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Mid-November Newsletter

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

Friday, November 17, 2017

Greetings Parents.

We're finally in! Monday, November 6 was a great day in the history of our school. Yes, it was the first ever school day in a beautiful new building that we can call our own. Thank you to the staff and students of SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy for making room for us as we waited for the arrival of our new building. Although we are still in the midst of construction and some of our key spaces are not yet available, a sense of being 'at home' has already settled in. Thank you to all of our families - parents and students - for your patience during this transition. I would like to say that there will be nothing but smooth sailing ahead but we'll still encounter obstacles and inconveniences along the way. Please be assured that as a staff we'll do everything in our power to ensure that student learning is the priority.

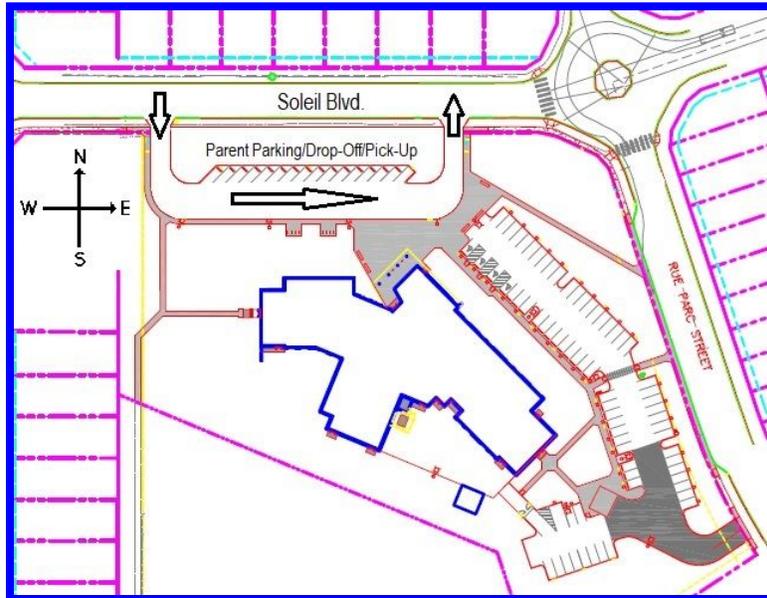
Please carefully read the brief newsletter that follows. It contains some important information regarding report cards and also some new policies and procedures related to our new environment. Thanks again for your continued support!

ARRIVAL TIMES

As you are aware, the first period class starts at 8:45 AM and dismissal time is 3:10 PM. Our busing arrangements see our students begin arriving at the school between 8:30 and 8:35 AM. For our students who walk to school or for those who are dropped off, again, please time your arrival between 8:30 and 8:35 AM. Our doors open at 8:30 AM every morning. If for some reason your child is arriving after this time, please have them use the main school doors on the northside of the building and please ensure that they check in at the office before proceeding to their class. Please contact the school office at 780-929-0792 to report an absence.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

I'm sure that you will all agree when I say that the traffic flow and parking situation around the EMDYS site is vastly different. Despite our contractor not having our traffic signage up, I wish to thank our parents for their care and attention when dropping off students at the school. Just to clarify, we have a parent drop-off and pick-up zone on the northside of the school. It is a one-way loop that is to be accessed from the entrance along Soleil Blvd. that is furthest west. To add to this convenience, the angle parking at this location is specifically for parents who are either waiting for their child or who need to come into the building during the day. If you are coming into the school, please check in at the office. We have reserved the parking lot along the east side of the school as our staff parking lot and for the vehicles of contractors that continue to work on the school.



Finally, please do not park your vehicle or drop off your child along Rue Parc which is on the east side of the school. This is our bus loading and unloading zone. Thanks again to all of our parents who have made the traffic situation around the school safe and manageable.

SCHOOL EVENTS

We will not be having a Christmas concert this year at the school. We are hoping to bring our gymnasium online in the next week or so but we were uncertain if it was going to be available to us or not in time for a Christmas function.

We will be planning an event in the new year that will give our parents the opportunity to visit and tour the new school. Stay tuned for that announcement! Until then, parents will have the opportunity to see the school on November 23 or 28 during parent teacher interview evenings.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

There will be an organizational meeting for the EMDYS School Council on Tuesday, November 28 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. During this meeting we will form an executive for the first-ever School Council. Lots of decisions to be made and discussion to be had. This is your invitation to get in on the ground floor - YEAR 1 excitement!

REPORT CARDS

It's that time of year when the first reporting period is upon us. This year, we will be moving to a paperless report card for our students. At the Jr. High level, effective Monday, November 20, students and parents will not only be able to view their Term 1 Report Card but will also be able to view their marks in 'real-time' from this point forward.

JR. HIGH PROCEDURES

On Friday, November 17, a Synervoice message will be sent out that will give the link to **connectEd** to all of our families. The link is also available on the EMDYS web site at <https://mdy.starcatholic.ab.ca/> by clicking on the **connectEd** parent link. The notice tomorrow will also indicate that you will receive a username and password on Monday, November 20 at 4:00 PM that will allow access to the Term 1 Report Card. Please keep this information so you can continue to view up-to-date results as the school year

continues. Students will also be receiving their username and password on Monday so they can monitor their progress.

Grade 5/6 PROCEDURES

On Monday, November 20 at 4:00 PM, all Grade 5/6 Term 1 Report Cards will be emailed out to parents.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are on Thursday November 23rd and Tuesday November 28th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. These meetings are for parents only and will be held in each individual teacher's classroom. There will be maps available in the front foyer to assist you.

Please sign up using the link that was forwarded to you by your child's teacher. For Jr. High, please ensure that you are signing up for each of your child's core teachers. The links for signing up are included below.

| GRADE | TEACHER | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5 ENG. | Korethoski | Medcke |
| 6 ENG. | O'Neill/Paddock | |
| 5 F.I. | Furlotte | |
| 6 F.I. | Therrien-Messier | |
| 7/8 F.I. (Math, Science, French Language Arts) | St. Pierre | |
| 7/8/9 Math/Construction Tech. | Webb | |
| 7/8/9 Social Studies, English 7A | Benoit | |
| 7B/8/9 English | Rastovski | |
| 7/8/9 Science | Nordhagen | |
| 7/8/9 Foods | Breault | |
| Phys. Ed. | Proudfoot | |

Welcome to Mrs. Bouchard!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Arlie Bouchard will be joining us as our new part-time Family Support Liaison Worker. Having an 'in-house' FSLW on staff will be a new arrangement and we're expecting that our students and staff will greatly benefit from having this expertise on staff. Arlie's first task will be to start developing relationships and getting to know our students, families, staff and community partners. Welcome to Arlie! **Arlie will be available to meet with parents during our Thursday, November 23 interview evening. Please feel free to stop by and say hello!**

Hello! I am excited to introduce myself as École Mother d'Youville School's Family School Liaison Worker. I grew up on a family farm in Saskatchewan and graduated from The University of Regina with a Bachelor of Arts, Majoring in Psychology along with double minors in Sociology and Philosophy in 2006. After moving to Red Deer with my husband, I began my career within Social Services with McMan Youth Family and Community Services. I have spent many years with Alberta families in times of distress providing empathetic and collaborative based support that I am proud of.

The greatest joy in my life has been my family; they also keep me the busiest. I spend most of my winter cheering on my two favorite little hockey players. In the summer I like to spend as much time as I can at the lake wake surfing and swimming. I also enjoy gardening, reading, hiking and travelling.

I have been blessed to serve in this position supporting children, parents, and staff of École Mother d'Youville School. I will strive to help support students achieve both their academic and personal potential.



Confirmation Information from the Parish

Greetings from St. Vital Parish,

Confirmation is now launching this month! If you have a child in Grade 6 or older who has been baptized, this is the next sacrament in their faith formation.

Registration and Information Parent Night:

Date: Tuesday, November 21st

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Basement of St. Vital Parish

Bring: Copy of Baptism Certificate (we can make a copy here), Registration Fee (\$40, cash or cheque only)

What you will receive: Confirmation book, registration package, details/date for this year, information on what is Confirmation.

Important Notes: This is the only registration night. It is preeminent that a parent or both be present for this evening. Children are welcome. **Registration deadline: December 4th!** Contact Michelle at the office if an extraordinary reason prevents you from attending this registration night.

Please see the website for dates and more details! <https://www.saintvitalparish.com/sacraments/confirmation/>

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***Enjoy your Friday everyone
and have a great weekend!***

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