

# *École Mother d'Youville School*

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Dear Parents,

Wow, the news received yesterday from our superintendent, was certainly not the news we had hoped for. We are, however, working as a team to create a successful solution that benefits all of the students at both ASAA and EMDYS. One of the things that has always made us successful as a school, is our community. Together, we have weathered many challenges that have benefitted our students in the long run; and have helped them to become resilient, innovative and creative thinkers - all important facets of 20th century learning.

Mr. Baron and I have met over the past two days and have discussed what this development will look like in terms of logistics at SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy. We are confident that two critical areas will be ensured. First, all K - 4 SAINT-ANDRÉ students will be moving into or staying in the classrooms that had already been assigned for the 2017-2018 school year. It's important that when the new school does become available, our K - 4 will not have to move within the building. Secondly, we are confident that ASAA will also have enough space to accommodate the Grade 5 - 9 Mother d'Youville students. Furthermore, we are making plans to ensure that these learning environments will be equipped properly to support all of our students.

Yes, it's disappointing that our move to the new school does not coincide with the start of the school year but you have our commitment that we will do our absolute best to provide a great learning experience for our students. Thanks again for your patience. I attended a meeting at the new school site yesterday and I've seen a great deal of progress since my last visit. It will be a beautiful building and we all look forward to making it our home in the fall.

*Jim McMullen, Principal*

## **Communication**

All STAR Catholic School web sites have been recently updated. The new Mother d'Youville site has gone live, the address is: <https://mdy.star catholic.ab.ca/>, we will use this site as the primary means of communication. For the remainder of the school year, we will be emailing out regular updates to our families. We will also have an official [Facebook page](#) for EMDYS and encourage you to follow us on [Twitter](#) (@emdys2017)

We are excited to announce our school phone number, which will be active on school days from 9 AM - 3 PM. The number is **780-929-0792**. Please keep in mind that you are also more than welcome to contact us via email.

## **Busing**

In light of the recent news, we have been consulting with our divisional busing coordinator about busing arrangements to start the 2017-2018 school year. Current bus routes will largely remain unchanged. If your student arrives by bus this year, they will continue to do so in the fall. Likewise, if they have been walking or are being dropped off, then this will continue as well. More information regarding busing arrangements will be made early next week.

## School Supplies

For Grades 5-9, there are 2 options to purchase school supplies. You can use our online School Start program and school supplies will be delivered right to your door. This program give \$5 from every package back to the school as a fundraiser. The other way is to purchase all your own supplies. Supply lists and School Start information can be found on the [EMDYS website](#).

**Congratulations to our Grade 6 D.A.R.E. graduates!**



*Have a great weekend everyone!*