



## Principal's Report

Monday, September 30, 2019

*Lord, light the path and I will lead others*

### Kudos

- Thank you to all members of the School Council and the many volunteers that helped our Welcome Back Family Movie Night, it was wonderful to see the many families participate in this event.

### School Highlights

- **Student Enrollment:**

- Current Enrollment:
  - 479 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5

Pre-K	Kinder	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
37	65	60	65	82	82	88

- **Staffing**

- As the school year progresses staffing is always welcome. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Lynnsey Tetreau (Grade 5)
- Our teachers are committed to supporting the teaching profession and are welcoming a University of Alberta student teacher, Mr. Sebastian Mayer to our grade 4 team; who will be with us from October 7- December 20.

- **Digital Citizen Resources**

- *October Focus is Internet Safety*
- Our Digital Citizenship Parent Resource located on our Division Website. It is located at <https://www.rdcrs.ca/learning/technology/digital-citizenship>
- This website informs parents about the themes being covered at school, and can also be used for families to support their awareness and understanding of digital citizenship practices. Technology offers many great opportunities and possibilities, but can also present some challenges. The resources and information contained on this site can be of benefit to parents to help navigate online issues.
- Resources include:
  - Digital Citizenship Guide for Parents
  - Common Sense Parent Page
  - Interland
  - Family Internet Agreement

- **STAR Days Update**

- Our first Students Transforming, Actively, Responsibly and Successfully (STARS) of the year will be held on Thursday, September 19th in the afternoon.
  - September: Mindfulness
  - November: Advent
  - January: Career Day
  - March: Kindness
  - May: Wellness

- June: First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- ***First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultural Plan***
  - Continuing this year; the administration will be meeting with our Division Support Team team to establish dates for the upcoming year
  - School-wide events: Orange Shirt Day - September 30th
- ***Gratitude Division Focus from our Family School Enhancement Counsellor***
  - **Gratitude** and the Catholic education characteristic of sacramentality
  - **Scripture:** “Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18
  - **Mental Health Strategy:** Gratitude Journal: Each day take note of something that makes your feel happy and thankful.
  - **40 Developmental Asset**
    - #1 Family Support
    - #4 Caring Neighbours
    - #5 Caring School Community
    - #9 Service to Others
    - #24 Bonding to School

### **Professional Learning Focus for September**

- Lighting the Path: division faith theme and exploring Visio Divina an ancient form of prayer with an image of the Holy Family
- Soft Starts: creating a mindful classroom environment
- Understanding the 5 Domains of regulation
- Relationship and Connectedness: how these impact school culture and academic achievement
- Edsby and Gold Assessment: online reporting and communication

### **Upcoming Events**

1. **October 2:** Grade 4 Bible Celebration - St. Mary’s
2. **October 2 & 3:** Fall Picture Day - [schedule](#)
3. **October 4:** Teacher PD Day - No school for students
4. **October 7:** Hot Lunch - Hot Dog
5. **October 21:** Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
6. **October 28:** Hot Lunch - Extreme Pita
7. **October 29:** Grade 5 Rosary Celebration