



## Sister Mary Phillips School

Dear SMP families,

Wow! This year is flying by. It's hard to believe that November is here. Lots of exciting things happening this month – Used Book Sale (yes...we will gladly take your donations!), Remembrance Day activities and liturgy, fund-raisers for Santa's Anonymous, Parent Teacher Interviews, School Council Paint Night fund-raiser, Advent Liturgy (Advent starts Nov.27) and so much more!

November brings us Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs). This is an exciting time for parents, students and staff. We value and look forward to meeting with you during PTIs where we discuss your child and how we can work together to help them be the best they can be.

We have decided to have a Family Christmas Craft Night this year instead of a Christmas Concert. We had lots of families lose their homes, including their decorations. We want to provide all families an opportunity to create some new family memories through Christmas decorations. Please join us on Dec.14<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30PM.

Wishing you a lovely November. May you take some time on November 11<sup>th</sup> to remember those who have fought for our freedom. Join us for a Liturgy on Nov.10<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.

God bless...

Lou Ann Demers-Noble  
Principal

## October Bucket Winners

EEP – Eva Hynes & Matthew Stone  
EEP/K – Peyton Freake & William Hein  
K – Brooklyn Lush & Luvenia Atalifo  
1B – Alexander Hein  
1E – Jenna MacRae  
1P – Sierra Colbourne  
2B – Terani O’Neil  
2F – Garrett Dempsey  
2H – Ella MacWhirter  
3B – Olivia Granter  
3C – Declan Roberts  
3H – Owen Ruth  
4F – Oliver Chapman  
4R – Princess Muca  
5B – Claire Keenan  
5S – Megan Baker  
6M – Evan Braun  
6V – Savannah Marshall  
PE – Mackenzie Long

Platinum Bucket Class Winner  
Most Tokens – 3C with 56 tokens

Fall is here! And winter is just around the corner! As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child has warm clothes and shoes so they can enjoy their recess time on the playgrounds.

### Boston Pizza Fundraising

Please collect all of your receipts from BPs and bring them to the school. We can submit them and receive a percentage of cash back. We will use this money to purchase additional I pads for our classrooms that don’t have one.

## FNMI News

We will be having an FNMI family Advent feast here at SMP on December 8<sup>th</sup>. FNMI families will receive invitations in November.

## Library News

It’s been a busy few months and the library is looking great! Thanks to everyone who helped with the library set up for our start up in September. Thanks to everyone who is helping weekly with labeling books, shelving books, decorating and other library activities. There are always volunteer positions available in the SMP library, and we now have a Sign Up Genius for parents to use. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4cacac2da57-ongoing>

We will also be having our annual fall Scholastic book fair the week of November 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers for set up, take down, and general help would be greatly appreciated! As well, any parents who volunteer three or more hours total will receive a discount on their children’s purchases from the book fair. A Sign Up Genius will be shared on the SMP Families Facebook page.

## USED BOOK SALE:

We are so appreciative of the parents who have donated books to our school. We have a surplus of books and want to share them!

**Used Book Sale: Nov.7-10 \$1/book**  
All money raised will go towards the purchase of additional classroom I pads.  
\*\* We are accepting additional book donations! Please drop off at office.

### Attention Parents

The school bus is not allowed to pass any vehicles that are stopped in our bus loop. If you see the bus, please let it proceed before you. It is important that this lane be kept open. The bus drivers have many students depending on them to get them to school in a timely manner. We ask for your cooperation in this regard. Parents may park on the street, in the bus loop parking stalls, and in the church parking lot.

### Teacher Assistant Supervisors

The Fort McMurray Catholic School District is currently hiring Teacher Assistant Supervisors to cover classes when teachers are out. If you have a post-secondary degree and a vulnerable sector criminal records check, please talk to your principal or send your resume to [hr@fmcasd.ab.ca](mailto:hr@fmcasd.ab.ca).

In an ongoing effort to prevent and lessen the effects of future wildfires, the Municipality recently contracted Infinite Forestry Consulting Ltd. to conduct fuel reduction through vegetation management along the Birchwood Trails. The project is scheduled to begin before the end of October, and will take approximately three months to complete.

We will be informing residents of the project through a variety of ways, including a media briefing, various communications tools and **Here for You information sessions on Thursday October 27 from 4 – 8 p.m. at Shell Place and Saturday, October 29 at Doug Barnes Cabin from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Please visit [http://www.rmwb.ca/Municipal-Government/municipal\\_departments/Public-Operations/Parks---Trails/Birchwood-Trails/FireSmart.htm](http://www.rmwb.ca/Municipal-Government/municipal_departments/Public-Operations/Parks---Trails/Birchwood-Trails/FireSmart.htm) for the most up-to-date information about the project.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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### WinterBall

The Fort McMurray Minor Baseball Association link for information and to register.

<http://fmmba.ca>



Our grade 2H class had a wonderful time making dream catchers with our new FNMI liaison, Allison Flett.

## Parent Council News

Hello from the Fundraising Committee! We are a group of parent/guardian volunteers looking to raise additional funding to the school to help enrich the educational experience of the students. Anyone is welcome to attend and join in! We are working on setting up the committee as a registered society, complete with board members. We are hoping to do this in December. If you are interested in being part of the committee in any capacity, please let us know!

- Thank you again for participating in the Veggie Fundraiser. We raised almost \$7,000!!!
- Our Dieleman Fundraiser is getting close to raising another \$7,000! Thank you! Online orders close November 3rd.
- Mark your Calendars! Family Movie Night is November 4th. We are showing "The Secret Life of Pets". Bring your blanket, stuffy and pajamas!
  - 5:30 Concession opens (pizza, popcorn, water, juice, snacks)
  - 6:00 Movie starts
  - 7:40 Movie ends and clean up begins
- Our November 17th & 24th Paint Nights are sold out. Please watch for the next one!
- Breakfast Program: If you want to make a donation, you can do it through the Hot Lunch program when you place your orders for December! When you order your lunches, you will see a line to make a \$2 donation or a \$5 donation. You can enter two \$5 if you want to donate \$10 for example!
- Sno-Fest Dance prep has already started; it's our favorite event of the year! Keep yourself free for January 20th!

With your amazing support, we have paid for student agendas, iPads and charging carts, classroom Promethean boards, Telus World of Science presentations, Alien In-Line Skating, Reading Eggs, and more!

## Santa's Anonymous 2016

Father Mercredi Community High School is organizing the Santa's Anonymous campaign for Fort McMurray and the surrounding areas. They are expecting a higher than normal volume of families that will be needing assistance. Therefore, the deadline for referrals is earlier this year to allow for sufficient time to organize and deliver the hampers. Referral forms for the Santa's Anonymous 2016 campaign are available online. The deadline for submitting referrals is **November 16<sup>th</sup>**.

# November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	Food Drive starts for Stuff-A-Bus – for the Food Bank		HL–Boston Pizza	<b>HL–Chez Max</b> Today is a Wednesday schedule <b>Movie Night</b> PJ Day \$2-Sleep Country fund-raiser
<b>7</b> Used Book Sale starts! \$1/book	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Red Day!</b> HL–Wok Box 11-Remembrance Day Liturgy	<b>11</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Remembrance Day</b> ** Take some time to remember those who fought for us
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> RCMP Presentation Gr.5&6	<b>16</b> Onesie (or PJs) Wednesday for Santa’s Anonymous (\$1) <b>6PM-School Council meeting</b>	<b>17</b> <b>AM-Picture Retake Day</b> HL–Pizza Hut <b>PM-Paint Night</b>	<b>18</b> <b>HL-Mr. Sub</b> Today is a Thursday schedule <b>Report Cards go home</b> Food Drive is over!
<b>21</b> <b>Shine Dance here! EEP-Gr.6</b> 5-8PM-PTIs	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>3:30-6:30-PTIs</b>	<b>24</b> HL–Opa! <b>No School EEP &amp; K only</b> PM-Paint Night	<b>25</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:30-Advent #1 Liturgy EEP-A &amp; 3B</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:30-Assembly <b>Unicorn Ponytail Day (or crazy hair)</b>		<b>Dec.3 – Christmas Market at SMP!</b> <b>10-3 Come Shop!</b>

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**December 14 6-7:30PM**  
**Christmas Craft Family Night!**



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RE: Immediate Support for Indigenous Mental Wellness

*Dear Partners in Health:*

On June 13, 2016 Prime Minister Trudeau announced immediate support for [Indigenous mental wellness](#). Further to that announcement, I am pleased to provide details on the launch of the First Nations and Inuit **Hope for Wellness Help Line**. The launch of this new national help line will further compliment other measures over the next three years.

The Hope for Wellness Help Line is to provide immediate culturally competent telephone-based crisis intervention counselling to First Nations and Inuit young people and adults experiencing distress. Help Line calls will be answered by experienced crisis intervention counsellors, and service will be available in English and French. Callers may also ask about the availability of service in Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut.

Callers can access the Help Line 24/7 effective immediately. The toll-free phone number for the line is **1-855-242-3310**.

Communication campaigns are being developed nationally with the AFN and ITK to encourage individuals in crisis to access this new Help Line. I encourage you all to further promote its use in your communities.

Sincerely,

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First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Alberta Region

cc. Chiefs of Alberta  
Health Directors  
Health Co-Management  
Jim Sisson, Regional Director General, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada  
Dr. Carl Amrhein, Deputy Minister, Alberta Health  
Donavon Young, Deputy Minister, Alberta Indigenous Relations  
Gloria Iatridis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Services, Government of Alberta

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