



## Principal's Report

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

### Kudos

- Thank you to all members of the School Council for your gift of time and talents, our community greatly benefits and is better as a result of all of your hard work. We are looking forward to working with each of you this school year.

### School Highlights

- **Student Enrollment:**
  - Current Enrollment:
    - 482 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5

Pre-K	Kinder	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
38	66	61	65	83	81	88

- **Division Faith Theme:** Lord, light the path and I will lead others
- **Meet the Staff**
  - Thursday, August 29th
  - The new structure was well received by our community and we look forward to continuing next year to offer this prior to the first day of school
- **Staffing**
  - Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Jamieson Windle (Pre-K), Miss Rebecca Kostura (Gr. 2), Miss Channing Gibson (Gr. 5 Educational Assistant), Mrs. Shelley Kundert (Gr. 5) and Mrs. Melissa Meyer (Gr.4, Faith Coach and Vice-Principal)
- **Earth Rangers**
  - School-wide presentation on Monday, September 9th
  - Building optimistic and conscientious children being socially responsible with our environment - aligning with our call to be responsible stewards of the land outlined in Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si
- **Opening School Mass**
  - Friday, September 10th @ 10:30 - St. Mary's led by Mr. Perich's grade 4 class
- **Digital Citizen Resources**
  - *September 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

● **September Division Focus from our Family School Enhancement Counsellor**

- **Wisdom** and the Catholic education characteristic of rationality
- **Scripture:** “Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.” Proverbs 3:13
- **Mental Health Strategy:** Mindfulness: being present in the moment.
- **40 Developmental Asset**
  - #3 Other Adult Relationships
  - #6 Parent involvement in school
  - #16 High Expectations
  - #21 Achievement motivation
  - #33 Interpersonal Competence

**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**

**Sept. 12** - New Student/Staff Lunch

**Sept. 13** - Opening Mass: St. Mary's @10:30

**Sept. 19** - STARS - Mindfulness

**Sept. 19** - Welcome Back Family Movie Night

**Sept. 24** - St. Pat's / DAWE Run

**Sept. 26** - Terry Fox Run

**Sept. 30** - Orange Shirt Day

**Oct. 2&3** - Fall Picture Day

**Oct. 4** - Teacher PD Day