

# Huskies Bits and Bites



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## Meet the Staff Night

Thank you for visiting the school, Wednesday evening. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy day to come to the school, enjoy a donut and coffee and chat with your child's teacher. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a childrens' draw.



Please check out St. Mary's website, to get information about our school, programs, calendar and special events at:

<http://www.fvsd.ab.ca/school/stm/Pages/default.asp>

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**Fort Vermilion School Division #52**

**"Our Children, Our Students, Our Future"**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>October 1</b>	Religion/Options Starts
<b>October 2</b>	Cross Country Divisionals <b>Rocky Lane</b>
<b>October 4</b>	Early Dismissal <b>1:45pm</b>
<b>October 8</b>	Thanksgiving - No School
<b>October 19</b>	Picture Day! <b>Smile and have fun!</b>

## Orange Shirt Day Thursday September 27

Orange Shirt day was well represented at St.Mary's.





## Dance

Dance has started at St.Mary's for grades 4-6 students.

Practices take place during morning, lunch and afternoon recesses.

The dance team will perform at various community and school events. Parents will be notified for any after school events or performances.

Mrs. McIlsac



## Staffing Update

Due to low student numbers at our school, we were reduced one teacher [grade 5]. Ms Cassie Snyder moved to Buffalo Head Prairie School where student numbers warrant an additional teacher for grade one.

Ms Snyder will be missed by both students and the staff of St. Mary's.

## Lessons in Literacy



We have a new literacy tool that is going to help us better plan for literacy instruction and interventions with our readers throughout the school. It will provide us a better picture of individual students' reading strengths and needs. Our school division will use the literacy tool for all students in grades 1 to 9 three times per year, beginning, middle, and year-end. (Grade 1 students will do the assessment only mid-year and year-end) to track progress with comprehension, fluency, and phonics over the course of each school year.

### Helpful Reading Hints from A-Z

Ask your child questions about what they are reading! This will help develop their comprehension.

'Book' some family time to read together every day!

Create a reading space or reading corner in your home and have some family favorites handy!

St. Mary's Literacy Committee



## Iron Chef Competition 2018

St.Mary's has entered the Divisional Iron Chef Competition which will be held at **High Level Public School, Saturday, October 27.**

Nine students from grades five and six will refining their baking skills under the direction of Ms. Binet, Ms. Guitard, and Ms. Parenteau. Over the next four weeks, they will be learning how to read a recipe, use kitchen tools, and basic baking skills. Of these nine students, three will be chosen to participate in the divisional competition. We look forward to creating some yummy treats and defending our position as first place winner in the baking category.

Ms Guitard, Ms Parenteau, & Ms Binet



St. Mary's Elementary School will have a School Council meeting, **Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30pm.**

Parents play an important role in student success. School councils are an excellent way for parents to be involved in their children's education.

Looking forward to seeing you October 23.