

### ÉCOLE MOTHER D'YOUVILLE SCHOOL

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# **January 2019 Update**

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



## **Happy New Year**

EMDYS wishes you the best of New Years this 2019. May the light of Christ guide you and may you and your family be blessed immensely.

#### **January School Council Meeting**

Please join us on Wednesday, January 23rd from 7pm-8:30pm in the drama room for our first school council meeting of 2019. School Council Members are planning a "What does it mean to be a Defender?" contest which they would appreciate your support with. Please attend if you are able.



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#### **EMDYS Ski and Snowboard Club**

Our grade 7-9 Ski Club starts this Thursday Jan. 10 from 3:30pm-7pm. Bussing will provided TO THE HILL ONLY. Parents are responsible for pick up after 7pm. Sign up for the club is now closed (December 2018). Future dates are below:

- Thursday, Jan. 24th
- Thursday, Feb. 14th
- Thursday, Feb. 28th



#### **Wellness Team: Fruit Baskets**

A huge thank you to Jeb's No Frill's for starting our year off right with another \$300 donation to our fruit basket program! We appreciate it so much, and thanks to Jeb's, we are able to provide each classroom with fresh fruit during the week. This program has been very successful and over 80% of the student body said that they would like to see it continue. I am very proud of the hard work the Wellness Team has done in providing these baskets every week.



## WIN Block (Whatever I Need) Coming February 13th

- WIN (What I Need) Block will be starting every day 2 block 8. Students will have the opportunity (through their Maplewood Login) to choose the class, activity, or workblock to attend. WIN block is an excellent opportunity to receive additional support in math/science or humanities.
- Often called "Flex Block" this allotment of time came through multiple schools experiences in the High School Re-Design Pilot Program in Alberta schools. Giving students a choice in activity, experience, or enrichment allows them to be more responsible for their own educational needs. Further to that, "flex" blocks give students opportunities to complete missed assignments ("Catch Up" Room), missed exams and tests, and enabling opportunities for re-teaching and enrichment..
- Students will go through how to log on to their Maplewood account during the month of January so that
  February-June they will feel comfortable selecting the the WIN block (weekly) that they wish to attend. In
  addition, computers will be made available for students at school for those students that may not have
  readily available access to the internet.