Reaching Out . . . to Transform the World

First Student Bus Hot Line – 306-343-3300. Please feel free to phone this number anytime there is severe weather, and check if your child’s bus is running.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 27 – Picture Day K - 8
- September 27 – Soccer Practice 3:30 – 4:30 for Soccer Team
- September 28 – Hot Lunch for Those Who Ordered
- September 28 – Terry Fox Run/Walk
- September 28 – Grade 4 Harvest Demonstration @ WDM for All Grade 4s
- September 28 – Soccer Game @ 3:00 for Soccer Team
- September 29 – Orange Shirt Day
- October 4 - Soccer Practice 3:30 – 4:30 for Soccer Team
- October 5 - School Mass 9:15 a.m. @ St. Lorenzo School – All are Invited
- October 5 - Father Iheanyi Enwerem Visits Classrooms in the Afternoon
- October 5 - Soccer Game @ 3:00 for Soccer Team
- October 6 - PLD – No School for Students
- October 9 - Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
- October 25 - Picture Retakes
- October 27 - Family Dance

Thank You to . . .

- Our CSCC for providing the hot dog and juice meal for Meet the Staff
- All families who joined us on Meet the Staff Night
- To families who are not parking in our bus zones

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis’s account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools, and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

St. Lorenzo school staff and students are encouraged to wear orange on September 29th as a symbol of our solidarity.

St. Lorenzo on Twitter

Follow the school updates on our school Twitter handle @StLorenzoStoon.

Schools Win Twice Raffle

A big thank you to all families who have already returned their sold Schools Win Twice Tickets. We also have many students who requested more books at the office. Please make sure parents send a note requesting the tickets. Our first winners of the weekly draw are Kadence R (KB) and Keegan B (7L). All sold tickets go into our weekly draw. The earlier you get the tickets in, the more chances you get to win.
**Criminal Record Checks**

A reminder that parents who will be joining our students on field trips (when leading students out of the teacher’s sight) will need to have a Criminal Record Check completed. There is no cost to families for this. All forms are available at the school. Please ask your child’s teacher to send them home with your child.

**Terry Fox School Run**

On Thursday, September 28th the students and staff of St. Lorenzo Ruiz School will be participating in the Terry Fox School Run. Students will meet at 11 am for a short presentation in the gym followed by a group walk. Students are invited to bring a $1 donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

**Medical Information Sheet**

If your child has a medical condition or allergy that the staff should be made aware of, please contact Ms. Talbot (306-659-7950) so that we can send you a Medical Information Sheet.

**Newsletters**

Please note that newsletters will be emailed every second week. We ask that all families ensure they have updated email addresses to ensure all school information is received.

**Absent or Late Arrivals**

Parents are asked to notify the school (306-659-7950) if their son/daughter will be late or absent. The message manager is on 24 hours a day, so please call at any time and leave a message including the name of your child and his/her classroom teacher. If the school has not received a message by 9:15 am and 1:00 pm regarding your child’s absence, the automated Synrevoice system will call you to establish your child’s whereabouts. Students who arrive late will need to enter via the front doors. Students will let the office coordinator know they are arriving late so that we can account for all of our students.

**Outside Doors**

Students are asked to use their bootroom entrance when entering the building. These doors open at 8:30 am. If students are arriving early for extra-curricular activities they should use the front doors. The front doors will open by 8:30 am. All outside doors automatically lock by 9:05 am to ensure all guests in the building are accounted for. We ask that families not send their children to school prior to 8:30 am as staff are often in meetings and will not be able to provide supervision. Any students using the Before and After School Program can use the front Community doors.

**Community News**

**Boo Town**

Come in your costumes and celebrate Halloween with the Western Development Museum at Boo Town on Monday, October 30 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. This fun, safe, family event includes spooky games, terrifying tales, tasty treats, live entertainment, a Boomtown mystery to solve and more!

Admission:

- Family $25.00
- Preschool (5 & under) FREE
- Adults $10.00
- Children must be accompanied by an adult $4.00
- Kids (ages 6-12) $4.00

**St. Patrick Parish**

**Sacramental Preparation For Children Grades 2 - 6**

The first parent/child gathering for children registered to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will take place at St. Patrick’s Parish on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm**. If you are registered at St. Patrick Parish or attend mass here on a regular basis, and would like to have your child receive the sacraments, please make sure to attend this important first gathering. Children will receive their workbooks at this gathering and will be introduced to the animation series that will accompany them on their journey to receiving the sacraments. A schedule of the dates and times of important gatherings will be handed out to the parents to guide them in forming their child’s faith. Registration forms will be made available for those who have not yet registered. Please bring a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at St. Patrick Parish. For more information or registration forms please contact the parish office.

Note: A suggested donation of $40.00 is suggested to offset the cost of the books required. All children are welcome - if you require sponsorship, please contact Fr. Gerard at the parish office.

**Decision Point: Sacramental Preparation For Youth Grades 7 - 12**

Our youth preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in January. All youth in grades 7-12 who want to receive the sacraments are required to attend the DECISION POINT evangelization series. This series is centered on a catechesis of evangelization that is first and foremost a conversation that leads to conversion of heart, mind and soul. It will present the Gospel in a way that is fresh, intriguing, relevant and attractive. The series will teach and inspire our youth to respond to the call of Christ, and cooperate with his grace to live in a committed relationship to God in daily life. Please register your child in the DECISION POINT Sacramental formation series as soon as possible so we can order resources. To register please call St. Patrick Parish office at 306 384 1100.