Thank you:
- Mrs. Rossouw and Mrs. Wilson’s classes for a beautiful Remembrance Day celebration.
- To all parents who attended the Remembrance Day celebration

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**Camp Read-A-Lot!**

**Are You Coming?**

*Bring the whole family and join us November 23rd 6:00-7:30pm for a family night out!*

At Camp Read-A-Lot we will be showcasing a number of ways to make reading at home with your children an interactive, play-based learning time for the whole family. Young readers learn best from the strategies you will see and experience at camp. Reading shouldn’t just be something you do at bedtime to wind down; it can be an activity to participate in together! After a long day at work and a long day at school, parents, it can be hard to know just how to do that!

We can show you:
- how to ask engaging questions,
- make entertaining predictions,
- and most importantly read together.

What you can take away from Camp Read-A-Lot works for all elementary ages—yes even Ninjago and Diary of a Whimpy Kid readers will love what we show you! Building a strong community at our new school with many new students and families is very important to us at OLR and a family night is just what we need!

Door prizes and camp snacks will be offered. And, don’t forget to bring your cameras or cell phones to snap a picture at the photo booths available! See you there!

**Important Information & Reminders:**
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** On November 24, we are so blessed to invite St. Albert the Great Parish into our school for Eucharistic Adoration. Students will spend time in the presence of Jesus. Eucharistic adoration is one of the most beautiful ways we can encounter Jesus on such a deep, personal level. Jesus said, “This is my body,” when he shared bread with the apostles at the Last Supper, and proclaimed, “Do this in remembrance of me.” Since the very beginning of the Church, the apostles followed Christ’s instruction, and every time Jesus’ words are repeated at Mass, the
bread transforms into his real presence. Because of this, when we pray in adoration, Jesus is right there with us. He looks lovingly upon us as we gaze back at the Eucharist. Set aside some time, spend a few moments in Eucharistic adoration, and allow yourself the opportunity to experience God’s infinite love!

➢ Catholic Education Sunday: Many of our educators and their children shared the message of Catholic Education at parishes around the city. Thank you to Mrs. Tedesco and her daughter, Sarah for sharing the message at St. Albert the Great Parish. Thank you to the kindergarten students for creating a beautiful trifold to celebrate our Catholic Faith.

Volunteering in the Library

A huge thank you to all the OLR parent and community volunteers who have helped in the library over the last month shelving books, creating displays and reading to students. Your valuable assistance has helped make our Library Learning Commons an even better place! Book Fair volunteers will be needed from November 28th to Dec 4th. Please save an hour or two to volunteer on those dates and help make our Scholastic Book Fair a success!! We will need assistance to set up and take down the book fair, to help the younger students during book fair previews, and finally to help process sales during the actual book fair days on Nov 30th & Dec 1st. Please contact Mrs. Meakin in the school Learning Commons if you can volunteer.

St. Vincent De Paul Food and Gift Hampers:

Our Lady of the Rosary School community is stepping up this holiday season to support St. Vincent De Paul Society in helping families in need this Christmas. Each classroom will be given a list of food items for a food hamper that will provide basic needs and nourishment for 2-3 weeks for a family desperately in need. We would like to call upon our school community of families to support this great mission to serve in Christ’s light and help our neighbours. Teachers will be sending home a note requesting food items from the hamper list to each student, that we gracefully and humbly ask you to purchase so we can build a hamper for each class- that means 12 family food hampers! In addition, these families are also recipients of gifts for their children at Christmas. St. Vincent De Paul collects gifts and money to purchase gifts of high need to help stock these families’ Christmas trees. Our staff will also be sending home a wish list of gifts or a request for a monetary donation in which the team at St. Vincent De Paul will shop specifically for the families in need who we will be supporting this year. When we talk about empty cupboards and bare empty Christmas trees, we must champion our neighbors just as Christ has said, love thy neighbor and give to the poor.

Mark your calendars!!

On December 11, all families are invited to come together in prayer for our school’s Advent Mass. In this year of prayer, we are excited to bring our families together to celebrate Mass at St. Albert the Great Parish. Following the Mass, we invite families to join us in singing together as a community in the spirit of caroling.
Recycling and Composting at Our Lady of the Rosary:
As a LEAD school (Leadership, Energy, Environment and Design) we are showing our environmental stewardship with the help of our grade fours and fives creating posters, powerpoints and even a Jeopardy Game we are educating our students about how to reduce, reuse and recycle. The introduction of composting has given us the opportunity to reduce our garbage further.

Fundraising:
Thank you to all of the families that purchased your children's artwork with our Acorn Fundraiser. You helped us to raise $1400 for our playground! And a very special thank you to all of the teachers for making this project into an art lesson for their classes and creating such beautiful works of art! Orders will arrive at the school in the first week of December. We are happy to bring the Fundscrip Gift Card fundraiser back to our school for another year. This is a simple way for our school to raise funds (up to 10% of gift card purchases comes right back to our school!) It is a great time to stock up on gift cards for Christmas gifts as well as gift cards that you can use for everyday purchases of groceries and gas. Please see the attached information at the end of the newsletter. This year, OLR School Council will be hosting a St. Nicholas Store on December 13th and 14th in which students can purchase inexpensive gifts for family members from our store at the school. Gifts will be brought home wrapped and ready to place under your tree. Stay tuned for more details in December!

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LOOKING AHEAD:
➢ November 23 – Camp Read-a-lot literacy night
➢ November 24 – Eucharistic Adoration
➢ November 24 – Progress Reports
➢ November 30 & Dec. 1 – Parent Teacher Interviews
➢ November 30 & Dec. 1 – Book Fair in the Learning Commons
➢ December 11 – Advent Mass and Carols, St. Albert the Great 6-7:30 pm
➢ December 20 – Advent Liturgy

Bussed Students:
Please find attached important information for bussed students from our transportation department at the back.
School Bus Information
Keep this handy

Bus Zones - Parking in bus zones is illegal and a serious safety hazard. School Bus Unloading Zones are located at all schools to facilitate the arrival and departure of charter bus students. Your co-operation in keeping these bus zones clear is appreciated.

Transportation Concerns

| Late Buses (Morning and Afternoon) | - Call the school  
| - Call the bus company |
| Student does not arrive home on time in afternoon | - Call the school  
| - Call the bus company listed on the top of your child’s route schedule and listed on this page.  
| - Bus company dispatchers can radio bus drivers and find out where your child is and confirm that they are still on the bus. |
| Student Problems on the bus | - Call the School Principal |
| Bus Safety Issues | - Call the school  
| - Call CCSD Transportation |
| Lost Articles | - Call the bus company |

Parent responsibilities:

• Helping the school and bus driver train children about acceptable school bus behavior and safety.
• Ensuring children are suitably clothed to withstand weather extremes, taking special care during very cold weather to be certain that children are properly cared for until the bus arrives, and providing children with a responsible person to contact if the bus fails to arrive.
• Getting students to and from the pick-up and drop-off point.
• Ensuring the child has a place to go when leaving the bus after school or if the bus does not come in the morning.
• Requesting bus route or stop changes through the CCSD Transportation Department (forms available at the schools). The driver does not have the authority to make these changes.
• Discussing transportation problems with the school office personnel who will report them to the transportation department.
• Ensuring that only children designated for transportation ride the bus. Parents or pre-school children cannot be transported.
• Discussing reports of bus misbehavior with your children.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS!

CCSD Transportation Department:
Phone 403-500-2458  
403-500-2492  
403-500-2457  
403-500-2456  
Fax 430-500-2929

Bus Companies:
First Student: 403-531-3900  
Willco: 403-242-1176

Cabs:
Associated: 403-299-1115  
Checker: 403-299-4934

Calgary Transit Customer Service Line: 403-262-1000

March 2017
Fundscrip Fundraiser

Our Lady of the Rosary School Council is pleased to bring the Fundscrip fundraiser back to our school for another year. This will be an ongoing fundraiser throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

**What it is:** A fundraising campaign in which parents (as well as grandparents, friends, neighbours) can purchase gift cards online, with 2-10% of the gift card value given directly to our school council.

**How it works:** Become a Supporter by creating an account at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) using invitation code CDWSW2 and begin ordering gift cards. Payment can be made online via EFT, Online Banking Bill Payment, or Credit Card. Many supporters buy gift cards for everyday items such as groceries or gas, and it is a great idea for Christmas gifts as well.

**Retailers:** All of the retailers below offer between 2% and 10% back to our school fundraiser:

- Amazon
- Indigo
- Best Buy
- The Bay
- Home Depot
- Canadian Tire
- Walmart
- Sears
- Shell
- Petro Canada
- Safeway / Sobeys
- Superstore
- M&M Meats
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Starbucks
- The Keg
- Earls
- Chili’s
- Chop
- Boston Pizza
- Gap / Old Navy
- Sephora
- Home Sense / Winners
- Toys R Us
- Cineplex
- Bath & Body Works
- Mark’s
- Aldo
- American Eagle
- West 49..... and more