



## St. Mary's Snapshot

### Week Three!

School is so much more than learning, textbooks, tests and homework. Last week at St. Mary's was certainly an example of how much more we offer than just a quality Catholic education. On Friday the Sr. Boys volleyball team hosted their first tournament of the season, our Sr. Girls were on the road playing in their first tournament and our football team played a hard fought game under the beautiful field lights. This coming week we have our meet the staff evening, opening school mass and our sports teams will be busy practicing for more upcoming games/tournaments.

We are blessed to have an active school and we are fortunate to have parents and staff members that support our endeavours by coming out to watch the games, supporting the canteen and giving up personal time to help with extra-curricular programming. It is our whole school community that truly makes St. Mary's such a faith-filled and happy place.

### Important Dates:

September 13, 2016-5pm Meet the Teacher BBQ

September 13, 2016-First Parent Council Meeting EVERYONE is welcome @ 6pm in the library

September 14, 2016-Opening Mass at St. Martin's Parish 9am

September 16, 2016-PD Day No School

September 19-23, 2016-Kananaskis Grade 7 Camping Trip

September 21, 2016-Picture Day (Grade 7s will have their photo taken on re-take day in October)

September 24, 2016-Canadian Student Leadership Conference

September 30-October 2, 2016-Catholic Youth Conference Red Deer

### Additional Information:

**Wake up your faith in Texas! On March 1-7, 2017 all students in grades 10-12 are welcome to join us for the DCYC (Dallas Catholic Youth Conference) in Dallas, Texas. This will be an exciting week of social justice, conference participation, meeting other young Catholics from all around Texas and a visit to "Six Flags Under Texas" amusement park. Forms and information are available at the main office. A \$500 deposit is due by the end of September to reserve your son/daughter's spot. Please contact the main office should you require additional details. Yee-Haw Celebrating our Catholic faith down in Texas.**

## EICS Division Theme: Altar'd In Faith

**How can you continue to live our Division theme in your daily life? Be a prophet in your own home. Serve your family with humble sacrifice, holy example and a courageous commitment to lead your family to heaven. Be holy by leading your family in prayer. Be a prophet by teaching the truth of Christ and His Church. Be brave by defending our faith and leading those that are struggling with their relationship with the Church to the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Let the love of our Lord Jesus Christ shine through in your words, thoughts and deeds.**

### 1:1 Technology Update

Do you still require technology for your child? You can still sign up for the Chromebook lease program through Powerschool (or by contacting the main office). The cost to lease a Chromebook for the year is \$65. Alternatively, Staples is still offering some great deals through their "Tools For Schools" program. Gerald, the general manager at the Sherwood Park Staples, has even offered to travel to Vegreville to deliver any items that are ordered. If this is of interest to you, please contact:

[staplesschooltools@gmail.com](mailto:staplesschooltools@gmail.com)

### Website News:

Our school calendar is updated daily so be sure to check it out! Want to know when your favorite St. Mary's team is playing, all event information is also included on our school website calendar. <https://stmy.eics.ab.ca/>

***Pourhouse Café:*** Special Offer! All St. Mary's students receive 10% off their order any time they visit the café. This offer does not extend to our hot lunch program.



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**HOT LUNCH:** Monthly order is attached to this "Snapshot". Try out the new and exciting menu items.

**St. Mary's Hot Lunch Monthly Order Form (Payment can be made at the main office or buy cheque payable to St. Mary's School)**

September 19

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandarin Chicken Salad \$7

\_\_\_\_\_ Taco Salad \$8

September 21

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Quesadilla with Salad \$8

\_\_\_\_\_ Calzone (ham, pep and salami) \$8

September 23

\_\_\_\_\_ Burrito and Salad \$7

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Stir Fry with Rice \$7

September 26

\_\_\_\_\_ Spaghetti with Meat Sauce \$7

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Pizza Sub (pep, ham, salami) \$8

September 28

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Souvlaki and Rice \$8

\_\_\_\_\_ Lasagna with Garlic Toast \$8

September 30

\_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd's Pie \$7

\_\_\_\_\_ Philly Cheese Wrap (beef, green peppers, cheddar and mozzarella cheese) \$8

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Purchase



# Hey Parents:

**All consent forms/school forms are now on-line through your PowerSchool login. Please visit your child's page to ensure we have all of your information correct. This includes really important items like your emergency contacts, medical info and home address.**

**Don't have access to PowerSchool? Please contact our front office staff for assistance or come in to the school. We will also have computers set-up during our "Meet The Staff" night on September 13, 2016 to fill in your family information.**

**We thank you in advance for your cooperation. This information is essential to the school and for your son/daughter's personal safety.**

# The Joy of Technology in the Classroom



Top reasons technology implementation in the classroom is essential for our students:

- 1) When used correctly it will help prepare students for their future careers and academic plans.
- 2) Technology in the classroom helps to increase diversity for student learning styles.
- 3) Technology may encourage greater collaboration among students.
- 4) As our society becomes more tech dependent our students must learn to be tech-savvy to be successful citizens.
- 5) Technology has been shown to increase student engagement with academic material.
- 6) 1:1 Technology helps students to become more responsible. Not only do students have to take good care of their device, but they must take more control over their learning. This means having the proper device in class (not a phone or an Ipad) and knowing how their device operates.