

# PERSPECTive

## *École Our Lady of Perpetual Help School*

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 **MAI/MAY 2016**



*A Mother's Day Prayer*  
Loving God,  
we thank you for the  
love of the mothers  
you have given us,  
whose love is so  
precious that it can  
never be measured,  
whose patience seems  
to have no end.  
May we see Your  
loving hand behind  
them and guiding  
them.  
We pray for those  
mothers who fear  
they will run out of  
love  
or time, or patience.  
We ask you to bless  
them with your own  
special love.  
We ask this in the  
name of Jesus, our  
brother.  
Amen.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- May 3:** Grade 8 Quebec Trip Parent Information Night in School Library 6:30 p.m. (For this year's trip)
- May 5:** Science Olympics (Campus St Jean) (Only for students who have signed up for this activity)
- May 5:** Hot lunch
- May 9:** Track & Field Day
- May 10:** P.A.T. Gr 6 FLA Part A
- May 11:** Pentecost Celebration in the gym at 11:20 a.m.
- May 11:** Hot lunch
- May 12:** P.A.T. Gr 6 ELA Part A
- May 12:** Gr. 7/8 Alberta Skills Competition at Expo Centre
- May 13:** PD Day / No school
- May 15:** Chromebook Leasing Program Enrollment Deadline
- May 16:** Gr. 6 Trees & Forests Field Trip
- May 16:** Hot lunch
- May 19:** Linking Generations Celebration Lunch 12:50 to 2:00
- May 19:** Hot lunch
- May 20:** Voyage Québec departure (May 20 – 26)
- May 20:** No school
- May 23:** Victoria Day – No school
- May 25:** Knights of Columbus Track Meet
- May 25:** School Council 7 p.m.
- May 26:** Hot lunch
- May 27:** Family Fun Night

### Dress Code

With the warm weather finally here, we can put our sweaters away and dig out our light clothes. A reminder to all students to dress in a manner that reflects our school as a place of learning and to dress appropriately, that is, neatly and *modestly*. For example: Shirts will cover the torso area completely and tops that cover the shoulder area (no halters or straps please). Shorts should end at fingertips at least when arm is resting down. Refer to the Student Agenda for more details.

### May/June PATs

- May 10:** Gr 6 FLA Part A
- May 12:** Gr 6 ELA Part A
- June 14:** Gr 6 FLA Part B
- June 15:** Gr 6 ELA Part B
- June 16:** Gr 6 Math
- June 17:** Gr 6 Science
- June 20:** Gr 6 Social Studies



### Provincial Achievement Tests

PATs are upon us once again for our grade 6 students. It can be a bit nerve racking for a student to face these tests, so here are a few Memory Strategies that may help:

**Think in Pictures, Colours, and Shapes:** Concrete images are more memorable than abstract ideas, and that is why pictures are such important instructional aids for your instructors

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and text authors. Practice colourful thinking! Associate your own mental pictures to the academic content. In your class and text notes use colour to highlight headings and other key ideas. Use shapes to help you organize ideas; triangles, boxes, flow charts, circles.

**Use Mnemonics:**

**Rhymes** can be powerful; psychology students will recognize Freud's personality theory in the little rhyme, "Id is the kid!"

**Acronyms** collapse the beginning letters of a set of information into one or a few words; in trigonometry, you can use SOHCAHTOA for right-angled triangles; in French you can use DR and MRS VANDERTRAMPP for verbs that conjugate with être.

The **beginning letters** of a set of information can be built into a sentence; for biology, you might recognize **Kings Play Chess On Frosted Glass Surfaces**.

**Repetition:**

The more times you go over something, the better your memory will be of that information. However, each time you go through something, try to use a different method so that you are not just repeating exactly the same activity. By varying your approach you will create more connections in long-term memory.

## EXAM BANK

There is a great website for exam practice. Visit [www.ExamBank.com](http://www.ExamBank.com) and have your child try it.

Username: perpet

Password: help



### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Peer Partners Mentorship Program will come to an end on May 11<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to the grade 7 & 8 students for making the "French Connection" by sharing the gift of themselves with their buddies at EPK and for the support of Mme Gagnon.



### Crosswalks

Please ensure that you and your children make use of the crosswalk to cross the street. We also urge you to be alert as drivers, and when crossing the street in the area of our school. Should you see anyone driving carelessly, please take their license plate number and report

them to the Bylaw Enforcement Services at 780-449-0170. We appreciate your help in keeping École OLPH a safe place to be. Merci.



### Plans for Next Year?

We just wanted to remind you that if you are moving or if your children are transferring to another school, that you could please stop by the office to fill out the appropriate form as soon as possible. This would help us immensely! Merci!



### TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

There is no word to express our gratitude toward all the valuable time you have given our staff this year, but this little poem says it all:

#### **Like Ripples in a Pond**

We thank you for all the great things you do. Large and small, they all have meaning to the families you help and to us. One act can make all the difference. Like ripples in a pond kindness spreads outward, reaching and touching others and can change a life forever. The smiling faces we see say it all... Thank you...you are our stars!

- *By Laurie Eytel*



### *Farewell Celebration Grade Eight*

Another school year is almost at an end and with it another group of hard working students will be embarking in a new chapter of their lives. That is why we find it meaningful to honour them and their hard work before they leave us on their new journey. The farewell celebration will consist of a Liturgy of the Word on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm downstairs at OLPH Parish Hall followed immediately by the Farewell program. Dinner will begin at approximately 6:20 p.m. The celebration will end around 9:00 p.m. Reservations for the dinner can be made at the cost of \$26.00 a plate. (6-10 yrs.: \$14.00; up to 5 yrs.: \$6.00) Reservations were to have been handed in by April 20<sup>th</sup>. If changes need to be made,

please contact M. Godin immediately. Merci.

### French Summer Day Camp

This summer camp is designed for non-francophone children ages 6-12, from French as a second language and French Immersion programs. The main objective of this camp is to develop confidence in oral and written French within a French environment. Kids will be motivated by daily fun activities "en français" that are designed to develop fluency, ease and confidence. For more information or for registration Please call 780-469-0399 or email at [info@afedmonton.ca](mailto:info@afedmonton.ca).

### Le grand méchant process (Big Bad Musical)

#### Spring short musical Play

Performance dates: Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:45 p.m. & Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Because of our Gymnasium capacity, we need to limit the amount to 3 family members only. Please consider coming for either the morning or afternoon performance which would make a great opportunity for grandparents, aunts, and uncles or close ones to enjoy the show with better seating and a less crowded gym. Merci, Mme McCoy

### CHROMEBOOK LEASING PROGRAM

The deadline for enrollment in the Chromebook Leasing Program for the 2016-2017 school year is May 15<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please follow the instructions on our One-to-One page on our school's website:

<https://olph.eics.ab.ca/programs/one-to-one-in-eics>



### TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Another year is approaching completion and our department is planning the 2016-2017 year.

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Please take the time to read through the bullets below. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Office by calling 780-449-6480, via fax: 780-449-6481 or email [transportation@eics.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@eics.ab.ca).

Thank you !

- If your child's transportation address(es) will be changing, the Transportation Request form must be completed indicating the alternate address information. The form is located on line at [www.eics.ab.ca](http://www.eics.ab.ca) under "Transportation".
- If your child ***did not*** access the yellow bus this year and will require busing for 2016-2017, please complete the Transportation Request form located on line at [www.eics.ab.ca](http://www.eics.ab.ca) under "Transportation".
- If your child accessed the yellow bus this year, busing will be automatically assigned and the 2016-2017 invoice, where fees are applicable, will be mailed to you in May.
- If your child accessed the yellow bus this year and ***will not*** require the service for 2016-2017, please advise the office immediately. This will allow for the planning of more efficient services.
- If you are contacted by a driver in August and your child ***will not*** be access the yellow bus, please let us know so that we may remove his/her name from the list and cancel the invoice if one has been issued.
- *The deadline for payment to ensure your child receives bus service for August 30th is July 31st.*
- *Students who reside within the Hamlet of Sherwood Park* who are entering Grade 9 this fall will be using Strathcona County Transit for school transportation. Route information is available on the County website at [www.strathcona.ab.ca](http://www.strathcona.ab.ca) or by

calling 780-464-7433. Passes will only be provided to eligible students and are distributed by the school. Payride students can purchase their own transit pass from Strathcona Transit. All students who ride Strathcona Transit must display their Transit pass whenever they are boarding the bus (except for the first 3 days of school in September). *There will be no exceptions.*

- We are looking for Spare Drivers for the 2016-2017 school year. If you or someone you know might be interested, please submit your resume to [apply@eics.ab.ca](mailto:apply@eics.ab.ca). Class 2 Training will be provided and costs reimbursed.

Thank you.  
Department of Transportation  
Services  
780-449-6480

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French or English

## PIANO & VOICE LESSONS

For all levels, all musical styles, children & adults!

Sign up now for May and June!  
Your slot will be reserved for September 2016!

\$25 / 30 min lesson

\$30 / 45 min lesson

Location:  
24 Ivy Crescent, Sherwood Park, T8A 1W4

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