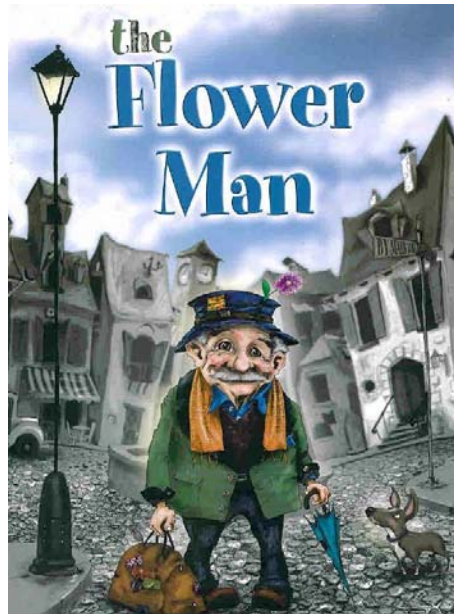




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## SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



**Superintendent:**  
Mrs. Joan Carr

**Trustee Ward 1:**  
Mrs. Debbie Engel

**Principal:** Mrs. Lucille Charrois

**Assistant Principals:**  
Mrs. Lorelei Gibeau  
Mr. Rene Mercier

Welcome to a new school year! At our School Opening Celebration on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., this special book will be shared with students, staff and parents. Each class will receive a copy for their prayer tables along with a symbol of this year's theme:

### *Characters of Catholic Education:*

- † Community
- † Hospitality
- † Justice
- † Tradition
- † Sacramentality
- † Humanness
- † Rationality
- † Spirituality

**We Can Make a Difference!  
Go Make a Difference!**

The Flower Man is a unique wordless tale of a humble man who steps into a colorless world. With one simple action, he begins an incredible transformation of his surroundings and truly makes a difference! Throughout the school year, our entire school community will be involved in making a difference in our school, our community, our city & our world.

**YES! We can make a difference! Let's do it!**

## Administrators' Message

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! As we savor the last few days of summer warmth, we also begin to feel the serenity and comfort of autumn coolness. We treasure in a special way, the memories of holidays and leisure time spent with family and friends. At the same time, we look forward with excitement to the beginning of a new school year. For all students, the school year marks a new passage in their lives. For kindergarten children, this is a particularly exciting time, with their first experience in the school setting. Other children move on to new challenges at the next grade level or into a totally new school community. For Grade 6 students, they begin the last year in their educational journey at the elementary level. We are privileged to share in the growth and development of young lives and we appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with our school families to provide the best possible learning experience for our students.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have joined us this year. We also wish to welcome our new or returning staff:

Mrs. Bowers-O'Neill, Mrs. Coon-Senchuk, Mrs. Campiou, Ms Trudel, Mrs. Gibeau, Mr. Mercier, Miss Buga, Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Roccia.

We hope you all experience a feeling of genuine warmth and friendship in our school community.

May God continue to bless the students, parents, families and staff of Good Shepherd School community as we work together in providing a safe and caring learning environment for all students.

Lucille Charrois  
Principal

Rene Mercier  
Assistant  
Principal

Lorelei Gibeau  
Assistant  
Principal



## **STAFFING 2009/10**

### **Early Childhood**

Jacque Connolly-Leason

### **Grade One**

Adriana Borrelli, Sr. Elaine Patsula, Sue Menzak

### **Grade Two**

Alethia Dunsmore, Lindsay Merryfield, Lindy Smolyk

### **Grade Three**

Jennifer Gluwchynski, Maureen Hutchinson/Lisa McCoy, Kimberly Talbot

### **Grade Four**

Diane Bowers-O'Neill, CherylAnne Coon-Senchuk, Peggy Kehoe/Kathy McCoy- MacDonald

### **Grade Five**

Linda Allan, Suzanne Campiou, Kenna Trudel

### **Grade Six**

Nicole Bedard/Susan Rotella, David Lang, Garry Marler

### **Music**

Karen Polard

### **French**

Diane Bowers-O'Neill (Gr. 4), Suzanne Campiou (Gr. 5), Karen Polard (Gr. 6)

### **Teacher Assistants**

Ashley Buga, Donna Donnelly, James McFarlane, Jody Murphy, Melanie Stang

### **Librarian**

Terri Bruce

### **Technical Support**

James Duncan

### **Custodial Staff**

Armando Marquicias

Antonio Roccia

### **Office Staff**

Mary Lamontagne

Helen Clevett

### **Assistant Principals**

Lorelei Gibeau, Rene Mercier

### **Principal**

Lucille Charrois



## GOOD SHEPHERD WEBSITE

Check our website on a regular basis for school and class activities and upcoming events.

Find us at [www.goodshepherd.ecsd.net](http://www.goodshepherd.ecsd.net)

## SCHOOL FEES 2009/10

### GRADES 1-6:

*Learning Resources Fee-* \$ 55.00

*General School Fees-*

Copy Costs \$15.00

LA Fee \$10.00

(includes Personal Agenda)

Library Fee \$ 5.00

Computer Fee \$ 5.00

Art Fee \$ 5.00

\$40.00

*School Council-*

*Learning Enhancement Fee*

LEF (Fieldtrips) \$ 35.00

**TOTAL Grades. 1-6 \$130.00**

### KINDERGARTEN:

*Kindergarten Resource Fee* \$150.00

*School Council –*

*Learning Enhancement Fee*

LEF (Fieldtrips) \$ 20.00

**TOTAL Kindergarten \$170.00**

## BUS PASSES 2009/10

Bus Passes will be available for purchase on Wednesday, September 2nd in the Learning Resource Centre. The price of bus passes for the yellow bus and the ETS bus will be **\$27.00 a month** for Grades 1 – 6. Kindergarten is FREE. The cost of replacement of yellow bus passes will be \$5.00 and ETS will be \$57.50.

**Family Plan** (family of 3 or more) - cost of yellow bus or ETS bus pass is \$23.00 each.

Payment of bus passes: Ten (10) post-dated cheques (1<sup>st</sup> of each month) OR one (1) cheque issued for the total amount dated September 2, 2009. All bus passes should be paid for using either of these methods in September.

Bus route information will also be available to families at the time of payment.

**CHILDREN MUST CARRY THEIR BUS PASSES AT ALL TIMES. THIS IS OFTEN BEST ACHIEVED BY ATTACHING THE PASS TO YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK.**

### YELLOW SCHOOL BUS DIRECTORY

is available at

[www.ecsd.net/transportation/yellowbus\\_routes.html](http://www.ecsd.net/transportation/yellowbus_routes.html)



## SCHOOL HOURS

**Grade 1 - 6: Thursday – No afternoon classes  
(Dismissal 12:09 pm)**

AM		
	First bell	8:43
	Classes	8:46 - 10:24
	Recess	10:24 - 10:39
	Classes	10:39 - 12:09
	Lunch	12:09 - 12:34
	Recess	12:34 - 12:57
PM		
	First bell	12:57
	Classes	1:00 - 2:30
	Recess	2:30 - 2:45
	Classes	2:45 - 3:33

**Kindergarten - Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.:**

	AM Class	8:43 - 10:24
	Recess	10:24 - 10:39
	AM Class	10:39 - 11:28
	PM Class	12:50 - 2:30
	Recess	2:30 - 2:45
	PM Class	2:45 - 3:33

**Kindergarten – Thursday**

	AM Class	8:44 - 10:14
	PM Class	10:42 - 12:09

## MILK PROGRAM



Our Milk Program will resume on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**. A letter and envelope will be sent home on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> with details for purchasing the milk cards. The orders must be returned by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. After the general distribution, milk cards will be available from the school office.

Milk cards will be sold at the following prices:

- \$6.00 for 10 milks
- \$12.00 for 20 milks

## STUDENT PICTURES

LIFETOUCH will be at our school on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>** to take individual and class pictures. Retakes will be taken on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER

If you have changes to your telephone number, address and/or email address now or throughout the school year, please notify the school at 780-444-4299. It is essential that we have up-to-date information for our files in case of illness or emergency. Also, please ensure that we have current emergency contact numbers. Thank you.

## ABSENCES/LATES

If your child will be absent (appointments, special occasions or holidays) or late for school we ask that you please call our school office at 780-444-4299 or feel free to call and leave a message on our answering machine.

Each day directly following classroom attendance, we will phone home to verify the whereabouts of missing children. Please note that each call we make for an unreported absence takes precious time away from the verification of a potentially missing child.

All students arriving late (AM after 8:50 a.m. and PM after 1:05 p.m.) must report to the school office to get a late slip.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL**

A School Council is a collective association of parents, teachers and administrators who seek to work together to promote the well being and effectiveness of the entire school community and thereby to enhance student learning. (School Council Handbook, Edmonton Catholic Schools)

We are very blessed at Good Shepherd School to have an outstanding group of parents who make up our Good Shepherd School Council and work in partnership with our school staff. School Council Meetings are held every third Monday of the month and are advertised in each newsletter. In addition, the agenda is sent to all parents before each meeting, encouraging everyone to attend.

The General Establishment Meeting of the School Council is held every February where council members are nominated and elected for executive and committee positions.

Following is a list of the School Council members elected at our February 2009 General Establishment Meeting:

Chairperson: Stewart Meffen  
Past Chairperson: Alfred Dorey  
Treasurer: Denise Fenton  
Secretary: Natasha Palmer  
Social Committee: Darlene Bertsh and  
Angie Desautels  
Fund Raising Committee:  
Tracy Albert  
Technology Committee:  
Gurudutt Shimoga  
Hot Lunch Committee:  
Ana Krehut  
Campbell's Soup Committee:  
Karen Kendrick  
Yearbook Committee:  
Denise Prefontaine

Our first School Council Meeting of the 09-10 school year will be held on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Learning Resource Center of our school.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. See you there!

## **ENTERTAINMENT/STUDENT UNION TICKET PAK BOOKS**

Good Shepherd School Council has chosen once again to sell the Entertainment Coupon Book (\$40.00) and the Students Union Ticket Pak (\$20.00). Both of these excellent books are filled with many 2-for-1 and 50% off discounts for top local and national merchants.

Help support Good Shepherd School with this very important fundraiser by sharing the Entertainment Book and SUTP with friends, co-workers, relatives and neighbours!

***ALL ORDERS, COMPLETE WITH PAYMENT, AND UNSOLD BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL.***

## **THANK YOU**

To all the parents who will assist the office staff in processing payment of school fees and bus passes.



## MEET THE STAFF – PROGRAM NIGHT

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

One of the most important times for parents and teachers to come together is at the start of a new school year. On this evening, teachers will provide parents with classroom procedures, grade level curriculum expectations and information on the school philosophy and policies.

You are therefore all invited to attend our “Good Shepherd Program Night” at the following times:

### **7:00 – 7:30 p.m .**

Official Welcome in the Gym  
Presentation of Good Shepherd Staff  
Greetings from School Council  
Greetings from Good Shepherd Parish

### **7:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Classroom Presentation #1 (Grades 1-6)

### **8:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Classroom Presentation #2 (Grades 1-6)

The repeat session is to allow parents to see more than one teacher during the evening. We hope you will join us for this very important event!

## SCHOOL OPENING CELEBRATION

The School Opening Celebration will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

## NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> the staff of Good Shepherd School will be involved in professional development. Students will therefore have a holiday on this day.

## FRIDAY NEWS

This year, all information to be sent home to parents will be placed in each student’s agenda pocket again on Fridays. This 8” x 10” plastic pocket will replace the previous Friday envelope.

## HOT LUNCH – Friday, September 25



Hot Lunch will be held on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> with the envelope order form going home on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. This order must be returned on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY THE ORDER FORM WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND HOMEROOM. Also, please include the exact change as this greatly assists our Hot Lunch Coordinator.

THANK YOU.



**IMPORTANT**

## **MEDICATION**

It is imperative that you take the time to inform our office staff of all students who take/have medication at school. The appropriate forms are available from the school office and must be completed in full before any medication may be administered by our office staff.

**EPIPENS** – Capital Health recommends that children who have severe allergies and require an EpiPen carry these EpiPens with them at all times. Many children carry an EpiPen with them in a “fanny pack”. We would like to see all children carry their EpiPens with them; however, some parents prefer that the EpiPens be stored in the office area. If your child will not carry his/her EpiPen, we ask that you provide two EpiPens: one for the office and one for the classroom. If you are only supplying one EpiPen, please submit a letter indicating this.

**INHALERS** – If your child requires an inhaler, please contact the office in order that we may send you the appropriate forms to be completed.

Students may like to carry their inhalers in their backpacks and/or store one in the office.

\*\*Please note that all medication must be received with completed forms before students are allowed on fieldtrips. Forms are available from the office.

## **PEANUT/NUT ALLERGIES**

A significant number of our students have life-threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts and nut products. Please refrain from sending nut products to school with your children.

## **COLLECTION OF MONIES**



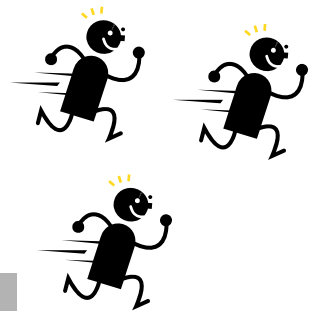
There are several times during the year when students must bring money to school. This money may be for programs operated by the School Council, book orders, field trips, special projects or bus passes. Please send money to the school in a separate envelope for each separate activity or program. Please clearly mark the separate envelopes with your child's name, homeroom and the program or activity.

This will certainly make the job of the coordinators much easier. Thank you!!

## **ELEMENTARY CROSS-COUNTRY RUN**

Members of the Good Shepherd School Running Club will soon be working out every school day in preparation for the Annual Cross Country Race at Hawrelak Park on Monday, Sept. 21<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck to all our runners.

All runners will receive the necessary information at the club meetings.



## **TERRY FOX RUN**

On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will again be participating in the Terry Fox Run in honor of Terry Fox. More detailed information will follow at a later date.

## **DRIVE-THRU LANE!!!**

AM - You are all welcome to drop off your children using the drive-thru lane in the morning; however, it is important that you not leave your vehicle unattended.

PM – After school, the drive-thru is reserved for our yellow buses and daycare vans. We therefore request that you not use the drive-thru lane at this time of the day. Thank you!

## **STAFF PARKING LOT**

As all parking stalls in the staff parking lot have been assigned to our staff members we thank you for not parking there. Please use the side streets around the school or Dechene Road. The staff parking lot is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students. Thanks!

## **CUSTODIAL CHANGES**

Due to governmental cutbacks, Good Shepherd School has received a reduction of custodial employees. Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, our custodial staff will be decreased from 2 full-time custodians to 1.6 custodians. Our custodial hours will therefore stay the same during the day; however our evening hours will be decreased from 8 hours to 5 hours only. Because of this decrease and the lack of a full time custodian in the evening, our school will no longer be available for evening gym use arranged by the City of Edmonton Parks and Recreation department.

As a result of these custodial decreases throughout our Edmonton Catholic School District, our evening custodian, Mr. Mihn Huynh has been transferred to Our Lady of

Mount Carmel and Mr. Antonio Roccia has been transferred to our school.

As we say good-bye to Mr. Mihn, we would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication in keeping our school clean and safe. We will miss you Mr. Mihn! Good luck in your new school.

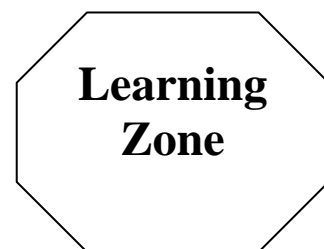
## **SCHOOL ZONE: CHILDREN LEARNING!**

We would again like to remind all our parents regarding our Learning Zone! As you will recall from past years, recommendations were made to alleviate the high noise level in the LRC between 3:00 and 3:33 p.m. For those of you who are new to the school, or may need a reminder, please review the following recommendations:

- 1) Parents are encouraged to arrive between 3:30 and 3:33 p.m. (12:05 and 12:09 p.m. on Thursdays) to pick up their children. Should you wish to arrive any earlier, you are asked to wait in the east or west boot rooms or kindergarten area before the 3:33 pm or 12:09 pm dismissal times.
- 2) Parents wishing to share a book with their pre-school child are very welcome to do so quietly thus respecting the school learning environment.

Special thanks to the School Council for these great recommendations. Together as partners, we are making a positive difference in each student's life.

Thank you All!



## AMA SCHOOL PATROL POINTS THE WAY TO SAFETY



As safety ambassadors, school safety patrollers will model what every pedestrian should do when crossing the street...point, pause and proceed. This is a technique that many students learn in Kindergarten and it is still taught to children as a means of crossing the street safely. Under the AMA procedures, patrollers will continue to extend their arms to indicate when their classmates want to cross the street; they will not extend their sign until the traffic is completely stopped or there is a long safe gap in traffic.

As per the procedures the patrollers will:

1. POINT their arm to indicate that pedestrians wish to cross the street.
2. PAUSE to ensure that all vehicles are far enough back and/or have come to a complete stop.
3. Allow pedestrians to PROCEED while continuing to check for traffic in all directions.

As a motorist, you are expected to stop when a pedestrian or a patroller indicates they want to cross the street by extending their arm. Failing to do so can result in a fine, or worse, be a devastating experience if you endanger the life of a child. According to the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation, of the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, the penalty for failing to stop for a pedestrian who has indicated the intention to cross the street is a \$115 fine. Failing to yield to a pedestrian who has already entered a marked crosswalk holds a penalty of a \$575 fine and four demerit points.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN IN  
SCHOOL ZONES AND PROCEED WITH  
CAUTION AROUND THE CROSS WALKS.**

## INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL EMERGENCIES

At the Edmonton Catholic School District the safety of our students is always our first priority and students are well supervised when they are on school property. When situations occur that warrant emergency procedures to ensure the safety of all students, we will provide parents with accurate and up to date information. One way to keep parents informed about emergency and the safety procedures that have been put into place is by posting the information on the school web site. Information will be posted and updated as required when a school is experiencing an emergency.

If there is an emergency situation at the school where your child (ren) attends, check the school website to stay informed and receive timely information. We also need to keep phone lines available at the school during an emergency, so we ask that you do not call the school. This will enable staff at the school to keep in touch with emergency providers and District personnel.

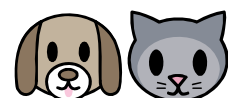
Thank you for your support and help in ensuring our students remain safe.

Our web site is  
[www.goodshepherd.ecsd.net](http://www.goodshepherd.ecsd.net)

## PETS IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

We highly discourage you from bringing your pet with you when picking up your children. Although most pets are safe and harmless, we cannot take any risks with the safety of all our community members.

Thanks for your understanding and adherence to this request.



## KEY MESSAGES FOR SCHOOLS REGARDING H1N1 – August 25/09

- The health and safety of all students and staff is always our first priority. As part of our commitment to the health and well being of students and staff, Edmonton Catholic Schools has established a District Pandemic Committee. This Committee meets on a weekly basis to review the most current H1N1 influenza information in order to answer questions, provide direction and to support schools.
- The District is working closely with Alberta Health Services who will provide specific information, support and direction with respect to the H1N1 influenza in our schools.
- Parents and guardians play a vital role in the health and wellness of their children. We ask parents and guardians to monitor their child's health closely. If their child displays any flu-like symptoms we are encouraging parents and guardians to keep their child at home. These symptoms include a fever, coughing, sore throat, fatigue, lack of appetite, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting and muscle aches.
- All related questions can be directed to Health Link Alberta (phone 780 408-5415 or website <http://www.health.alberta.ca> ) Links, information and updates will also be provided on the District and individual School websites.
- The District and all schools have also implemented the following:
  - a) Hand sanitizer stations in the front entrance and main office areas

- b) Extra attention to cleaning high touch areas
- c) Education campaign using posters and Health & Safety fact sheets
- d) Active teaching by staff with the focus on hand washing, coughing/ sneezing etiquette and other prevention strategies including hand washing routines after recess, lunch and physical education classes.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Alberta Health Services FREE one hour - long presentation by Registered Dietitians and Community Health Nurses. Please phone in advance to register.

Lois Hole Library, 17650 – 69 Ave  
780-442-0888, Sept., 17/09 @  
7:00 p.m.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH NEWS



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780-484-7645 (FAX)  
[gdshep@telus.net](mailto:gdshep@telus.net)  
[www.goodshepherdcatholicchurch.ca](http://www.goodshepherdcatholicchurch.ca)

We welcome Father John Reddy to Good Shepherd Parish and look forward to his first visit to Good Shepherd School.

Please be in contact with Good Shepherd Parish for information regarding your child's sacramental preparation. Please call the parish office at (780) 487-7765.



Fr. George Neumann sent a beautiful "Thank You" card to our school community.