



## Principal's Report

Monday, January 27, 2020

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

### KUDOS

- Thank you to all the parents who participated and helped with organizing Holy Family School's Annual Christmas Craft Night, fun was had by all!
- Please pass my thanks along to School Council for the gorgeous bouquet they sent in recognition of the death of my father-in-law. Knowing that we are surrounded by love and prayers brings comfort to my husband, me, and our family, during this time. We really appreciate their thoughtfulness (Anne Marie Watson).
- Thank you to the many parents who have been volunteering to support our Hot Lunch program.
- Many thank yous to the parents who played a role in our Epiphany Mass, we received many compliments from Parish staff and parishioners for having a beautiful Epiphany Mass and where parents were active in the ministries.
- Thank you to parents who provided input on our school plan and survey results. As a result of this input school administration created a highlight sheet which was emailed to grade 4 parents following the Christmas break and printed copies were sent home the week the survey was released.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOCUS for January:

- **Alberta Education Curriculum Review:** Learner Outcome Review
- **Assessment Practices:** Gold Assessment and effective and meaningful documentation of learning
- **Assessment Practices:** Alberta Assessment Consortium: Formative Assessment Practices
- **Knowing our Learners:** Fountas and Pinnell Assessment: Administration and Scoring Integrity
- **Responding to Student Needs:** Voices in Diversity
- **Responding to Student Needs:** English Language Learner Content Strategies
- **Technology:** All Things GOOGLE Part 2
- **Safe and Caring:** Occupational Health and Safety / Emergency Protocols
- **The Four Agreements:** Always Do Your Best

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is a means for parents and community to work together to support and enhance student learning. School Council provides a venue for parents to reflect their wishes of the broader community of education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal.

Roles that are not to be taken on by a School council include:

- School governance
- Employment issues
- School management
- Listening to complaints.

Thank you to our parents for continuing to work in a team to meet the goals of School Council

### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

*Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registrations 2020-2021*

Program	January 27th
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<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>	38 registrations
<b>Kindergarten</b>	64 registrations

- We will be continuing to advertise for both programs through social media and by sending existing families in the school emails encouraging them to register sooner and to help advertise with word of mouth to ensure your desired days/programming.

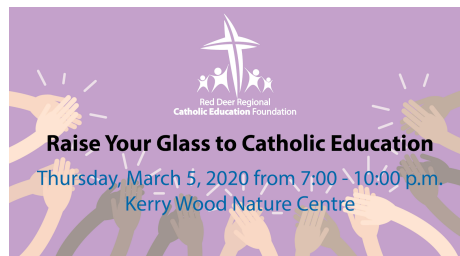
### ***Spirit Days (Melissa)***

January 30	Career Day dress up (coincides with our STARS Career Event)	March 19	Sock Day to support World Down Syndrome Day (March 21, 2020)
February 14	Red and White Day	April 15	Hat Day
February 26	Pink Shirt Day	May 8	Book Character Dress Up Day
March 5	Dr. Suess Dress Up Day	June 5	Privilege Day the same as last year. Students choose 3 privileges and bring in money to support our school Foster Child.

### ***Preparing for Lent (Melissa)***

- Liturgies
  - Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26@ HFS- 3W in charge)
  - Easter Mass (April 17 @ St. Mary's- 5E and 2K in charge)

### ***Education Foundation***



The [Red Deer Regional Catholic Education Foundation](#) is celebrating its 11th anniversary with an unforgettable evening! Please join us on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre in Red Deer as we Raise our Glass to Catholic Education. Please dress casually. Only 350 tickets to be sold! Click here for [tickets](#).

The evening will include:

- Samples from local breweries and distilleries (Blindman, Troubled Monk, Sawback and Liquor Crossing)
- An assortment of gourmet appetizers made by high school students in our foods program
- Other local food specialties
- A silent auction of unique experiences
- Transportation from the event is available for no extra cost. Buses will depart from Kerry Wood Nature Centre every half hour starting at 8:00 p.m. within Red Deer.

### ***Social Justice (Melissa)***

- Lenten Project: Grade 4's and school wide (similar to last year)
- Staff Ronald McDonald House Dinner: we are looking into available dates
- Good Neighbours Valentines- Grade 1 - Feb. 14

### ***First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Cultural Plan (Melissa)***

- Continuing this year with the support of our Division Support Team
- Upcoming Dates

- Pre-K Talking Circles and Making Talking Sticks- Jan. 27
- Dream Catchers (5MW) - Jan. 28
- STARS Career Day- Jan. 30
- Grade 3 Tipi Presentation- Mar. 5
- Grade 4 Buffalo presentation-Mar. 12
- Grade 2 Inuksuit and Inuit Sled Dogs Presentation- Mar. 18

### **Mindset Mondays**

Mindful Mondays touch on respect, kindness and our growth mindset in different ways; lessons are created by the Wellness Team and are delivered to all students by the teachers.

In the months of December and January we have focused on the following with our students:

- Jan. 27th - The Power of Yet and Growth Mindset review
- Jan. 20th - Big deal, Little deal
- Jan. 14th - Honesty
- Dec. 16th - We are ALL Unique
- Dec. 9th - Having Patience
- Dec. 2nd - Advent

### **Administrative Procedures Review**

Below are the administrative procedures to be reviewed by the division administration this month. Please provide Rori-Lynn with any feedback you may have prior to the February 10th via email and she can bring forward on your behalf to the meeting.

These procedures can be found on the division website <https://www.rdcrcs.ca/board/admin-procedures>  
[Administrative Procedure \(new\) - Time-Out, Physical Restraint and Seclusion](#),  
[Administrative Procedure 102 - Operation of School Buses in Inclement Weather](#) and  
[Administrative Procedure 323 - Students with Severe \(Anaphylactic\) Allergies](#).

### **Digital Citizen Resources**

- **January Theme:** Information Literacy
- **Catholic Connection:** Your online communications are based on Gospel values. You take responsibility to learn about and contribute to the common good of the global community while respecting multiple perspectives. You seek out, collaborate, and respond to reliable content and are responsible and respectful in passing information on to others.
- **Information Literacy:** Information literacy includes the ability to identify, find, evaluate, and use information effectively. From effective search strategies to evaluation techniques, students learn how to evaluate the quality, credibility, and validity of websites, and give proper credit. Information provided by Common Sense Curriculum, [www.common sense.org](http://www.common sense.org).
- **Digital Citizenship Parent Resource** located on our Division Website. It is located at <https://www.rdcrcs.ca/learning/technology/digital-citizenship>

### **STAR Days Update**

- Students Transforming, Actively, Responsibly and Successfully (STARS) Please contact Lindsay Franz if you feel like you can support a session for an upcoming STARS afternoon, we are always looking for parents and community members to share their gifts and talents with our community
  - January: Career Day
  - March: Kindness
  - May: Wellness
  - June: First Nations, Métis and Inuit

### **January Virtue/Asset Focus Division Focus**

- **HONESTY** and the Catholic education characteristic of rationality
- **Scripture:** "IF YOU DO THE RIGHT THING, HONESTY WILL BE YOUR GUIDE. BUT IF YOU ARE CROOKED, YOU WILL BE TRAPPED BY YOUR OWN DISHONESTY." PROVERBS 11:3
- **Mental Health Strategy:** Set realistic goals: First consider what you want to achieve and then commit to it
- **40 Developmental Assets Focus**
  - #23 Homework
  - #28 Integrity
  - #29 Honesty
  - #30 Responsibility

## SCHOOL WIDE PRESENTATIONS (Melissa)

Face2Face Ministries: March 11, 2020

FacetoFace Ministries will lead a one-day retreat split into various grade groups so students can experience their faith through music, keynote talks, activities, dance, play and prayer. Thank you to the support of our Red Deer Regional Catholic Education Foundation we are able to bring this full day retreat to our students.

## ADVISORY QUESTION

**Question:** *As a parent what do you identify as a priority for the school division budget?*

- What is the top three from our parent perspective to help guide our Senior Administration team as they prepare for the upcoming Budget 2020?
- Possible considerations: small class sizes, support for individual students with special considerations, shorter bus times, etc..

**Question:** *Would you like the school to continue to offer the Milk Canteen Program?*

## OFFICE STAFFING UPDATE

With Mrs. Thomas's retirement, Mrs. harris will be increasing her time and Mr. Ron Mason will be coming two afternoons a week to assist with financials.

## PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns with the classroom teacher or school administration.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 30:** STARS Career Day
- **February 5:** National / World Read Aloud Day
- **February 12:** Ordinary Time starts
- **February 12:** 100th Day of School
- **February 14:** Valentine's Day - Spirit Day: Red And White Dress Up
- **February 17:** Family Day: NO SCHOOL
- **February 18:** Winter Break: NO SCHOOL
- **February 19:** Faith Day for staff: NO SCHOOL for students
- **February 20 & 21:** Teachers' Convention: NO SCHOOL for students
- **February 25:** Shrove Tuesday School Council- Pancake Breakfast
- **February 26:** Lent Begins - change prayer cloths
- **February 26:** Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- **February 26:** Anti-Bullying Campaign Wear Pink, - Mindset Monday on February 24 will focus on this

“ THERE ARE TWO  
WAYS OF  
SPREADING LIGHT:  
*to be the candle  
or the mirror*  
THAT REFLECTS IT. ”

EDITH WHARTON