



ÉCOLE **MOTHER D'YOUVILLE** SCHOOL  
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## **JANUARY UPDATE**

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

Monday, January 15, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is with mixed emotions when I announce the start of my transition from the teaching profession. At the end of the current school year, I shall conclude my 30-year career in education in my role as principal of École Mother D'Youville School.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as a teacher and administrator for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Schools. In particular, over the past eight years, I have greatly enjoyed my time in Beaumont. From our humble beginnings of 50 students to over 600 students currently attending our two Beaumont Catholic schools, the support we have received from our families has been tremendous. I have been blessed to have worked with so many wonderful colleagues and with so many fantastic students and families over the years. I will miss being in the midst of this rich environment! Being a part of Catholic education has been a tremendous experience and I've learned so much from working with so many faithful people. This includes the wonderful staff and parishioners of St. Vital.

I look forward to the next chapter of my life. I'm excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. I will enjoy my remaining months at École Mother D'Youville School - there's still lots of work to do! Thank you to all for your support and encouragement - I wish the students and families of Académie SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy and École Mother D'Youville School nothing but the best in the years to come. God Bless!

**Jim McMullen**

### **EMDYS SCHOOL COUNCIL**

There will be a School Council meeting on Tuesday, January 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Prior to Christmas we had an initial meeting but it was poorly attended. It's a great opportunity to learn what's happening in education at the school, in our division and across the province. School councils are structured groups of parents, teachers and administrators who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. School Councils provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board. Refreshments will be provided - please plan to attend!

### **NEW YEARS' MASS**

We will be holding a school Mass on Friday, January 19 at 9 AM in the gymnasium. Parents and parishioners of St. Vital are welcome to attend.

### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS**

More progress was made over Christmas and New Years' on the building and soon we will be able to occupy certain spaces not previously available - like the Learning Commons. Although our grand opening will not be until Wednesday, April 11, we will be having an opportunity for parents, neighbors and parishioners of St. Vital

to see the school in the very near future. We are still trying to get the school to a more 'finished' stage before we invite guests over!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Tuesday, January 16**

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Grade 5 F.I. Field Trip to Bennett Centre
- 3:45 - 5:00 PM: 7/8 Boys Basketball home opener versus J.E. Lapointe
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM: EMDYS School Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 17**

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Grade 5 ENG. Field Trip to Bennett Centre
- 3:15 PM: 5/6 Boys and Girls Basketball in Leduc at Notre Dame School

### **Friday, January 19**

- 9:00 -10:00 AM: New Years' Mass in Gymnasium

### **Tuesday, January 23**

- 3:45 - 5:00 PM: 7/8 Boys Basketball home game versus Queen Elizabeth School

### **Tuesday, January 30**

- 3:45 - 5:00 PM: 7/8 Boys Basketball home game versus Parkdale School

### **Wednesday, January 31**

- Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL

***Have a great week everyone!***

***Jim McMullen, Principal***

***Angela Rastovski, Vice-Principal***