

Wolf Weekly

Week of November 27 - Dec 1, 2023

Welcome to the wolves den be prepared to run with the pack

St. Francis News

Term 2 starts Monday, November 27, 2023

Schoology forparents 101

School Clothing Orders

Looking for Christmas gift ideas? Why not order your child some Wolf gear. Order deadline for Christmas is November 29, 2023



Term 1 Fine Arts Night - Wed. Nov 29 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Did you know?

We have an attendance line email address. Instead of calling the school, you can email your student(s) attendance to <a href="mailto:strength:stren

The Giving Tree

St. Francis of Assisi School is proud to be partnering with Catholic Social Services' Giving Tree campaign again this year! Thank you to those that have already purchased gift cards. If you would like to help us reach our goal of \$1000 and up!! pick up WalMart gift cards next time you are out shopping.

Please return the gift card back to the school office by **December 4**, **2023**.

Families in need of support this Christmas can apply directly through Catholic Social Services or through our school's Family School Enhancement Counsellor. katherine.seymour@rdcrs.ca





Looking for Volunteers

As part of St. Francis of Assisi Middle School's career education programming, the grade nine students will be participating in mock interviews. This learning experience will help students prepare for the world of work. We are inviting employers in our community to St. Francis to participate as interviewers during this process. The entire process will help students prepare for a job interview and provide an opportunity that the students will remember for years

to come. This experience allows the grade nine students to demonstrate their interviewing skills

and confidence in what they have to offer the outside world.

The dates for the mock interviews are the mornings of Monday, December 4, 2023 and Wednesday, December 6, 2023. We will have prompting questions and an interviewing schedule and will provide lunch after interviews are complete. The entire process usually takes about three hours, roughly from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, depending on the number of interviewers we have available. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for this opportunity to provide an authentic learning experience for the grade nine students at St. Francis, please contact Jordan Koopmans at the school at 403-314-1449 or by email at jordan.koopmans@rdcrs.ca

School Volunteers

If you would like to be a school volunteer you will require a CRC (Criminal Record Check) on file. Please contact the school office to arrange for the paperwork.

Save the date - STF Movie Night December 14 from 6 to 8 pm

Ski Club

Ski Club registration will be happening soon, watch for more information coming up in December. Dates for ski club have been confirmed as follows:



Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Wolves Athletics

Basketball Tryout Dates (Grade 8 & 9 students only)

Senior Boys Basketball Tryouts

Monday, November 27 @ 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28 @ 7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, November 29 @ 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 30 @ 7:15 a.m.

Senior Girls Basketball Tryouts:

Monday, November 27 @ 7:15 a.m.

Tuesday, November 28 @ 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29 @ 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, November 30 @ 3:45 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL PEP RALLY

DECEMBER 1ST 8/9 WATCH FIRST HALF OF LUNCH 6/7 WATCH SECOND HALF OF LUNCH

WEAR BRIGHT NEON COLORS OR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Faith News

Sacraments

The sacraments are pivotal and meaningful events in a person's journey of faith. Preparing and celebrating the sacraments deepen



the faith of children and youth, and of the families, those involved in preparing them—including the sponsors—the Catholic school community and all Christ's faithful in a given territory (parish). For more information on sacramental preparation, please see <u>our Parishes</u>

Christmas Backpacks (St. Mary's Justice & Mercy Committee)

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy committee are collecting items for their yearly Christmas Backpacks for the homeless and needy in our community.

They will be delivered before Christmas.

Greatly needed items:

Thick, warm socks; hand and foot warmers

Toques, winter mittens/gloves

Men's underwear (sizes M/L)

Women's underwear (sizes S/M)

Feminine hygiene products (tampons/pads)

Toothpaste/toothbrushes/dental floss

Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant

Wonderful to have:

\$5-\$10 gift cards for

MacDonald's/Tim Horton's/DQ

Nail clippers, hair brushes/combs

Individual pack of Band-aids/Kleenex

Lip balm, razors/shaving cream

Notepads/pens, playing cards

Snacks such as granola bars, water bottles.

They are taking donations until December 18.

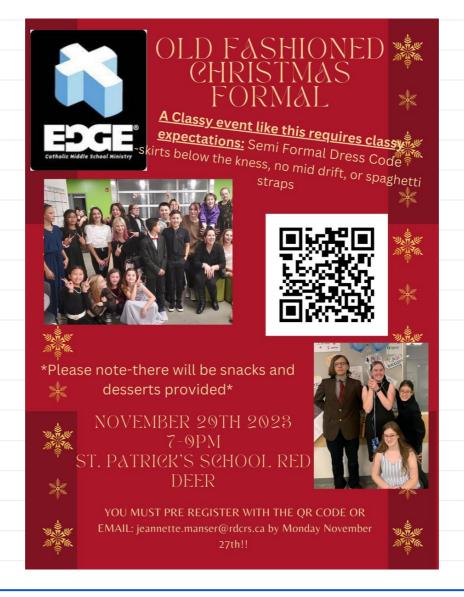
Please place items on the tables at the back of the church marked *Christmas backpacks*. Donations of money and gift cards can be placed in the donation tables at the entrance of the church, clearly marked for the *Justice and Mercy Committee* or given to the parish staff.

Thank you and God bless you for your support.

Youth Ministry - EDGE Nights

EDGE youth ministry happens on every Wednesday, except 1st Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. for grades 6 to 8. Check the STF calendar for dates.





Community Information



SPARC RED DEER 'PAINT THE TOWN POSITIVE' IS BACK!

CONNECTING GENERATIONS

an opportunity for youth to spread kindness by sharing a KIND message with a local senior.

Are you 13 to 17?
Interested in participating in a kindness project?
Join us December 5th at 4:30pm.

For more information, and to sign up by November 24th, go to <u>www.sparcreddeer.ca</u> under the Events Tab.

The goal of Paint the Town Positive is to have a youth driven chapter of SPARC Red Deer. The idea is for youth to give back and spread kindness in the community through various projects and initiatives that are designed and created by them.

Why become involved?

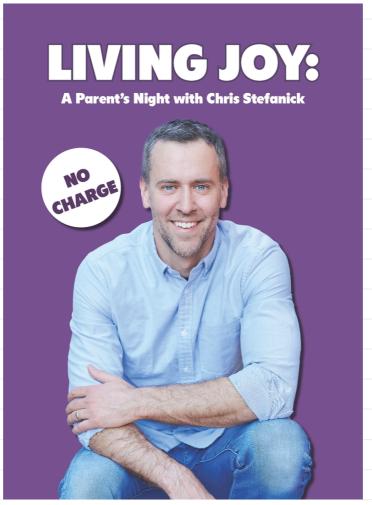
Practicing kindness gives hope, it's heartwarming, gives us a sense of purpose, reduces stress, and improves well-being overall.





CANADIAN HOLIDAY TRAIN Schedule for Dec. 4 - 9, 2023

Date	Arrival	Event Time	City/Town	Address	Performers
Dec. 4	11:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Portage La Prairie, Man.	Opposite Centennial Arena, 390 – 1st Street	Anyway Gang
	2:35 p.m.	2:45 p.m 3:15 p.m.	Neepawa, Man.	CPKC Railway Station between Moutain Avenue and Currie Avenue	Anyway Gang
	4:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m 4:45 p.m.	Minnedosa, Man.	West of CPKC Station, North side of rail yard (30 - 2nd Avenue NW)	Anyway Gang
	7:15 p.m.	7:30 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Shoal Lake, Man.	Gravel lot adjacent gran elevator on North Railway Avenue	Anyway Gang
Dec. 5	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Brendenbury, Sask.	CPKC train station - 520 Railway Avenue	Anyway Gang
	12:05 p.m.	12:15 p.m 12:45 p.m.	Yorkton, Sask.	Livingstone Street and 4 Avenue S	Anyway Gang
	2:55 p.m.	2:55 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Foam Lake, Sask.	Railway Avenue, beside the hockey rink	Anyway Gang
	4:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Wynyard, Sask.	CPKC train station - Avenue A and Bosworth Street	Anyway Gang
	8:35 p.m.	8:45 p.m 9:15 p.m.	Saskatoon, Sask.	CPKC railway overpass on 7th Avenue N (corner of Warburton and 7th Avenue N)	Anyway Gang
Dec. 6	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m 2:00 p.m.	Wilkie, Sask.	CPKC train station on 1st Avenue in station parking lot	Anyway Gang
	4:35 p.m.	4:45 p.m 5:15 p.m.	Macklin, Sask.	Field adjacent to railway track at Press Avenue and Leader Street	Anyway Gang
	5:55 p.m.	6:00 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Provost, Alta.	Field adjacent to railway tracks at 50th Avenue and 46th Street	Anyway Gang
	9:00 p.m.	9:15 p.m 9:45 p.m.	Hardisty, Alta.	East end of CPKC railway yard (west of HWY 881 overpass)	Anyway Gang
Dec. 7	1:05 p.m.	1:15 p.m 1:45 p.m.	Camrose, Alta.	52 Avenue and 50th Street - Next to Moose Family Centre in open field adjacent to rail track	Anyway Gang
	3:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Wetaskiwin, Alta.	CPKC ES Building 4009 50th Street	Anyway Gang
	5:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m 5:45 p.m.	Ponoka, Alta.	50th Street and 47 Avenue	Anyway Gang
	6:50 p.m.	7:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Lacombe, Alta.	Len Thompson Fish Pond	Anyway Gang
	8:05 p.m.	8:15 p.m 8:45 p.m.	Blackfalds, Alta.	CPKC tracks at Gregg Street between Broadway Avenue and East Avenue	Anyway Gang
Dec. 8	12:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m 1:25 p.m.	Innisfail, Alta.	50 Street railway crossing	Anyway Gang
	2:20 p.m.	2:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Olds, Alta.	50th Street level railway crossing	Anyway Gang
	3:30 p.m.	3:45 p.m 4:15 p.m.	Didsbury, Alta.	CPKC tracks, 20th Street and 18th Avenue	Anyway Gang
	5:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m 6:15 p.m.	Airdrie, Alta.	Nose Creek Park, 1641 Main Street	Anyway Gang



Thursday, December 7th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm St. Mary's Parish, Red Deer



Red Deer Catholic School Division is proud to host an evening with Chris Stefanick for parents and parishioners.

Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Chris will be speaking on the ways we can live the Joy of our Faith.

Every success in life is meaningless without joy. Joy is God's dream for you. Heaven is called a "wedding banquet." And Jesus' whole mission was to share that joy with you. He said it himself. "I've told you these things so my joy may be in you." Think about that. The joy of GOD in YOU. The experience of that eternal joy starts now. And it doesn't start with a change in your circumstances but a change in you. Make living joy a part of your Advent journey this year, and join Chris at St Mary's Parish on December 7th at 7-8pm as he shares the ways we can build new habits, change our thinking, and live a more joyful life.

A bit more about Chris:

Recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput calls Chris "one of the most engaging defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today." Chris's live seminars reach more than 85,000 people per year. His reality TV show, videos, and radio spots reach millions of people, and his educational initiatives are turning the tide in the Church. He authored the Chosen Confirmation program which has already formed more than 500,000 teens.

A graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Chris is also the founder and president of Real Life Catholic, a non-profit which operates as the headquarters for Chris's various initiatives. Above all, Chris is proud to be the husband to his wife Natalie and father to their six children.

You can visit Chris's website at https://reallifecatholic.com/about-chris-stefanick/

