

THE NORTHEASTERLY



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Lord of All Things

2011

This 2011 school year is rapidly coming to a close as we look forward to the coming of Christmas and a New Year. Our classrooms, hallways and auditorium have been full of celebrations over the last few weeks.

First the grade 6s sang and the grades 7 and 8/9 bands shared their gifts of music with our community in early December. Last week our K – Grade 3 students shared their message of Christmas about the *Reluctant Innkeeper*.

In all these messages we are reminded that our God has given us the best Gift imaginable, the Gift of Jesus Christ. This Gift came to us in a most unusual way -- born in a smelly barn over 2000 years ago. But, this same God comes to us every day, over and over again, in so many ways. We serve a God who can take ordinary things (like a stable and our ordinary, broken lives) and "change things around". God can make our lives worthwhile, filled with peace, love, joy and hope, in spite of our circumstances. God does the extra ordinary, beyond our understandings.

The miracle of Christmas was not *just* 2000 years ago. Our God is here, again and now, for you and for me. Do you see like the shepherds?
Do you give like the wise men?
Do you worship like the angels?

May your heart and your home know the depth of God's Holy Presence!

May you and your family experience the excitement of Christmas because of the peace, joy, love and hope that overflows in your heart for YOUR God.

From all the staff at Edmonton Christian NE:
We wish you a blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year 2012.



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY & FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:00 AM– 8:15 AM

Pancake breakfast tickets are on sale for \$4.00 per person. Please pick up your tickets at the office by Thursday or call and reserve tickets (780-408-7942) to be paid for on Friday morning. No tickets will be sold on Friday morning.



We will be serving, pancakes, sausage(2), scrambled eggs, with syrup or strawberries, coffee and juice. Breakfast will begin at 7:00 am and end at 8:15 to prepare for the Assembly at 8:45. We would appreciate a few parents' help with table and chair clean up after—thanks!

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

We will explore the gifts can WE give to Jesus?
What gift will I give?

The grade 4 and 7 students will share in this assembly with music and many pictures. Please join us if you are able. The assembly will occur immediately after the clean up in the auditorium after our family Pancake breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 23	Community Pancake Breakfast 7:00 pm Christmas Assembly 8:45 am
Dec 24-Jan 8	Christmas Holidays NO SCHOOL
Mon. Jan 9	First Day back to Classes
Fri. Feb 17	PD NO SCHOOL
Mon. Feb 20	Family Day NO SCHOOL
Tues. Feb 21	Junior High Ski Day Grades 4-5-6– Option Day
Mar 1 & 2	GETCA NO SCHOOL
Fri. Mar 9	WaterPark Evening

Our students will grow in critical thinking skills using a Biblical framework.

SCHOOL-WIDE SPELLING BEE

Can you spell words like: miscible, fulguration, or catechumen? Do you even know what those words mean?

Written spelling bees were held in grade 4-8 classrooms over the past few weeks. Congratulations to all those students who worked so hard to learn all those words!

Congratulations to our 18 Finalists:

April B (4A)	Candice L (4A)
Cikei K (4VG)	Jaymie C (4VG)
Fred N (5FK)	Hannah T (5N)
Trinity K (5N)	Anthony O (6G)
Bethany S (6G)	Allison L(6J)
Megan J (6J)	Gordon N (7K)
Daniel F (7K)	Maria MF (8C)
Devon B (8C)	Ibrahim K (8N)
Adam B (8N)	Tim H (8N)

The competition took almost two hours to complete, but when it was done we had a winner. Devon Bourgeois, 8C, will go on to represent our school in the regional competition in February. Good luck, Devon!

GIFTS OF MERCY AND HOPE THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

In conversations with staff about holiday shopping we reflected on how blessed we are to have great jobs and such a supportive community; we are content in what we have. This year, amidst your shopping please think outside the box (box stores that is!) and consider Gifts of Mercy and Hope. A gift of mercy and hope is a gift given to someone else. As a school community we have a special spot in our hearts for Mosaic Centre, located on Fort Road. The centre offers as many services as possible to eliminate barriers to finding housing, restoring dignity and achieving a secure place in which to focus on personal goals.

Mosaic Centre Needs:

Financial Gifts / Bus Tickets / Men's T-Shirts
Winter Jackets / Winter Boots / Gloves
Blue Jeans (Men's 32" to 38" waists)
Individual Soup Cups

Financial Donations can be made to:

Mosaic Centre, 12758 Fort Road, Edm AB, T5A 1A9

OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE: Getting it Right

Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk is interested in hearing from students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 on the future of education and on how this piece of legislation can have a direct impact on their school experience. An elementary and junior high letter will be sent home with students today. The invitation includes the suggestion that younger students draw a picture or work with an adults. Older students are given the option of participating online through the: www.speakout.alberta.ca website.

REMINDER

Please make sure that your child has an indoor pair of shoes. Please have a conversation with your child about the importance of respecting our building and our rules. This includes Jr. High!

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing. Please have your students check for their lost belongings. Whatever is not claimed will be taken to the thrift store on December 23rd. Thanks for your cooperation.

ART

Here are the names of the students that are having their artwork displayed at the Kids in the Hall Bistro in City Hall as a part of Art du Jour, a program that features outstanding artwork created by Edmonton Public Schools' students:

Hermella H
Olivia G
Elizabeth G
Emily P

CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION HOCKEY CHALLENGE

Make it your goal to save money by entering the Christian Credit Union Hockey Challenge! Every time you shoot money into your FatCat® or Heatstart® account you'll be entered to **WIN** 2 tickets to an Edmonton Oilers game! If you open a new account, Christian Credit Union will pass on \$5 to your school. Contest runs from Dec. 1, 2011 to Jan. 20, 2012. Check out youth banking days at your school (Thursdays at Northeast)

An alternative program of Edmonton Public Schools in partnership with the Edmonton Society for Christian Education.

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