

École **Mother D'Youville** School

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Sunday, October 29

Good afternoon Parents. With great anticipation, we are all waiting for the announcement that our new school is ready. It's an exciting time but when will we actually begin instruction with students at the new site? I have received this question many times - especially in the last few weeks and my response always seems to start with "Hopefully ... "

We are within 'days' of relocating to the new school though it will depend on when we receive our occupancy permit. We are expecting to receive this permission by **Tuesday, October 31**. If this is the case, we are planning to have our students at the new site for classes on **Monday, November 6**.

With this tentative schedule in mind, we will be implementing a plan during Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3 that will help us make this transition. We are asking for your understanding and patience as we continue to offer instructional programming while also allowing our staff the opportunity to prepare their new classrooms. We will be offering an alternative schedule on these days that will allow half of our staff to be at the new school on Thursday and then the other staff - supplemented by substitute teachers - will remain with students at SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy. On Friday, this arrangement will switch and the other half of the staff will prepare at the new site. The instruction in core classes during these two days will provide students with an opportunity for review of curricular material covered so far this fall.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **Monday, October 30 - Tuesday, October 31:** Regular instructional days at ASAA for EMDYS students.
- **Tuesday, October 31:** New building is handed over to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools - fingers crossed!
As soon as we receive our occupancy permit, an official announcement will go out to our students and families.
- **Wednesday, November 1:** *NO SCHOOL*. Teacher work day at EMDYS.
- **Thursday, November 2:** **DAY 1** of transition schedule for EMDYS students at ASAA
- **Friday, November 3:** **DAY 2** of transition schedule for EMDYS students at ASAA
- **Monday, November 6:** First day for students at EMDYS

There will be many more details shared with our families as the week unfolds including information regarding changes in student transportation.

Once again, it is our hope that the above plan is realized. With the current information that we have, we believe that the above dates are realistic and achievable. That being said, we still need to be cautious that with all construction projects, unforeseen delays can occur. As circumstances continue to change, we will keep our families in the loop!

Next weekend we will be celebrating Catholic Education Sunday. As part of these celebrations, we are encouraging the school community of École Mother D'Youville School to attend the 5 PM Mass at St. Vital Church on Saturday, November 4. Please join us at Mass as we celebrate the gift of Catholic education and please continue to pray for the students and staff of École Mother D'Youville School as we make the transition into our beautiful new school!

Yours in Christ,

Jim McMullen, Principal