

PERSPECTive



École Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

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Mission Statement

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fostering in our students respect for life and learning as Christ taught us.*

- LET US PRAY -



God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death.

He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others.

Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families.

Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity.

May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES:

-November 5: Hot Lunch

-November 6: Photo Retakes

-November 6: Remembrance Day Celebration 10:45a.m.

-November 9 to 13: Fall Break No School

-November 11: Remembrance Day

-November 16: Hot Lunch

-November 17 & 19: Three Way Conferences 5:00-8:00p.m.

-November 18: Peer Partners

-November 19: Linking Generations

-November 19: Hot Lunch

-November 22: Catholic Education Mass at 10:30 at OLPH Church

-November 25: Teaching Mass in the gym at 11:00. School Council 7p.m.

-November 26: Linking Generations

-November 26: Hot Lunch

**Please be mindful of your footwear.
Help keep our school clean by
removing outdoor shoes.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

Our grade 8D will be hosting this very special celebration to honour our veterans who have sacrificed their lives to help make our country a safe place to live. This special celebration will begin at 10:45 a.m. in our gym Friday November 6th. Parents are welcome.

Young Disciples

Young Disciples is a children's program that teaches about Jesus and the Catholic Church, while encouraging the development of long-lasting friendships. The JD Youth Group is a recent addition to the program and provides young teens with continued Spiritual growth through various acts of service, activities and fun times. In the 17 years since the group first began the children have prayed, sang songs, performed plays, had countless visits from priests and other guest speakers, watched movies about the saints, participated as a group in the Mass, played games, washed each other's feet, re-enacted the Last Supper and celebrated Seder meals, read the bible and memorized scripture, hosted concerts, drew giant rosaries in the parking lot, gone on field trips, participated in Pro-Life walks, baked cookies, enjoyed All Saints' Day costume parties, eaten snacks, and colored, pasted, painted, cut and hammered their way through hundreds of crafts. The children (AND adults) have learned much, laughed lots, made lasting friendships, gotten dirty, sticky, wet and unmistakably holy! Young Disciples is an interactive faith program for children and teens that meets each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8 PM in the church basement. The cost for a whole year of faith, fun and snacks is only \$40 per child, or \$100 for a family with 3 or more children. Please contact: Marla W. at 780-464-1256 or email mwaldner@shaw.ca to learn how you can be involved. Your help is always appreciated and very much needed!

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS!

Fundscrip is an innovative program that lets us earn cash rebates for our organization based on things you buy everyday like groceries, gas and other household items. Every month you spend hundreds of dollars for things like food, gas, clothing, pharmacy, restaurants, electronics, home renovations, department stores, and so on. All you have to do is pay for some or all of your purchases using **GIFT CARDS** bought at face value from FundScrip participating retailers and a percentage of every gift card purchased is contributed to our group's fundraising efforts.

Fundscrip can be ordered two ways:

Paper order forms:

Order forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded via the school website (<http://olphschool.eics.ab.ca/index.php/parents/school-council>). Paper order forms are due at the school office the first Wednesday of the month (early dismissal). Gift Card are delivered to the school the following week on Thursday.

On Line:

How to Sign Up

1. Go to www.fundscrip.com and click on Sign Up
2. Complete the information in the Become a Supporter section and be sure to enter our group's Invitation Code: **PETQYC**
3. Click on **Sign Up** and you will be sent a confirmation email.
4. Click the link in the confirmation email and complete your registration.
5. Now you are ready to login, place orders and start supporting our group
6. Watch your Inbox for the confirmation email from FundScrip.

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**ON-LINE CREDIT CARD
ORDERING NOW AVAILABLE
FOR FUNDSCHIP GIFTCARDS!**

With on line ordering you can choose to have them delivered directly to you. A delivery charge may be added to your order. Or order for delivery with OLPH Parent Associations Group Orders which are on the first Wednesday of every month. (Early Dismissal Day) and delivery is free. The order arrives the following Thursday.

We look forward to your support!

Regards,

OLPH Parent Association

VOYAGE QUEBEC



Plans are well underway for our annual grade 8 trip to Québec! Merci to all parents who have submitted the required forms and payments. **If you have not sent your payments and forms in yet, please do so by the end of this week.** Any new information will be communicated via email. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mme Julie Lafrance at 780-467-5631. Our website is always updated to accommodate everyone. If you require information regarding the fundraisers, please visit the school website for appropriate contact information. At the moment the meat sale is ongoing. Please see the school website for more information.

**STUDENT VERIFICATION
FORM**

Only 40% of parents have completed the online Student Verification Form available on your PowerSchool's Parent Portal. Please take the time to complete this form as it provides us with up-to-date information regarding your child as well as emergency contact information.

**SCHOOL FEES
REMINDER**

All invoices for school fees have been sent home with each student. As some funds have already been disbursed in advance by the school with third parties for activities such as special options, field trips, deposits, holding spots/space, etc. it would be greatly appreciated if fees can be paid promptly online through PowerSchool or to Mme Manon Marcoux-Jones at 780-467-5631. We accept cash and cheques (payable to Elk Island Catholic Schools) at the school. Credit card payments should be done online through PowerSchool.

**C U R R I C U L U M
HANDBOOK**

The 2015-2016 Curriculum Handbooks for Parents offer in-depth information about what students are expected to learn at each grade level of the curriculum; the Curriculum Summaries provide concise grade-at-a-glance information; and the Curriculum Express for Parents gives a short explanation of the curriculum for parents who are English language learners. They are now available to download or print as required from the Education website at:

www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx
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The handbooks are also available for purchase from the Learning Resources Centre at 780-427-2767 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000). An order form can be found on the website.

For further information, please contact the Program Development and Standards Division, at 780-427-2984 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

3-way Conferences

Bienvenue and welcome to our **3-way conferences** which will be held on **Tuesday, November 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm** and **Thursday, November 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. An e-mail has been sent to all parents regarding School bookings to book an appointment with your teacher(s). To sign up, please go to:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?ecode=SCKAH>

Book Fair

French Scholastic Book Fair

The November 16th to November 20th, 2015 Book Fair will take place in the library during school hours as well as the nights of **parent/teacher interviews**.

EICS has a web-based library catalogue called *Destiny* which is very user-friendly, and can search our own school's library or anywhere in the district. To go with it, we have also purchased an awesome subscription

service called **WebPath Express**. It searches a pre-searched database and checks all hyperlinks daily. You can view **Destiny** and **WebPath Express** at school or from home. Go to the EICS Library home page at: <http://destiny.eics.ab.ca>. Click on our school. Once you are in the catalogue, look at the left side bar to use **WebPath Express**.

LOST & FOUND

The Lost and Found items container is already overflowing. Please remember to look through when you attend parent-teacher interviews. Please also remind your children to look for their belongings. Merci.

**The Big Bad Musical
(Le Grand Méchant Procès)**

Mme McCoy once again is organizing a spectacular play for our Grade 5/6 students. Auditions will be held November 17th all day.

The notorious Big Bad Wolf is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by storybooks of quirky characters who want to get even: Little Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. The two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest – the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother – clash in a trial that will be remembered forever after.

If you have questions, please contact Mme McCoy by e-mail at soniam@eics.ab.ca

**TERRY FOX
FUNDRAISER**

Merci to all who participated! Together we were able to raise approximately \$1,865.00. Thank you very much for promoting this with your children, as well as for your personal contributions. Great job everyone!



**TRANSPORTATION
NEWS**

Phone: [780-449-6480](tel:780-449-6480)

Fax: [780-449-6481](tel:780-449-6481)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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École OLPH School is committed to quality education in both official languages, fostering in our students respect for life and learning as Christ taught us.

The safety of your children, our students, is of the utmost importance to us and this includes safe transportation to and from school. Every student from kindergarten to grade 8, registered to access the yellow bus transportation, must carry a bus pass with them at all times and present it to the driver before boarding the bus. Failure to produce the pass may result in your child being refused access to the bus. This safety measure is in place to ensure that only registered students access the yellow bus.

Lanyards as well as replacement passes (\$5 fee) are available at your child's school.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this process.

WHY are we asking students to show their pass each time they board the bus?

1. Safety - we need to ensure only registered students are accessing our buses.
2. It has become the provincial norm an expectation.
3. When the division installs GPS, students will be required to scan their pass daily. We getting students and parents ready for this integration.

Thank you for your support.

*Lynne Lambert
Director of Transportation
Services*

Stay at home parent? Retired? Do you enjoy children?

Would you like a great part time job that pays well without having to pay for daycare?

Join Your Friends and Neighbors Who Are Enjoying A Rewarding Career As A School Bus Driver!

Elk Island Catholic SRD #41 invites applications for School Bus Drivers on a casual basis in the Sherwood Park, Ardrossan and South Cooking Lake areas. No experience necessary: Class 2 and training are available at no cost to you. Base salary plus mileage (where applicable), Stat Holidays, Training/PD Days and bus wash allowance. Benefits and bonus program for full time employees.

For more information, please call 780-449-6480 or visit our website at www.eics.ab.ca.

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NOTES ALLOWING A CHILD TO RIDE A BUS OTHER THAN HIS/HER DESIGNATED BUS

Schools buses in the urban Sherwood Park area are full to capacity. Please refrain from sending a note for the driver allowing your child to ride another bus home with a friend. If a child must take another bus home for childcare, please contact the Transportation Office at 780-449-6480 at least two days prior to ensure that the request can be accommodated. Drivers will not accept notes unless authorized by the transportation office. Thank you for your understanding.

ITEMS ON THE SCHOOL BUS

The School Bus Operation Regulations (16) of the Motor Transport Act stipulates that large items cannot be carried on school buses unless they can be secured and do not block the aisles.

For the safety of all riders, the following items are not permitted on a Yellow School Bus during the regular run:

- * luggage, skis, snowboards, golf clubs, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks, baseball bat, long boards, collapsible scooter bikes
- * band equipment larger than a trumpet case
- * glass and ceramics* animals of any type.

The following are permitted if they are secured in an appropriate cloth or hard-cased bag:

- * Skates with blade covers, skate boards
- * band equipment the size of or smaller than a trumpet case

Articles must be held on a student's lap, not go into the aisle, above the seat or into another student's space. As seats are 39" wide and there are often three students to a seat, the article should not be more than 13" x 13" x 23".

COLD WEATHER APPAREL

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. A school bus driver has the discretion to refuse access to a student who is not deemed to be appropriately dressed. If a student presents him/herself at a morning pick-up and is not properly dressed, the bus driver shall pick up the student and, upon arrival at the school, the driver will complete a misconduct report identifying the problem and submit it to the Principal.

FLASHING RED – MEANS STOP!!

School bus drivers are required to activate their 8 Way Red Lights in all areas of Rural Strathcona County. Motorists are reminded that vehicles

travelling **in both directions** on a 2-lane highway or roadway **must stop** when approaching a school bus that has activated their 8 Way Red Lights to pick up or drop off students. Failure to stop will result in a **\$402 fine and 6 demerit points**. Bus drivers will forward the license information of any offenders to the RCMP so that they can issue a ticket.

C A S U A L CARETAKERS

Are you looking for a role that provides the opportunity to work in a collaborative team environment, where your skills, knowledge and attributes are respect?

If so, please consider joining EICS as a casual caretaker. We're accepting applications for casual Caretakers at our Camrose, Fort Saskatchewan, Sherwood Park and Vegreville schools. These positions are on an on-call as-needed basis with a salary of \$22.51 per hour.

Please visit our website at 222.eics.ab.ca and click on Human Resources/Support Staff Career Opportunities. Information is posted under Competition #13/114C.

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