



ÉCOLE **MOTHER D'YOUVILLE** SCHOOL  
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**September 2019**

*"We are people of the Way"*

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear MDY Families:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at EMDYS. As your principal, I am excited to support students in mastering the essential outcomes--providing the support needed to be successful. Our goal is helping every student become the best version of themselves. Growing our EMDYS community has been such a blessing and I hope to continue to meet more members as we journey through 2019-2020 together.

We hope our backstage pass and registration days eased some anxiety for our kids. Thank you to the super staff at EMDYS as they have been busy getting classrooms and our beautiful school ready for the new year. Bell times for the school year are: Warning bell is at 8:40 a.m, with students being allowed to come into the building at 8:30am. Lunch is slightly later from 12:40 pm-1:20 pm; please encourage students to bring snacks for recess due to the later lunch. Dismissal is at 3:10 pm. This year we are operating on a 6 day rotating schedule for student timetables.

For bussing information, please see the division website at <https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/busing>. For our student handbook please visit our website. Our school website at [mdy.starcatholic.ab.ca](http://mdy.starcatholic.ab.ca) is where you will find all necessary current school information such as current news and events, announcements, bus information, calendars, etc.



Defend this House!

On behalf of École Mother D'Youville School we are looking forward to a great school year on a journey of faith, learning, and love.

In Him,  
Principal Jordan Robinson

## **Parent Information:**

We are looking to add some volunteers who have Time, Talent and Treasures to share on our Parent Council.

More information will be coming out very soon about volunteer positions and meeting dates. We hope you will consider attending our next meeting - your support is appreciated! Our AGM and first school council meeting of the year will be **Tuesday, September 24th 6:00 pm** in the learning commons.



Also, please join us for our **Open House and Night of the Defenders, Thursday, September 26th** at 6:30pm-8:00pm. Our awards night will start promptly at 7:00pm.

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Thursday Sept 19	Terry Fox Run 2pm
Friday Sept 20	PD Day No School
Monday Sept 23	Photo Day
Tuesday Sept 24	Photo Day
Tuesday Sept 24	School Council AGM 7pm
Tuesday Sept 26	Open House and Night of the Defenders (Awards) 6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day

## EMDYS ATHLETICS

**Sports running in the fall season are Cross Country and Volleyball:**

- Tuesday, September 10th Junior/Senior Volleyball Tryouts 3:30pm
- Thursday, September 12th Senior Boys Volleyball Tryouts 3:30pm
- Cross Country- Forms distributed to interested students by Friday, September 6th
- Stay tuned to the morning announcement [link](#) on our webpage and our weekly email for try out updates of other teams.

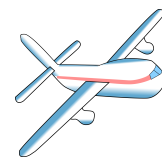


### Defenders Gear

Our Defenders Gear Store is open year round! Items are delivered directly to your door. Check out the [link](#) on our homepage.

## GRADE 9 VICTORIA TRIP:

The Grade 9 trip to Victoria was unanimously approved in principle by STAR Catholic School Board. Stay tuned for a September meeting date to share this exciting opportunity for the 2019-2020 grade nine class.



## 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. For more information on the SMS Text Notification System please visit:

<https://www.staratholic.ab.ca/division/parents/sms-text-message-service-for-parents>

## SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

Thank you for your patience while we work on the School Cash On-Line system. A notice will go out to families as soon the system is corrected so that any applicable fees can be paid. School fees will apply to any Option Classes, Sports teams and Field trips.

## 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.



## FSLW UPDATE

Welcome back!

My hope is that all of the Mother D’Youville families had summers full of rest, relaxation, and fun together! I am thrilled to see both the new faces and the familiar ones. As we look forward to a new school year and all the possibilities it holds, I anticipate that every student here will have successes and growth personally, socially, and academically.

As the Family School Liaison Worker, I wanted to remind families and their students that I am here to collaborate, encourage, and support as you navigate the ups and downs of the school year. I will continue to offer solution focused individual work, social-emotional group work, and classroom based lessons along with any parental consultations and community referrals as needed. I will also continue to highlight subjects such as mental health awareness and care to promote each students best self. My goal is to implement a comprehensive program that creates a caring and supportive environment where students feel free to reach their full potential.

If you have any questions at all about FSLW programming, please do not hesitate to contact me I would love to answer them for you. I can be reached at the school by phone (780 929-0792) or by email: [Arlie.Bouchard@staratholic.ab.ca](mailto:Arlie.Bouchard@staratholic.ab.ca)

***Thanks for your support!***

## TEXTBOOKS AND LOCKERS/LOCKS

### Textbooks

Textbooks are assigned to each student as required and are theirs to use for the duration of the course. Students are to return the textbooks at the end of the assigned term in an undamaged condition. Lost textbooks are the responsibility of the student they are assigned to.

In the event that text books and library books are damaged the following fees will be charged to the student.

- Torn/Missing pages – \$10.00
- Graffiti – \$10.00
- Damaged cover – \$10.00
- Missing Barcode – \$ 5.00
- Broken Spine – \$20.00
- Lost/Destroyed – Replacement cost

These penalty fees are assigned in June upon return of student textbooks.

### Lockers & Locks

Students are responsible for the condition and accessibility of their lock/locker at all times. Students are expected to treat the lock/locker with respect and keep their combination confidential.

The rental cost of locks will be sent via School Cash Online at a cost of \$10.00. Replacement cost of an additional \$10.00 for lost/damaged lock will be added as required. Students can also bring in their own combination locks from home; they must provide the combination to our front office staff.

## KISS AND GO DROP-OFF AND PICK UP

Look! We are faster builders than google earth can take pictures of MDY. Our Kiss and Go drop off zone (highlighted by the green arrows) is available on the northside of our school and this is the only spot where cars should go for both morning afternoon pick up and drop off. Your help in making our school safe is greatly appreciated.



## **LIFE FRAMEWORK GENERAL NOTICE**

Catholic schools share a foundational belief that all children are loved by God, are individually unique and that the school has a mission to help each student fulfill their God-given potential in all aspects of their person: physically, academically, socially, morally and spiritually. Catholic schools are committed to using the LIFE (Lived Inclusion For Everyone) framework as a guideline for the creation and operation of student groups that are comprehensive in their approach to inclusion and open to the exploration in a Catholic context of a variety of issues including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, gender identity, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language. Alberta legislation recognizes that parents have both the right and responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children. Please accept this as general notice that students may be organizing LIFE Framework/Diversity clubs at the school in the future. If a LIFE Framework/Diversity club is formed, notification of the formation of the club will be sent to all parents.



September 2019

**Re: VTRA - Letter of Fair Notice**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The STAR Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. To this end, we have invested heavily in the professional certification of administrative staff in Level 1 & Level 2 Violence and Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training across the Division. VTRA helps schools respond quickly to incidents where students' behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm.

In all six of our school Division's communities we have signed off on formalized community-based VTRA protocols that include other regional partners such as the public school jurisdictions, the RCMP, Alberta Health Services, and other community agencies. Such protocols outline how organizations will collaborate and work together to respond quickly to threatening behavior. These protocols are modeled on the work of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment Trauma Response.

Please be advised that the school division requires school administrators to complete a threat risk assessment in cases of students making significant threats to themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to ascertain the potential level of risk posed and identify supports that may be required. It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. If, for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat-maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment. Personal information shared throughout the threat risk assessment process respects and weighs individual rights to privacy with the need to uphold the safety of all.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side. If you wish for further information please contact Assistant Superintendent Laurie Kardynal at 780.986.2500

Yours in Catholic Education,

**Charlie Bouchard**  
Superintendent



September 1, 2019

**Re: Important notice regarding vaccinations in St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

I am writing to advise you regarding the matter of vaccinations within the STAR Catholic School Division.

At its regular Board meeting of May 21, 2014 the Board passed *Policy 21: Vaccinations*, which is attached herewith for your reference.

You are receiving a copy of this letter and policy because your child is scheduled to participate in the school-based vaccination program for the upcoming year.

As per Board Policy 21 please note that there are different consent processes for different vaccines. Accordingly, the consent process for administration of vaccines will be as follows:

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) will be in direct communication with parents and guardians regarding information and consent for the HPV vaccine. Consent for the HPV vaccine is facilitated directly between AHS and parents/guardians, and consent forms are not to be sent to the school.
- For all other vaccines, the distribution and collection of consent forms may be facilitated at the school level, meaning these consent forms can be returned to the school.

Please note that AHS will be mailing you shortly with further information.

Should you have any questions about AHS's in-school immunization program please contact your local public health centre.

Sincerely,

Charlie Bouchard  
Superintendent

