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April 2018 Newsletter

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by." John 19:40-42

Sometimes in life, we are challenged with difficulties and troubles. Times can seem bleak and dark. During these moments it is easy to become Good Friday people; people filled with sorrow and despair. People who are focused on the tomb.

But Jesus changed all that.

The Easter story is here to remind us that Sunday is coming! Jesus has risen and, if we believe, so will we. We must strive to live as Easter people; ones filled with hope, opportunity, light and love. I hope that our families enjoyed their spring break and Holy Week. Have a blessed Easter season; one filled with many opportunities to spend even more time with the ones you love. May you always be Easter people!

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

Jim McMullen, Principal

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

*On March 14th our school hosted the STAR Science Olympics. We welcomed Jr. High Students from across the Division in a full day of Science experiments, contests and learning.

**Grade 9 students had the opportunity to visit Christ the King High School in Leduc to help in planning for their High School programs.

LENT SCHOOL PROJECTS

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey has ended as we encounter our Risen Lord! Our two school-wide Lent Projects - novels for the Honduran Book Project and a monetary donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will result in donations to these projects of \$1,092 and \$595 respectively. Hat Day, 'Soup Kitchen' Fridays, Jersey Day, Grade 5 ENG. Bake Sale, Pyjama Day, 'St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green Event and the Grade 5/6 and Jr. High Movie Afternoons represented a number of the activities and events that our school participated in during Lent. Thank you to our students and staff for their commitment to these projects and various events and activities throughout the Lenten season!

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION DAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

We are planning a **HUGE** day for our Grand opening! In the morning we are planning to take the entire school to the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC) for a morning of activity. We'll return to school for lunch and then His Grace, Archbishop Richard Smith (along with other dignitaries) will be with us for an afternoon liturgy and opening ceremony starting at 1:30 PM. Yes, a **HUGE** day!

8:45 - 9:00 AM:	Attendance/Distribution of Wrist Bands in Homeroom classrooms/Loading of Buses
9:00 - 9:20 AM:	Travel to Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC) - students dressed for leisure activities
9:20 - 9:30 AM:	Introduction to the Facility
9:30 - 10:30 AM:	Activity Session 1 (Access to indoor soccer pitch for soccer and dodgeball, basketball courts, volleyball courts, badminton and pickle ball courts and swimming pool)
10:15 - 10:45 AM:	Healthy snacks available from designated snack location
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:	Activity Session 2 (Access to indoor soccer pitch for soccer and dodgeball, basketball courts, volleyball courts, badminton and pickle ball courts and swimming pool)
12:00 - 12:20 PM:	Return trip to EMDYS
1:30 - 2:45 PM:	Opening Liturgy and Official Opening Ceremony

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

- **Wednesday, April 11** EMDYS School Field Trip to LRC 9 AM -1 PM
EMDYS Grand Opening 1:30 PM Everyone Welcome!
NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
- **Friday, April 20**
- **Monday, April 30** 2019 Grade 9 Trip - Parent Information Night 7 PM

DID YOU KNOW?

Each month our Learning Commons will be having a Book-related contest. Students have the opportunity to participate in the contests when they visit the Learning Commons. In March we had a display set up with the book *The Invisible Boy* written by Trudy Ludwig. The story is about Brian; a boy nobody noticed, picked for their team, or invited him to sit with them at lunch- Brian felt invisible and without friends. In the beginning of the story Brian's illustration is black and white with no color. A new boy comes to the class who becomes Brian's friend. By the end of the story Brian's illustration is full of color and he no longer feels invisible. Students who read the book came to see Mrs. Krefling about the story and had the opportunity to enter someone to win a prize who made them feel full of color and was a good friend.



CELL PHONES

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. We ask that parent read labels and refrain from sending nuts, or 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 free of any allergen that could affect 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.

2017-2018 EMDYS COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 17th at 7 PM**. Please consider attending the meeting and join with the parents of EMDYS to build a strong school community.

Remaining Meeting Dates: May 15, 2018 and June 5, 2018

FSLW UPDATE

Everyone has mental health and, like physical health and our bodies, we have an obligation to take care of our mental health to the best of our ability. It is in this spirit that Alberta Health Services has sent out suggestions on how to build a healthier and happier child and family. An emphasis has been placed on "giving back" and the countless positive effects service to others can have on mental health and self-esteem. "When children start to reach out and help others, their world grows and so does their confidence." Starting the discussion as a family can be as easy as asking, "How can we make a difference in the world?" However, it should be remembered that making a difference in the world can start very simply, like mowing an elderly neighbours lawn.

So consider "working out" your mental health and the mental health of your family through giving back to others in your community and watch the positive effects of your work grow as you do!

Please visit www.search-institute.org for more information and check out the information at the bottom of this newsletter.

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

Our Grade 5 & 6 Girls and Boys Floor Hockey teams had a great first season and represented our school with a lot of heart. Thank you students and coaches!



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.





Through volunteer experience, young people say they have:

1. Learned to respect others.
2. Gained satisfaction from helping others.
3. Learned to be helpful and kind.
4. Learned how to get along with and relate to others.
5. Learned new skills.
6. Learned to understand people who are different from them.
7. Learned how to relate to younger children.
8. Developed leadership skills.
9. Became better people.
10. Became more patient.

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Benefits of Serving Others

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they serve others in the community one hour or more per week.

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Ways to Serve as a Family

You don't need to do a large project to make a difference. Here are 5 simple tips to get started:

1. Play music at a nursing home.
2. Take a dog for a walk.
3. Cook a meal for a single parent.
4. Visit or call someone who can't leave home.
5. Cat-sit. House-sit. Child-sit. Plant-sit.

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Giving back is one way to build healthy children and youth.

Questions to Discuss with your Child:

- What gets you excited about doing things for others?
- When is it easiest to serve others? When is it more difficult?
- How can we make a difference in the world?
How can we start as a family?

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