

# ÉCOLE MOTHER D'YOUVILLE SCHOOL

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# June 2018 Newsletter

"We are people of the Way" "Learn the Way"



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are just about at the finish line for the 2017-2018 school year. It has been a challenging year and one that has seen tremendous change. I would consider that we're finally settled in our new home and staff and students can look forward to starting the 2018-2019 school year in our beautiful new facility - right from the start of the year!

As the 2017-2018 year winds down, preparations for the coming year are in full swing. Best wishes go out to all of our students who are leaving Mother D'Youville School. In particular, good luck to students from our first Grade 9 class who will be moving to start high school in the fall. As well, we have finished the hiring process for staff and will be introducing the 2018-2019 'staff starting line-up' before the end of the year. If you're already planning for the next school year like we are, the 2018-2019 school calendar can be downloaded by using this link.

We have a busy June in our school with various field trips and activities, final exams and the usual year-end celebrations. Please have a close look at the schedule of events that we have included in the newsletter. I wish to draw your attention to the exam schedule later in the newsletter that includes the dates for our Grade 6 and 9 students who will be writing their Provincial Achievement Tests as well as the schedule of exams for the Grade 7 & 8 students. Academically, it's an important time of year for students. Our staff will be reviewing course material with students as soon as they have completed course material for the year. I'm encouraging parents to sit down with their child(ren) to schedule some additional home study time to prepare for exams. Good luck to all of our students as they prepare to finish strong by achieving some great final results!

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to congratulate all of our students on a successful school year. I would also like to thank our parent community for the support that I've experienced not only during this past year but for the past 8 years. With the conclusion of this year, I'll be bidding the school communities of Saint-André and Mother D'Youville a fond farewell. The past eight years have been tremendously rewarding for me and I'll treasure the relationships that I've developed along the way with parents, students and staff. I'll look forward to following the fortunes of the students at École Mother D'Youville School in the years ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any questions you may have. On behalf of all of our staff, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you this school year. I wish everyone a well-deserved, restful, safe and fun-filled summer vacation. God Bless! Ste. Marguerite D'Youville ... **PRAY FOR US!** 

Jim McMullen, Principal

### **2017-2018 EMDYS COUNCIL**

School Council will hold their last meeting for this school year on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Please consider attending the meeting and join with the parents of EMDYS to build a strong school community. Thank you to the 2017-2018 school council executive members: Chair - Vicki Comstock, Vice-Chair - Amanda Mackney, Secretary - Wendy Bendoritis, Volunteer Coordinator - Marla Krankowsky and Member at Large - Michelle Yarrow. Please check out the letter later in this newsletter inviting you to be part of our Playground Committee.



**Indigenous Day** 



Grade 5 & 6 Science Expo



## **SWAT HEALTHY SNACK WEEK**

Our Student Wellness Active Team (SWAT) had created a number of goals for our school to ensure that staff and students have a Healthy school. One of the goals created by the students was to have a fruit basket in each classroom as a healthy snack option for students when they need some food-fuel. We will be placing baskets with oranges, apples and bananas in each room for the week of **June 18-22** to kick off this initiative. Our hope is to continue to have fruit baskets available in all classrooms for the upcoming school year.

\*All staff and students are encourage to pack and eat the healthy option snacks for this week and moving forward.\*

Healthy food choices and the establishing of healthy eating habits is just one way that our students can positively influence their lives and personal well-being.

### **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

Tuesday, June 5	School Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 5	Grade 5 & 6 Track and Field Meet in Leduc
Thursday, June 7	Grade 5 & 9 Immunizations - 1:00 PM
Friday, June 8	Year End Mass - 9:00 AM
Friday, June 8	Grade 9 Farewell Activities: 10:45 AM - 3:10 PM
Monday, June 11	Grade 5 Heritage Fair: 12:15 - 1:30 PM
June 13 & 14	Grade 7 Camp Warwa Outdoor Ed. Trip
June 17	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
June 18 - 22	SWAT Healthy Snack Week
Tuesday, June 26	Final Report Cards
Tuesday, June 26	Awards & Recognition Evening - 7:00 PM

### **CELL PHONES**

During instructional time, meaning class time, if there is not an agreed upon educational use for the device, it should be silenced and out of sight. To ensure the privacy of students and staff, unauthorized photos, videos or recording of audio while at school is prohibited. Thank you.

### **NUT AWARE**

EMDYS is a NUT-AWARE school, nut allergies are very serious, and can be life threatening. A person with severe allergies can react to the smell of nuts, or residual oils that are left on surfaces (tables, pens, pencils, etc.) even after they have been cleaned. While we cannot claim to be NUT FREE, we are dedicated to keeping our students and staff safe. We ask that parent read labels and refrain from sending nuts, or snacks that contain nuts to the school.

If you are planning to send treats in for your child's birthday, or other special occasion, please contact their teacher to ensure that the treat that you bring in is free of any allergen that could affect students in that class.

FSLW UPDATE

May was a very busy month for Mental Health and Wellness Activities. We devoted the week of May 7-11 to learning about self care, creating mental wellness, and exploring some new activities to support the overall feeling of wellness within Ecole Mother D'Youville School. The students were encouraged to create and get involved with their own self care over the week. All of the activities the students took part in encouraged a growth of the whole self by creating opportunities to explore the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional aspects of the person. I hope this event was enjoyed by everyone and I look forward to more of these events in the future!



With summer break in the not too distant future (Yay!) I would like to take time to leave you with a few different ideas on continuing the self care we began this year through the summer break!

- 1. Declutter- Your room, your closet, your head space. Taking time to declutter your space leads to less stress!
- 2. Get Rest- When is there a better time than summer's lazy afternoon's to take a nap.
- 3. Take a mental break- Summer is a great time to just watch the clouds go by! However, a mental break for some may be learning something new.....
- 4. Get Exercise- Make sure you take care of your body. Mental Health and wellness are directly related to how your body feels and vice versa.
- 5. Spend time doing what you love- Spending your time and energy on something, or someone you love is never a great way to spend your time during the summer. Go paddle boarding, spend time with your favorite Grandma, or create a work of art.... You decide!

If you have any questions at all about FSLW programming, I would love to answer them for you. I can be reached at the school by phone (780 929-0792) or by email: <a href="mailto:Arlie.Bouchard@starcatholic.ab.ca">Arlie.Bouchard@starcatholic.ab.ca</a> Thanks for your support!

### **EMDYS ATHLETIC UPDATE**

Congratulations to our Jr. High Track & Field Athletes! We are very proud of the Jr. High students who attended the Track Meet in Leduc competing with 30 schools in the Division. Our athletes did a great job and we had some awards that we will recognize:

Silas Engen - 3rd Place Shot Put \* Rachel Starko - 3rd Place 3000M \* Lauren Dellezay - 1st Place 3000M & 2nd Place High Jump \* Aidan Boland - 1st Place Javelin & 2nd Place Shot Put. Aidan and Lauren will be representing our school at Zones in St. Alberta on June 5th.

We wish our Grade 5/6 Track & Field Athletes success at their Track Meet on June 5th.

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# Grade 6 and 9 Part B: Provincial Achievement Test Schedule Grade 7/8/9 Final Exam Schedule

DATE	TIME	EXAM	ROOM
June 4, 2018	10:55 AM - 12:20 PM	E.L.A. 8 - Part A	224
June 6, 2018	10:55 AM - 12:20 PM	E.L.A. 7 A & 7 B - Part A	224, 218
June 11, 2018	8:45 - 10:05 AM	F.L.A. 7/8 Part A	229
June 15, 2018	8:45 - 11:15 AM	Grade 6 F.L.A Partie B	114
June 18, 2018	8:45 - 11:45 AM	Grade 6.1 & 6.2 Math Part A & B P.A.T.	137, 138
June 18, 2018	8:45 - 11:45 AM	Grade 6 Math Partie A & B P.A.T.	114
June 18, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Math 7 ENG.	217
June 18, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Math 8 ENG.	218
June 18, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Math 7/8 F.I.	229
June 18, 2018	8:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Grade 9 Math Part A & B P.A.T.	226
June 19, 2018	8:45 - 11:15 AM	Grade 6.1 & 6.2 Social Studies P.A.T.	137, 138
June 19, 2018	8:45 - 11:15 AM	Grade 6 F.I. Études Socials P.A.T.	114
June 19, 2018	8:45 - 11:55 AM	Grade 9 Social Studies P.A.T.	118
June 19, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Social Studies 7 ENG.	217
June 19, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Social Studies 8 ENG.	218
June 19, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Études Socials 7/8 F.I.	229
June 20, 2018	8:45 - 11:15 AM	Grade 6.1 & 6.2 Science P.A.T.	137, 138
June 20, 2018	8:45 - 11:15 AM	Grade 6 F.I. Science P.A.T.	114
June 20, 2018	8:45 - 11:45 AM	Grade 9 Science P.A.T.	226
June 20, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Science 7 ENG.	217
June 20, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Science 8 ENG.	218
June 20, 2018	8:45 - 10:45 AM	Science 7/8 F.I.	229
June 20, 2018	1:10 - 3:10 PM	F.L.A. 7/8 Part B	229
June 22, 2018	8:45 - 11:15 AM	Grade 6.1 & 6.2 E.L.A Part B P.A.T.	137, 138
June 22, 2018	8:45 - 11:45 AM	Grade 9 E.L.A Part B P.A.T.	226
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Part A E.L.A. and F.L.A. for Grade 7 & 8 must be scheduled in-class prior to June 18. Jr. High R.S. Final Exams must be scheduled in-class on or before June 18.

### SCHOOL MESSENGER

STAR Catholic school division is implementing a new School messaging system, called **School Messenger**. In the past, we have used the Synrevoice program to send out emails to our families, both for Emergency situations, and for regular emails that need to reach our entire school population or other group emails. The new system will be much the same, but with some new and more user friendly features.

This new system will allow us to send out messages by phone, email and text, and even has an app available, which gives us more options and better lines of communication. Please find following the email sent out to parents at the end of May:

#### Dear Parents/ Guardians:

You many have received a text message on May 16, 2018, that stated it was from 978338 that read:

### St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools Messages. Reply Y to confirm.

That message was a prompt that allows you to opt-in to receive important school and STAR Catholic School Division messages via text message.

If you did not reply, you can still opt in.

#### Simply text "Y" to 978338.

Opting in to the text message service will help to ensure you get timely messaging regarding important information like bus notifications and emergencies.

information the SMS Text Notification System please visit: https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/division/parents/sms-text-message-service-for-parents

### SOCIAL MEDIA - SCHOOL UPDATES

Please stop by and "like" the École Mother D'Youville School Facebook page and follow École Mother D'Youville on Twitter. EMDYS social media sites will have all the latest information directly from the school.





### SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Our school asking for your support in gathering donations for Catholic Social Services. Donations of new socks and new underwear are being collected until June 12th. Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



June 4, 2018

Dear Parents:

One of the many exciting aspects of opening a new school is the opportunity to plan and develop a school playground. What is most exciting about the playground build at École Mother D'Youville is that we are one of the designated schools who can benefit from a \$250,000 government grant towards our playground. In addition to that, there are approximately 12 additional grants through various sources that we may be able to apply for if we meet the criteria and spend above the \$250,000. The hope is that these available grants will result in minimal fundraising requirements by our student body and possibly none at all.

I had the opportunity recently to attend the Alberta School Council Association Conference and AGM. I spent the Friday afternoon at a presentation called 'Building a Playground Start to Finish'. I also visited a resource gallery where I met and spoke with a few playground vendors.

In order to get started with the process, we first need to form a 'Playground Committee'. The following are the positions we are looking to fill as soon as possible to get started:

<u>Chairperson</u> - heads up the committee, runs the meetings, reports back to school council.

<u>Secretary</u> - acts as a recorder at each meeting and ensures the minutes are recorded accurately.

Treasurer - responsible for and keeps track of any funds involving the playground.

<u>Grant-Writer</u> - responsible for preparing grants and submitting them (all the vendors I spoke with have grant writers employed by them to assist with this).

**Volunteer Coordinator** - responsible for signing up any volunteers required for fundraising, the actual build, etc.

Some of the activities that will need to occur in order to get started are:

- Put a wish list of playground equipment together for our unique demographic of Grade 5-9 students.
- Send the wish list to potential suppliers and set up presentations with suppliers.
- Check supplier references and visit some of their playgrounds in order to make a decision and award the project to the chosen supplier.

As you can see, there is a process that needs to happen and it will take some time. The sooner we get started, the sooner our school will have a fabulous playground. Please consider one of the above positions on the playground committee or volunteering in another capacity where you can.

If you are interested and willing to sign up to be part of the playground committee, please let me know as soon as possible. If you are hesitant because you've never done it, know that there are lots of people and resources ready and willing to assist you.

### Vicki Comstockirperson

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École Mother D'Youville School Council

**COMMUNITY EVENTS** 

Here at the CBYC we have events going on Tuesday-Saturday and you are more than welcome to come anytime to check us out! We are a fully staffed, Town of Beaumont facility here to provide fun, safe, and educational programming for youth aged 12-17. We are also a resource centre for all forms of social services including mental health.

Here are a few of our events for June...

Anxiety and Depression Awareness: On Saturday June 9th we will be running workshops to discuss signs of anxiety and depression along with what to do about it. We will have a guest from local counselling agency, Tacit Knowledge here as well to lead discussion. Dinner will be provided.

**CONTEST**: Take and post pics of yourself at as many Town and Country Daze (June 15-17) events as you can and tag them #cbyc4thewin. The person who goes to the most events will win some sweet prizes!

**Fun in the Park**: On *Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>* from 5-9pm we will be celebrating Town and Country Daze by bringing the CBYC outside to the park across the street. We will have games, activities and our info booth. Make sure to stop by to say "hi"! Show us your contest pics and earn points on our app too!!

**Learn to Make Bubble Tea**: On *Thursday June 21*<sup>st</sup> we are going to make bubble tea from scratch! Come learn how and enjoy this tasty treat!

Paint Fight and BBQ: On Friday June 29th we will be celebrating summer with a paint fight and a BBQ! Please wear clothes that can get dirty and come prepared to have a blast!

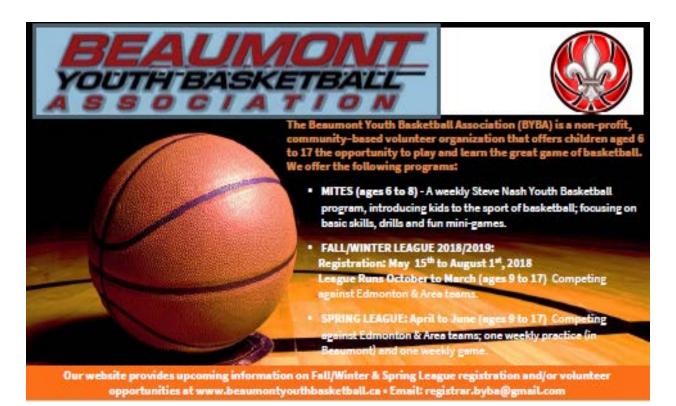
For our full calendar of events please check out our webpage: <a href="www.beaumont.ab.ca/220/CBYC">www.beaumont.ab.ca/220/CBYC</a> or look us up on Facebook, Instagram, or Snap Chat: Chantal Berube Youth Centre



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