



ÉCOLE **MOTHER D'YOUVILLE** SCHOOL  
**October 2017 Newsletter**



*“We are people of the Way”  
“Learn the Way”*

**Saint Marguerite d'Youville,**

*We turn to you in humble prayer because your life speaks to us of goodness, compassion and love in a world of suffering, anguish and pain. It is not unlike the world you knew as you went about doing good with a great love for the human family, with preference for the poorest of all. Your dream of universal charity became a mission in the Church. We give thanks to you for the inspiring vision that is ours today as your dream lives on. May we learn as you did the life-giving power of love, the profound peace of unending trust, the deep mystery of suffering and pain, the comfort of prayer Saint Marguerite, teach us to listen, in the silence of our hearts, to the God of Mercy and Compassion, that we, too, may be signs of God's love to all people of our word.*

**Amen.**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to our École Mother D'Youville School families.

It has been a different first month for all of us as we begin our first year as the newest Catholic school in Beaumont. Different as in unique! We were aware in June that because of the construction delay, we would be starting the 2017-2018 school year at SAINT-ANDRÉ. We are focused on doing our best to offer quality programming at our current locale and want to thank our students and families and staff for their patience during this time. That being said, I know that we're all excited to migrate across town to experience what will be a beautiful facility.

The biggest question that I have been receiving lately is one that I would expect - **When?!** For those of us who regularly drive by the school, the emergence of a paved parking lot this past weekend is another great sign that we're getting close. During my regular visits to the school, I observe many other indications that the project is nearing completion. Millwork that is just about finished, installation of flooring, painting game lines on the hardwood gym floor and installation of Smart Interactive Boards in classrooms all point to the construction finish line. This week, we will begin hauling in classroom furniture, Phys. Ed. equipment, stoves and fridges for our Foods Lab, science lab equipment and Construction lab tools that have my mouth watering! The question stills remains - **when?** Ultimately it will be a collaborative decision that will involve the contractor, Alberta Infrastructure, The Town of Beaumont and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools. As soon as we know, we will be sharing this information with our families. One thing that is for certain - when it's ready, everybody is invited for the tour!

As the year progresses, we'll be identifying our own school identity but some things need to be brought with us. Events like the Terry Fox Run and our annual Drive Away Hunger Campaign in support of the Leduc & District Food Bank are two examples of projects we still feel strongly about. Great job to the students and staff of both schools for their participation in the Terry Fox Run last week. This week we will begin the Drive Away Hunger Campaign and will be once again working with ASAA to hopefully break another school record for food donations!

As we start October, we will continue to pray for a successful harvest. Let's remember to provide for those who are in need, while thanking Him and giving praise for the gifts given to us. May God Bless our families and keep us safe as we enter the month of October.

***Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love lives forever.***

*Psalms 118:1*

Thanks for your continued support! Happy Thanksgiving all!

*Jim McMullen, Principal*

## École Mother D'Youville School

What's in a symbol or a logo? In our case we feel that our logo has great significance in a variety of ways.



**Canadian Flag** - First ever Canadian born person elevated to sainthood. The colour of red matches our national flag and École Mother d'Youville School will celebrate its first year in 2017 which coincides with the 150th anniversary of confederation.

**M's and Y's** - Central to the logo, one can see an **M** which represents Mother, Marguerite or even Montreal - the birthplace of our namesake. Throughout the logo there are also **Y's**, to represent Youville.

**Sheaves of wheat** - We are reminded that although Mother D'Youville started the Sisters of Charity in Montreal, the Grey Nuns were an integral part of the settlement of the western provinces. In our province, the legacy of Mother D'Youville and the Grey Nuns has been felt in education, healthcare and numerous charitable services. The work of the Grey Nuns in Alberta is symbolized by the sheaves of wheat and with the colour grey.

Finally, the symbol of the cross is the most powerful reminder of who we want to be as a school community. It is the symbol of our faith and of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We hope that our logo will be an easily recognizable, honoured and cherished symbol of École Mother D'Youville School for years to come. As we start building our own history, it will be exciting to see the logo throughout the community of Beaumont.

Finally, our students are currently providing us with their ideas about the name and logo for our school sports teams. If you are interested in providing us with your idea, please fill out the form through the link below. Good luck!

### [École Mother D'Youville School Team Name](#)

## EMDYS Cross-Country

Thirty-three athletes from École Mother D'Youville School participated in the Leduc & District Cross-Country Championships on Tuesday, September 26. Our athletes represented themselves and their new school extremely well and we were impressed with the effort and determination of our runners and how they cheered on each other during the races.

We had a number of top ten finishers in a variety of divisions - congratulations to these athletes for their outstanding performances but congratulations again go out to all participants for putting in the effort to participate in this great sport!

Division	Distance	Name	Place	# of Participants	Time
2007 Girls	1.2 km	Jordan Bownes	4	86	5:15.45
2007 Boys	1.2 km	Austin Dellezay	4	121	4:40.36
2007 Boys	1.2 km	Nicholas Tancowny	5	121	4:43.36
2007 Boys	1.2 km	Miroslav Sheptak	7	121	4:50.67
2006 Boys	1.2 km	Dmytro Sheptak	3	106	4:38.80
2005 Girls	2.0 km	Lauren Dellezay	5	59	9:27.02
2004 Boys	2.0 km	Aidan Boland	10	32	8:10.33

For the team standings, I would like to congratulate our **2007 Boys** for placing first overall in their category. Great job boys!

There is one more cross-country meet to wrap up our season. It is the Autumn Cross-Country Classic at Hawrelak Park in Edmonton on Saturday, October 14.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY - EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

This time of year was chosen because it was when children were taken from their homes to residential schools. We want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations. It is also the time in our school year where we have the opportunity to emphasize our anti-racism and anti-bullying policies to create a school where every child matters.

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Throughout the coming year we will be planning experiences and opportunities for our staff and students to learn more about First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

Here at École Mother D'Youville School, we support Orange Shirt Day and what it stands for. We will wear our shirts and educate our school community WHY we do so. We remember those whose lives were seriously impacted or even lost due to Residential School philosophy. We recognize the continued impact of Residential Schools on the Indigenous Families, Language, Identity, Culture and Values and the work that needs to be done to reconcile this past in hopes of building a better future for all children.

If you are interested in learning more about the impact of Residential Schools, we encourage you to go to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's website at:

<http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=513>

## St. Vital Parish News

### Sacramental Preparation

Michelle Felix, the Pastoral Assistant at St. Vital Parish has done a wonderful job on the parish web site with excellent information regarding sacramental preparation. Please visit the web site at [www.saintvitalparish.com](http://www.saintvitalparish.com) and visit the Sacraments tab. The sacrament of Confirmation typically occurs when a student is in Grade 6. Please visit the web site to find registration information for Confirmation. The parent information evening for Confirmation will be held on **Tuesday, November 21 at 7 PM** at the church hall. If you have any questions about sacramental preparation, please visit the web site or contact Michelle at the parish (780-929-8541).

### The Rock - St. Vital Parish Youth Group

Our Jr. High students are encouraged to check out the parish youth group. Information is included at the end of the newsletter about [The Rock](#) and a link can also be found through the parish web site. The leadership of the group will be visiting us on Friday, October 6 at our morning assembly.

## **IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES**

### **Thursday, October 5**

- All Jr. High students attending STARLIGHT Day at Leduc Recreation Centre

### **Monday, October 9**

- Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL

### **Friday, October 20**

- Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

### **Friday, October 23**

- Grade 5 (ENG. & F.I.) Field Trip to Telus World of Science

### **Sunday, October 29**

- Deadline for Purdy's Chocolate sale orders

### **Wednesday, November 1**

- Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

# THE ROCK

## St. Vital Parish Youth Group

Greetings from The Rock. We are the youth group in St. Vital Parish that has been meeting for the last two years. We gather with youth in Grades 7 - 12 in the church basement twice a month after the 5 PM mass on Saturdays, from about 6:15 - 8:30 PM. One of our monthly sessions is more formalized or structured; the second monthly meeting is a social gathering and we, for example, go skating or bowling, or we have a games or movie night. Our formal sessions begin with prayer and an icebreaker/game. We then engage in a published program that helps our young people grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith. This is often followed by a prayer and praise session upstairs in the main body of the church. The evening always concludes with some social time and refreshments.

The youth are invited to attend a retreat sometime in the spring. In our first year a weekend retreat was held at Camp Encounter, a Catholic camp on Lac la Nonne just west of Edmonton. Last year, an overnight retreat took place in the church basement. More details regarding a retreat for the spring of 2018 will be forthcoming.

The Rock's leadership team consists of the following parishioners:

- Renee Bilodeau (18), music student, server at Chartier Restaurant, co-leader of St. Vital children's choir
- Thomas Bilodeau (30), self-employed welder, co-leader of St. Vital children's choir
- Tim Morris (20), self-employed landscaper in family business; co-leader of Conquest boys' club at St. Thomas More Parish
- Victoria deRuiter (19), second-year Bachelor of Education student, instructor of children's liturgy
- Louis Kloster (59), former Catholic school teacher and religious education consultant, leader of song at Saturday masses, confirmation prep teacher

In the first year of The Rock we studied the Theology of the Body for Teens, based on the teachings of Pope John Paul II. Last year, we studied the Alpha program for Teens. This year, we have decided to use a program called *Chosen: This is our Catholic Faith*. As the program involves twenty-four lessons, we plan to take two years to complete the program. The leadership team is excited about this program as it makes use of highly engaging resources that include compelling videos, a useful booklet for each participant, fun activities, and meaningful stories and testimonies. It has been developed by some of today's most passionate and dynamic Catholic youth ministers.

An introduction to the *Chosen* program can be viewed by visiting the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lgn4bc8\\_KDY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lgn4bc8_KDY)

More information about the *Chosen* program can be found on the Ascension Press website:

<https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/chosen/teen-faith-formation>

The program begins on Saturday, October 14 immediately following the 5 p.m. mass. Our first social night is scheduled for Saturday, October 28. There is a cost for the student books: \$30.00. (This can be paid in cash or by cheque made payable to St. Vital Parish) Of course, these books will be used for two years. Otherwise, there is no registration fee for participation in The Rock. The youth are invited to take turns bringing snacks for the evening.

### Upcoming dates for The Rock are as follows:

October 14	Structured session (Chosen session #1)	October 28	Social night
November 11	Structured session (Chosen session #2)	November 25	Social night
December 9	Structured session (Chosen session #3)	December 16	Social night
January 13	Structured session (Chosen session #4)	January 27	Social night

While all youth in the parish are invited and encouraged to participate, we are sending a special invitation to our young people who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the last three years. We hope that your child will consider joining The Rock and attending as many of the offered sessions as possible. If your child is interested in attending the first two sessions before making a decision and purchasing the guidebook, he or she is certainly welcome to do so.

Should you have any questions about The Rock or the Chosen program, please contact Louis Kloster by email ([lpkloster@gmail.com](mailto:lpkloster@gmail.com)) or by phone (780-929-6024). Thank you and God bless!



Académie **SAINT-ANDRÉ** Academy

and

École **Mother D'Youville** School



## Christmas 2017 Fundraiser

This fall, Académie SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy & École Mother D'Youville School will be fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier! This program gives **25%** of the profit back to the schools and it's an easy way to complete your Christmas shopping. This year we are encouraging all those interested in purchasing to use the Online method of ordering.

**Ordering online is the easiest and fastest method to make your purchase.** Follow the simple directions below to log in and complete your order.

1. Go to [www.purdysgpp.com](http://www.purdysgpp.com)
2. Click "Register" if you are a new customer or "Login" if you are a returning customer
3. Join our group by typing in: **31330**
4. Invite your friends and family to join our group and Shop Online!

### Important Dates:

- Your **Online** order must be submitted by **October 29th**.
- No orders will be accepted beyond the dates mentioned above to ensure the chocolate is received prior to the display of learning.
- Pick up orders at the school during the display of learning in the evening. **Dates TBD.**

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