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March 2018 Newsletter

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



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As they say, if March comes in like a lion, it should go out like a lamb. I am hoping that with the cold start to the month along with the big snowfall, the month will end with warm spring weather.

Of course, the month will also end with spring break. May I wish all of you a fantastic break. Our students are definitely ready for a week off to recharge their batteries and to re-focus on their studies once school resumes on April 3. Our upcoming TERM 2 report card will be another check-up into how your child is doing. Please schedule a 'sit-down' with your child to review their progress. Great communication is essential between the home and school so if you have questions about the progress of your child, please don't hesitate to schedule an appointment or contact their teacher(s).

I know that our staff are also looking forward to the week – I wish to thank them for all of their hard work and trust that their break will be restful. I'm thinking that any yard work will be out of the question – so that could be looked upon as a positive!

Upon our return from spring break, Lent will have concluded and Christians around the world will gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the Easter season. Jesus' life and teachings continue to speak to us all. Through His ministry and sacrifice, Jesus demonstrated God's unconditional love for us. He taught us the importance of helping others and loving our neighbors. God Bless us all as we continue through Lent. As we near the Easter season we give thanks for God's many blessings and pray for His peace.

Have a great spring break everyone and thanks to all of our families for your continued support!

Ste. Marguerite D'Youville ... PRAY FOR US!

Jim McMullen, Principal

Lent School Projects

Here's a summary so far for our school-wide Lent Projects:

- Hat Day on Friday, February 16: \$128 (Honduras Book Project)
- Jersey Day on Friday, February 23: \$112 (Honduras Book Project)
- Grade 5 ENG. Bake Sale on Thursday, March 1: \$600+ (Honduras Book Project)
- PAJama Day on Friday, March 2: \$126 (Honduras Book Project)
- 'Soup Kitchen' - Friday, February 16: \$200 (St. Vincent de Paul Society)
- 'Soup Kitchen' - Friday, March 9: \$240 (St. Vincent de Paul Society)

In addition to Almsgiving, we are focusing on prayer and fasting. We look forward to encouraging of students to 'fast' from electronics for a period of time during this season of Lent!

February Highlights



Thank you EMDYS families for your support with our 1st Book Fair! We were able to reach our goal and purchase \$1200.00 in new books for our Learning Commons.

We took some trips!

Grade 8 attended the Fr. Catfish Day at the SHAW Conference center & **Grade 6** adventured to the Telus World of Science center.

We welcomed special guests!

Grade 6 & 9 students participated in a Blanket exercise with Natalie Bear and students from Sacred Heart School.



We gave some recognition!

Four of our Grade 6 students who have demonstrated a great talent in the sciences attended the WISEST event at the University of Alberta where they participated in a variety of science activities.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

- **Monday, March 5**
 - **Friday, March 9**
 - **Tuesday, March 13**
 - **Tuesday, March 20**
 - **March 15 & 20**
 - **Friday, March 23**
 - **Monday, March 26 - Monday, April 2nd**
 - **Wednesday, April 11**
- Learning Commons will be open for students and staff
Soup & Bun Lunch (\$3 orders accepted until March 7th)
Report Cards available online
7:00 - 8:30 PM: School Council Meeting
4:00 - 7:00 PM: Parent-Teacher Interviews
NO SCHOOL
Spring Break
1:30 PM: Grand Opening of EMDYS

CELL PHONES

Recently, we have been working with our students about cell phone use and misuse at the school. During instructional time, meaning class time, if there is not an agreed upon educational use for the device, it should be silenced and out of sight. To ensure the privacy of students and staff, unauthorized photos, videos or recording of audio while at school is prohibited. Thank you.

NUT AWARE

EMDYS is a NUT-AWARE school, nut allergies are very serious, and can be life threatening. A person with severe allergies can react to the smell of nuts, or residual oils that are left on surfaces (tables, pens, pencils, etc.) even after they have been cleaned.

While we cannot claim to be NUT FREE, we are dedicated to keeping our students and staff safe, and strongly encourage parents to read labels and avoid sending snacks that contain nuts to the school. If you are planning to send treats in for your child's birthday, or other special occasion, please contact their teacher to ensure that the treat that you bring in is safe for all students in that class.

ARRIVAL TIMES

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 and we are expecting that students are in their 1st period class ready for announcements and prayer by **8:40 AM**. 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.

DEMOGRAPHIC REPORTS

Please be aware that demographic reports will be going home with students on Friday, March 9, 2018. It is important that you look the form over and make any changes that need to be made, like emergency contacts, home addresses and any medical information that needs to be updated/changed. Once you have made those changes, please mark down if your child will be returning in the fall, sign the form and return it to the school.

2017-2018 EMDYS COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 PM. Come on out and join with the parents of EMDYS to build a strong school community. **Meeting Dates:** March 13, 2018, April 17, 2018, May 15, 2018 and June 5, 2018

FSLW UPDATE

Our first Pink shirt day was a resounding success and I am so proud of all the student's amazing slogans and wonderful designs. The winners of the contest collaborated on an amazing design which further shows the strength of our students working together. Congratulations to Lana Meehan and Khali Mounsef on being chosen as our first Pink Shirt Day Contest winners. Their design will be available for purchase in the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have any questions at all about FSLW programming, I would love to answer them for you. I can be reached at the school by phone (780 929-0792) or by email: Arlie.Bouchard@starcatholic.ab.ca **Thanks for your support!**

EMDYS ATHLETIC UPDATE

Congratulations to our Jr. High Basketball team for a great first year of basketball at EMDYS. We look forward to making the playoffs next year!



SOCIAL MEDIA - SCHOOL UPDATES

Please stop by and “like” the École Mother D’Youville School Facebook page and follow École Mother D’Youville on Twitter. EMDYS social media sites will have all the latest information directly from the school.



Prayer for Lent

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, You have made the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night. Help us walk in your light. During this season of Lent, renew us through the gift of your Holy Spirit. Help us grow in faith, hope, and love. During this special time, we remember that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so that we might be free to love. Help us grow to be the people you call us to be --

- letting go of old habits of selfishness, - forgiving those who have hurt us,*
- giving quality time to our families, - spending time in quiet prayer.*

AMEN.