



# Newsletter

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School Council Meeting  
April 4th  
6:00 pm.

Next Newsletter  
May 1st

## Administrators Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last three months of the year! Our 2018/19 school year has really gone by quickly. I hope that each of your children are having a great year thus far. Hopefully, they finish this school year with determination and courage to be the best they can be. For our grade 9 group they complete their junior high journey, for grade 6 students they move to the more complex world of Junior high and for Kindergarten they enter their long awaited grade 1 class. These are all special little milestones in their educational journey.

I announce to you that at the end of this school year we have to say goodbye to a special member of our St. Brendan leadership team – Ms. Lundeen. Ms. Lundeen is starting a new page in her Educational Leadership journey. Starting next year, she will be Assistant Principal at Archbishop Joseph MacNeil school. On behalf of our whole school community we sincerely thank Ms. Lundeen for her incredible work, leadership and dedication to the St. Brendan Catholic School community these last three years and before that to the St. James and old St. Brendan school communities. Mrs. Lundeen made a difference in so many lives. We wish you great success and God's blessings in your new placement. You will be missed. We welcome our new Assistant Principal starting September 2019, Eugene Hirniak.

Lastly, thank you to all our volunteer parents for helping with our Hot lunches and our great Shrove Tuesday Pancake breakfast. Your contribution and commitment to our students and school community is very much noticed and appreciated. God bless you.

Wishing everyone a blessed last three weeks of Lent and a glorious Easter Celebration. May our Resurrected Christ bring renewed hope and peace in your families.

Sincerely,

Mr. Podilsky

Principal



## 2019-2020 School Year New Registrations

We are currently accepting registrations for new students for the next school year for all grades. Please call the school for more information or drop by to register. We know that our best form of advertising is your sharing of the good things that are occurring at St. Brendan. We thank you for passing on this information to any parents that are considering our school for the next school year.

If your child is in grade K-8 and will not be returning for the 2018-2019 school year, please call the office with this information. We are in the process of preparing for next year and we need this information for staffing and scheduling purposes.

## Yearbooks

A reminder that **Junior High Yearbooks** are on sale for the **St. Brendan 2018–2019** School Year. Payment can be made at the office for **\$40.00**. If you wish to pay online, please phone the office to have the fee added to your child's account. The Yearbook Team will be working throughout the year to have the books ready for the fall. Yearbooks for the 2017–2018 school year are still available at the school office for \$40.00 each.

## Elementary Flex

Elementary students participated in their first two FLEX sessions of the year. Flex is geared to provide innovative learning and educational opportunities for students in an alternative classroom environment. Flex sessions are one hour long and promote collaboration, inquiry learning, project based learning and higher level social skills amongst students. FLEX will run roughly every second week in Elementary. The first session was focused on wellness and physical literacy. Students did everything from cooperative games, tying fishing knots, learning about healthy eating, dancing, to balancing ping-pong balls. The second flex was geared towards numeracy and mathematics.

## Snow Valley Ski Trip

Thank you to the amazing students of St. Brendan who were true ambassadors of our school. As always, the students were polite and kind to each other and to the staff of Snow Valley!

Thank you to the fabulous volunteers who gave their time to buckle and tie many boots! The students and teachers appreciate your efforts! As well, thank to these volunteers for putting that extra effort to ski/snowboard. The students enjoy sharing a lift and hill with you. Everyone enjoyed the gorgeous weather and friendly company! Smiles were seen everywhere!

## Babysitting Course—Grade 6 & older

Is your child excited about learning about Babysitting? Are they ever left home alone? Does your child baby-sit other children or their own brothers and sisters? Do you want to feel confident that they have learnt the skills to be left home alone to care for themselves? A Babysitting course is a great way for young people to develop skills to better care for themselves and others. There is a very exciting course coming up that can benefit every student in Grade 6 or higher. The school is pleased to have Second Chance CPR and First Aid offer the Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course.

To try and accommodate the very busy schedule of most parents and students, the Babysitting Course will be offered on Thursday afternoons on both April 4<sup>th</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30- 4:00 p.m., to meet the total time requirements of the course. Forms are available at the school office, and also later in this Newsletter.

## Band News

Grade 9 Band students will be going to Banff from April 10-12, 2019. This will be a chance for students to work on their music with a guest conductor, participate in a rhythm workshop and attend a concert put on by the University of Calgary Wind Ensemble. For more details on this field trip, please see the field trip form.

Our Spring Band Concert is May 16, 2019 at 7pm in the St. Brendan large gym! Concert Bands from grades 7, 8, and 9 will be performing as well as the Jazz Band. Come on out to support your friends, family members, and the St. Brendan band program.

## Golf News

The St. Brendan Golf Academy will be having their annual Spring Mountain Golf Trip on Wednesday June 5 to Friday June 7 in Kananaskis.

This trip is an opportunity for the students enrolled in the Golf Academy to use the skills they have learned in the Golf Academy throughout the year.

## Winter Festival

The St. Brendan School Council hosted its first ever "Winter Festival" On February 22nd, 2019. The festival featured everything from snow shoes, broom ball, tug of war, pizza by the slice, photobooth, indoor games, and of course hot chocolate! The festival was a huge success and helped promote the St. Brendan school community and brought many families together. The Winter Festival committee would like to thank all the parent and student volunteers as well as the participants and a special thank you to Hercentals for providing free lighting for the outdoor event.

## School Fees

As of April 1, 2019 there are still many school fees that are outstanding. We ask that these fees be paid as soon as possible. Parents can pay online with credit card or online debit by going to the Parent Powerschool Portal. Cash or check (payable to St. Brendan School) only are accepted at the school. If you need assistance in creating your parent Powerschool account, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. For the financial health of the school we urge you to pay these fees as soon as possible.

## School Hours & Punctuality

A friendly reminder to all parents that school supervision starts at 8:15 am and that is the time the school doors will be opened. Students arriving before 8:15 am will not be admitted into the building and there is no supervision coverage provided. The school day also concludes at 3:00 pm for our Junior High students and 3:05 pm for those in elementary. Students will be asked to clear the school by 3:20 pm unless they are involved in a supervised school activity. It is much appreciated if you schedule your drop off and pick up times around this schedule.

## Leadership Update

The St. Brendan's School Leadership Team organized a **Cake Walk** on March 14. The Cake Walk is an event where students compete in a friendly game for a chance to win cakes, all in the spirit of charity. Huge thank you to all grade 6 and grade 9 students who donated cakes for this event. We raised \$1158.65 at this event. Some of the money will go towards the grade 6 camping trip and the rest to the Compassion Canada Charity.

## Easter Celebration

On April 5th, 2018 the St. Brendan school community will be gathering together to partake in our Easter Celebration. We are honored to welcome Bishop David Motiuk to celebrate with our school community.



## Terrific Kids Program

The Kiwanis Terrific Kids Program recognized the first round of "Terrific Kids" for the month of February. We will be celebrating these students all of March and new students will be nominated for the Month of March in April. February's theme was based on the "Random Act of Kindness Week" focusing on students who not only display the traits of the "Terrific Kid" but also were the "un-sung heroes" in their classes. An "un-sung hero" goes out of their way to help others, to do the right thing without receiving praise or acknowledgement from others.

### Grade 6

Chanel

### Grade 5

Caden  
Olivia  
Christian

### Grade 4

Michael  
Glenda  
Wyatt  
Sieland

### Grade 3

Riley  
Taylor  
Limba  
Crystal

Lexie

### Kindergarten

Amelia  
Cristian  
Melina  
Drina  
Alexander  
Keegan

### Grade 1

Elliot  
Emma  
Alex  
Solomiia

### Grade 2

Monica  
Emily  
Penelope  
Adrian



Dear Parents / Guardians,

By returning this permission slip you are agreeing to allow your child to attend the up-coming **Red Cross Babysitting Course!**

The course investment for your child is 50.00\$ including GST. / per child.

**DATE: APRIL 4 + 11, 2019 (12:30 - 4:00)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL: ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF CHILD:** \_\_\_\_\_

Below, please indicate how you would like to pay for the up-coming course... there are a few options to choose from!

**CASH** \_\_\_\_\_

You or your child may bring **exact** cash the day of the course.

**CREDIT CARD - ONLINE** \_\_\_\_\_

You can book your babysitting course AHEAD of time by going to:  
[www.goldenhourhealthandsafety.com/events/april-4-11-2019-babysitting-course](http://www.goldenhourhealthandsafety.com/events/april-4-11-2019-babysitting-course)  
Or [www.goldenhourhealthandsafety.com](http://www.goldenhourhealthandsafety.com) and choose St. Brendan School!

**CREDIT CARD - IN PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

For Credit Card Option, parent / guardian must pay in person the MORNING of the course in person to protect your security.  
SORRY - we do not accept cheques or debit at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Golden Hour Health and Safety

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**BOOK NOW!**

**GOLDENHOURHEALTH@YAHOO.COM  
GOLDENHOURHEALTHHANDSAFETY.COM**



## Some Main Topics Included...

- Check, Call, Care (Includes phoning EMS / 911)
- Recovery Position, Conscious Choking for Adults, Children and Infants
- CPR Awareness and Practice for Children and Infants
- Breathing Emergencies Including Asthma and Anaphylaxis
- Helping children with Inhalers, Spacers and Epi-Pens
- Wound Care, Head and Spine Injuries, Broken Bones, Seizures
- How To Be Responsible and Show Leadership
- Information on Children's "Developmental Stages and Strategies for Each
- How to Dress, Change, Diaper, Feed, and Play with Babies and Children
- How to Recognize Safe and Unsafe Situations and People in and Around the Home
- The Business of Babysitting, Networking, Resumes and more!



## Some Details

- 7 - 8 Hours (includes breaks and time for lunch)
- Flexible Training Hours and Options

### Pre-Requisites

- Completion of Grade 5 or 11 Years Old +

### Certification

- Red Cross Babysitting Certificate: NEVER EXPIRES!

### Investment

- 50.00\$ includes gst

**Edmonton Catholic School District  
Parent Newsletters**

**April 2019**

**Easter, and How God  
Chooses the Best in Us!**

This month we enter into the Passion of Our Lord, his death upon the cross, and his glorious third-day resurrection.

As we prepare for and celebrate Easter, I am reminded of a reflection Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, Archeparchy of Winnipeg, offered when he was in town to bless the relocation of Holy Spirit Seminary from Ottawa to Edmonton.

The story goes something like this, though I've told it so many times now that I probably have embellished it a bit (which is my prerogative as I get older!).

When Metropolitan Lawrence was the Ukrainian Catholic bishop of Edmonton (and all of Alberta, including the Holy City of Lavoy – which is where I'm from), one day he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy at Saint Josaphat Cathedral.

A parishioner came up to him and asked him whether he knew that the artist-iconographer (Julian Buchmaniuk) who painted the icons at the Cathedral was fond of using real live people as models for the faces of Jesus, Mary, the saints, and the angels. Metropolitan Lawrence was aware of this, and he indeed could recognize the faces of several of his fellow Basilian Fathers in the faces of the male religious saints.

Well, the lady parishioner (whom I know well and has confirmed this story) pointed to an angel in the dome of the Cathedral, then pointed to herself, and simply smiled. Metropolitan Lawrence understood well that she wanted him to recognize her face as the model the iconographer had used for the face of the angel.

Metropolitan Lawrence looked at the lady, then at the angel. A second time, he looked at the lady, then at the angel. And a third time, he looked at the lady, then again at the angel. But no matter how hard he looked at the lady and the angel, he failed to see any resemblance whatsoever between the two!

[Students, you know the feeling: it's Mother's Day and you've forgotten to make mom a card!]

[Guys, you know this feeling too: you've forgotten your wife's birthday or your wedding anniversary, again!]

Metropolitan Lawrence was stuck.

However, and I believe divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, he said, "Ah, I know what the iconographer did! He didn't paint your nose, nor your eyes, nor your lips. Instead, he looked at you and captured the absolute best in you! He saw your kindness and painted that. He saw your love for your family and painted that. Your compassion and love for neighbor, your humility, generosity, patience, joy, and so. And he captured it all!

As I reflect on my own relationship with God, I can't help but think that this is exactly how Jesus looks at us. He sees the absolute best in each and every one of us. And he draws these beautiful gifts out of us each day, along our earthly journey towards our heavenly home. After all, he is the Master Iconographer!

Precious are we in the eyes of God, so precious that he died on the cross for our sins and for our salvation.

As we celebrate Easter, let us take a moment to reflect on Jesus' passion and death upon the cross – the great sacrifice he makes for you and me, and recall his glorious resurrection and the gift of the newness of life that he offers us.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Bishop David



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7 	8	9	10	11 12:30 Babysitting Course grades 6 & 7  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Band Trip to Banff</div>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <u>NO</u> <u>KINDERGARTEN</u>	19 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	20
21 	22 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	23	24	25 EASTER CELEBRATION @ 9:30	26	27
28	29	30				