

# Our Lady of the Rosary

## Weekly News

February 11 to 15, 2019



Thank you:

- Seton library for presenting to our students.
- All families who have donated blankets, towels and comforters for the Mustard Seed.

<b>Mon., Feb 11</b>	➤ Happy Monday!
<b>Tues., Feb 12</b>	➤ Happy Tuesday!
<b>Wed., Feb 13</b>	➤ Healthy Hunger lunch – A & W lunch
<b>Thurs., Feb 14</b>	➤ ATA Teacher's Convention – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
<b>Fri., Feb 15</b>	➤ ATA Teacher's Convention – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## Alberta Opera Visits OLR!

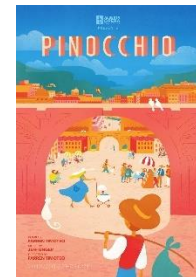
By Thea S. and Summer A.

Edited by teachers of OLR

One of the best performances of the school year.

### What is it?

This was an outstanding performance from the Alberta Opera of Pinocchio on February 7, 2019. Some of the students were even a part of the show and got to act in this amazing play. It was about Geppetto, a lonely puppet maker in Italy who makes a puppet named Pinocchio who magically comes to life. When Pinocchio says that he can grant Geppetto one wish he wishes for his son back. Pinocchio goes on a great journey and adventure to find Geppetto's son Vincenzo. Along the way he meets interesting characters, adventures, many troubles, and Squalo the shark.



### Who made all of this happen?

The amazing man that thought of this production is Farren Timoteo he was the director and the writer of the amazing show, Pinocchio. The man who thought of the beautiful music and lyrics is Jeff Unger an award winning songwriter who has been with this opera for many years. The one who played Jeff's songs for the show were Yvonne Boon a great pianist from Edmonton. They also have the actors Cameron Chapman who played Geppetto, Chariz Faulmino who was the one and only Pinocchio, and Josh Travnick who played Vincenzo.



### CLASSROOM BLOGS

Did you know that all of our classes have a blog where you can view news and photos about the events that happen throughout the year?

They are located on our school website at this location -

<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/ourladyrosary/classroomnews/Pages/default.aspx>.

### Cold Weather and Kindergarten

Parents of Kindergarten:

Unfortunately, we can't accommodate parents and children waiting inside the foyer of the school as it would make for a noisy environment. In addition, we do not have sufficient room in the entry way as there are so many people and not enough room. This causes a safety issue as it blocks our doorways.

Morning Families are reminded to wait in cars or arrive as close to the dismissal time of 11:04 and gather their children upon dismissal.

Afternoon families are reminded to bring their children to school at or near 12:01 when the teachers greet them or to wait in their cars until the teacher arrives.

Thank you for your understanding.

### SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL

In simple machines we're learning how they are useful. There are all kind of simple machines. Here are some examples: the inclined plane, a lever, a pulley and a gear. In the simple machines workshop all the grade 4's participated in every activity. In the science workshop we're testing our brain to see how much we know about simple machines. We're all doing great. Everyone's working together.



### STUDENT ARRIVALS IN COLD WEATHER

This is a reminder to let parents know that when your children arrive at the school during very cold winter days, please ensure your children enter the school through their regular door instead of the front office door. Thank you for your cooperation.

### FUNDSCRIP FUNDRAISER

School Council has an ongoing fundraiser through FundScrip. This is a fundraising program where supporters pay for the shopping they already do (groceries, gas, entertainment etc.) with gift cards. Each purchase of a gift card automatically includes a donation to the School Council. Once gift cards are ordered they are sent via Canada post. Please contact Jacquie Bill at [fundraisingolr@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingolr@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## NEUROSCIENCE MINUTE

The importance of sleep:

Sleep helps improve memory and learning. It is also the time when new connections are made (There are approximately 80 to 100 billion neurons in your brain. These new connects allow us to speed up the communication between the cerebrum, prefrontal cortex and the hippocampus. The [National Sleep Foundation](#) is an excellent source for information on how much sleep you should be getting.



## CIRCLE OF WARMTH

Between February 1 to 13, please send towels, comforters, blankets, sleeping bags to school in a large bag.

Note: do not send new or expensive items.

**What:** We are collecting used blankets, comforters, sleeping bags and towels.

**When:** Between February 1 to 13, 2019.

**Who:** We are donating these items to the Mustard Seed who will distribute them to homeless people throughout the winter season.

**Why:** The Mustard Seed offers services that help people make positive and lasting changes.

Bringing one of the “corporal works of mercy” alive in our school community – ***“shelter the homeless”***.



## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



Be sure that your children wear all of their warm coats, scarves, mittens and snowpants.

Our district policy is that the students will enjoy indoor recess if the temperature is -20 or below.

## CANTEEN AND HOT LUNCHES

The school canteen is open for business. We sell various snack items that sell mostly for \$1. The following hot lunches will be provided on Thursdays for the upcoming month.

- Thursday, February 21 – Burgers for \$3.00
- Thursday, February 28 – Pasta & sauce for \$2.00
- Thursday, March 7 – Perogies for \$3.00



## ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 4 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 4, 5, 6 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. At Our Lady of the Rosary, this information helps us improve the programming for your child in order to ensure they are receiving the best educational experience at our school.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

## DISTRICT DAY HITMAN TICKETS ON SALE



Come join the Calgary Catholic School District for the Hitmen game versus the Medicine Hat Tigers at the Saddledome on **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**Tickets can be purchased for \$12**

at [bit.ly/DistrictDay2019](http://bit.ly/DistrictDay2019) with the promo code LUNAR.

\*\*\*Tickets must be purchased through this link for the LUNAR code to work.\*\*\*

**We raise \$2 for the Catholic District foundation from every ticket sold** and from a portion of the night's 50/50 sales.

Entertainment includes:

- Free CCSD face-painting booth
- National anthem performance from a CCSD choir
- On-ice intermission skills performance from CCSD's Hockey Canada Skills students
- Performance from dragon dancers to celebrate the year of the pig
- Post-game fireworks display.

**Thank you for supporting the foundation and for joining in the fun!**

**Looking ahead:**

- Feb 18 – Family Day – No School
- Feb 19 – Speed Stacking starts (Feb 19 – Mar 5)
- Feb 19 – School Council @ 7 pm
- Feb 20 – Sister Madeline visits
- Feb 22 – Grade 5 vaccinations (morning)
- Mar 1 – Spring photos
- Mar 1 – Kindergarten 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration and parade
- Mar 6 – Teachers Pet Presentation for grade 1 (8:30 – 11:30 am)
- Mar 6 – Ash Wednesday liturgy @ 1 pm
- Mar 7 - Teachers Pet Presentation for grade 1 (8:30 – 11:30 am)
- Mar 8 – Progress reports go home
- Mar 11 – Lacrosse begins (Mar 11 – 14)
- Mar 12 – Curling begins (Mar 12 – Mar 19)
- Mar 12 – School council (7 – 8 pm)
- Mar 14 – Grade 5 vaccination catch-ups (pm)
- Mar 14 – Volunteer orientation (6 – 7 pm)
- Mar 14 – Parent teacher conferences
- Mar 15 – Volunteer orientation (9 – 10 am)
- Mar 15 – Parent teacher conferences

Dear potential fundraising supporter,

Please consider helping our group raise funds by using FundScrip, which is a fundraising program that lets you raise funds simply by purchasing gift cards for your every day shopping (i.e. groceries, gas, gifts and household items). When you purchase a \$100 grocery gift card, you receive the \$100 card, but in addition, a percentage is donated to our fundraising campaign.

It's like getting free money, where the only catch is you have to change your method of payment to using gift cards!

### OUR FUNDRAISING GROUP:

### WHAT ARE WE RAISING FUNDS FOR?

### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

1. Visit [www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group](http://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group)
2. Enter the invitation code:

### WHICH GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are over 240 retailers to choose from. Here's a small sample:

Loblaws	3%
Sobeys	2%
Esso	2%
Petro-Canada	2%
Canadian Tire	4%
Winners	6%

### HOW DO I ORDER?

1. You place orders on the FundScrip website.
2. Depending on the group, orders can be shipped directly to an address of your choice, or they can be shipped to a designated group distribution point for you to pick up. Ask your group administrator which one is best to use.

### HOW CAN I PAY?

1. Electronic Funds Transfer - No Fee
2. Online Bill Payment - No Fee
3. Credit Card - Donations reduced by 1.99%

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: