



St. Mary's Snapshot

February 27-March 2

How do you know it is almost Lent? Because it's Roll Up the Rim Time at Tim Horton's.

Whether it is a coincidence or not, the fact that our beloved coffee institution seems to run their most fun promotion during the penitential season of Lent gives us a chance to think creatively about what we will give up or give for Lent. Consider this excerpt from "The Fisherman's Shoes":

What's a poor, penitent Catholic who's trying to cut back on their caffeine or calorie intake to do?

There is no virtue without temptation.

The suburban Catholic high school where I teach has come up with an ingenious way to take part in this yearly slice of Canadiana while still heeding Christ's call to the Corporal Works of Mercy. There's a basket in the main office for winning coffee cup rims, which are then donated to a local homeless shelter. Each week a dozen or so coffees and donuts go to those who need them most. In the years that the school has been collecting winning rims, no one has ever donated a car, but I'm sure the shelter would never say no to the winner keeping the car and making a cash donation of 10% of its worth.

If there isn't such a basket at your workplace yet, I would challenge you to put one out. Not only would the excited water cooler chatter of who's coffee was a winner continue, there would be the added joyful glow of know the winnings were going to those who need it while our Lenten sacrifices remain intact.

As St. Mary's prepares for Lent we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with free pancakes and we will be having our own Ash Wednesday celebration on the 1st in the afternoon.

Important Dates:

Feb 27, 2017-Free Pancake Lunch

Feb 28, 2017-Perogy Lunch \$4 for 6 DELICIOUS perogies. All proceeds will be going to the inner city school that our students will be volunteering for in Texas as part of their mission work. (St. Mary of Carmel)

March 1, 2017-Early Dismissal

March 3, 2017-PD DAY no school for students

March 6, 2017-G.9 Kananaskis Trips (return March 10, 2017 at approximately 4pm)

STUDENT NAME:

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

Please place a check mark beside your selection:

March 6

_____ Beef Dip and French Fries \$8

_____ Pizza Sub and Salad \$7

March 8

_____ Baked Spaghetti and Garlic Toast \$7

_____ Chicken Wings and Salad \$8

March 10th

_____ Chicken Taco Salad \$8

_____ Tuna Quesadilla \$7

March 13

_____ Sweet and Sour Ribs and Rice \$8

_____ Chicken Caesar Wrap and Wedges \$7

March 15

_____ Salisbury Steak and Fries \$8

_____ Soup and Assorted Sub \$7

March 17

_____ Chicken Alfredo and Garlic Toast \$8

_____ Cheesy potatoe and ham casserole \$7

March 20

_____ Ukrainian Platter \$8

_____ Beef Nachos \$7

March 22

_____ Chicken Burger and Salad \$8

_____ Shepherd's Pie \$7

_____ Total Purchase

To the Catholic School Community of Vegreville,

We have been grateful to have Mrs. Tanya Thiessen at the helm of St. Mary School during a time of change and rejuvenation. In a very short time, we have seen positive changes to programming, staffing, school facilities, coupled with a renewed sense of the importance of relationships within and outside of the school under her leadership.

Hence, it was with reluctance, but also understanding that we accepted Mrs. Thiessen's request to take a leave to embark on a remarkable opportunity to be a school leader in China. Our goal as a school division is to recruit and train the best to serve our students but with that expectation comes the acknowledgment that sometimes our leaders will be able to seek growth experiences outside of our division.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Thiessen and wishing her many blessings on this journey. She will be missed.

We have started the process of filling several leadership roles in our schools for the upcoming year and will announce the new leadership team at St. Mary School once finalized this spring.



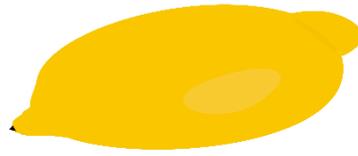
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Blessings,

Michael Hauptman
Superintendent of Schools

Lemonade Stand Day



Thank you to Community Futures and the Economic Policy Society of Ryley for allowing our Grade 10 and 11 students to have an AWESOME day at this workshop. Sweet and Sour Lemonade we the winners of the day for having the overall best plan and product.