals are not allowed on the bus.
12. Students may only get off at their designated stops unless they have a note from their parent, guardian or the school.
13. Nothing is to be thrown out the window or on the bus.
14. Students should report problems or concerns to the driver.
15. The rear door is for emergencies only.
16. No firearms, knives, or weapons are allowed on the bus.
17. Unauthorized students are not allowed to ride unless there is a note from the school or parent authorizing the special permission to ride.
18. Have respect for public and private property at the bus stop.
19. Because of the serious choking hazard, eating, drinking or chewing gum while on the bus is prohibited, unless there are special circumstances such as dictated for medical reasons.

Parental Concerns

If a parent has a concern about their child's transportation please make us aware of the situation as soon as possible. The Transportation Office is normally operational from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM at (780) 449-6480. We prefer to fix the little problems, as soon as they happen, before they become big problems. We cannot fix the problem if it has not been brought to our attention.

Learn Alberta Information

www.learnalberta.ca

Alberta Education licenses some of the resources on the LearnAlberta.ca for authorized users only. Therefore, the Web site is password protected. When students, teachers and parents

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want to access LearnAlberta.ca from a computer outside of a school network, they will need to enter the jurisdiction userID and password.

UserID: LA14

Password: 2225

CURRICULUM HANDBOOKS

FOR PARENTS - Curriculum handbooks contain selected outcomes for each subject area from the Alberta Programs of Study. They provide a detailed picture of each grade. They are available on the Alberta Education Web site at <http://www.learning.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks/> or for purchase from the Learning Resources Centre (LRC).

HEALTH CORNER

Alberta Health Services Edmonton Area

From Your School Nurse

Alberta Health Services works together with parents, schools and community agencies to provide a range of coordinated community health services for school age children and their families. Our common goal is to improve student's health and learning outcomes. Various health services are provided by registered nurses, dental hygienists, and rehabilitation, speech and language practitioners. If you would like to talk to your school's nurse, please call the Strathcona County Health Centre @ 780-342-4600.

Grade 5 Immunization Hepatitis B and Chickenpox (Varicella) Vaccine

Hepatitis B Vaccine

- All students enrolled in grade 5 are offered Hepatitis B immunization.

- The immunization consists of 3 needles given over a six-month period.

Chickenpox (Varicella) Vaccine

- Any child who has not had chickenpox disease or vaccine can receive the vaccine.

- Chickenpox vaccine is one immunization given on the same day as the second Hepatitis B immunization.

Information and Consent:

- Following an information session, your child will be given an immunization package containing information for both Hepatitis B and Chickenpox diseases/vaccines and consent forms for you, their parent/guardian, to read. The consents must be completed and returned to school at least one week before the immunization day.

- **Your child will only be immunized with your consent. If you have any questions, please call:**

- Capital Health LINK at 408-LINK (5465) or 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

MEDICAL ALERTS/ MEDICATIONS

As we become more informed on allergic reactions, asthma, etc. we realize the importance of the need for immediate action. We are asking **that all students requiring epipens for severe allergy reactions** wear a "fanny pack" containing the medication and medical information. Puffers and other medications may be stored in the office and we ask that you complete the necessary forms at the office if you have not already done so. We would also like to suggest that students, who have allergies or asthma, etc., wear a "medic-alert" bracelet. This simple identification to a possible medical problem could make all the difference in the world for your child. We would also like to remind you that our school is **NUT SENSITIVE.**

OLPH Parish Weekend Mass times:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.

TERRY FOX RUN

École OLPH will proudly support the Terry Fox Foundation in the fight against cancer again this year. There will be a school wide fundraiser which will run September 30th. More information will be sent home regarding the details of the fundraiser. Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause! Merci!

Tutoring

If you feel you need tutoring for your child please contact M. Morin at 780-467-5631.

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ÉCOLE OLPH - STAFF LIST – 2015-2016

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| Administration | Principal | Mme Julie Lafrance-Coon |
| | Assistant Principal | M. Alyre Morin |
| Counselor | | Mme Denise Gagnon |
| Facilitator | | M. Alyre Morin |
| Support Staff | Secretary | Mme Manon Marcoux |
| | Accounts Clerk | Mme Manon Marcoux |
| | Library Technician | Mme Heather Corbin |
| | Educational Assistant | Mme Danielle Wood |
| Custodian | Daytime Custodian | Mme Lisa Hogan |
| | Evening Custodian | Mme Corinne Kavanagh |

Teachers

| Grade | Room | Name | |
|-------|------|----------------------|----|
| 5G | 152 | M. Danny Gray | 24 |
| 5J | 146 | Mme Julie Streadwick | 23 |
| 5S | 150 | Mme Annick Slupek | 23 |
| 6M | 147 | Mme Chandra Miller | 20 |
| 6S | 149 | M. Marc St. Jean | 21 |
| 6T | 148 | Mme Sinead Taylor | 20 |
| 7G | 137 | Mme Denise Gagnon | 30 |
| 7R | 131 | M. Pedro Rodriguez | 29 |
| 8D | 129 | Mme France Dufour | 30 |
| 8G | 138 | M. Guy Godin | 30 |
| Music | 114 | Mme Sonia McCoy | |
| | 128 | Mme Anik Tremblay | |

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| Elementary | 130 |
| Jr. High | 119 |
| Total students | <u>249</u> |

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| RCMP Complaint | 780-467-7741 | Cst. Frédérique De Billy |
| Child & Family Services | 780-427-3390 | Sherwood Park |
| | 780-603-2500 | Vegreville |

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