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Dear Holy Family School,

I am honored and blessed to be the principal at Holy Family School during the 2019-2020 school year. I have had the opportunity to work with respectful, responsible, and remarkable students, a dedicated and passionate staff, and an involved and supportive parent community. This year has been filled with many new experiences...we had our soft starts, family movie nights, a great meet the teacher event before school started and of course the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we look back on our school year, let us remember the good in all things. This year will be the year that we remember the good things we did at school, and how we embraced change and resiliency with grace and kindness. The partnership between home and school has never been as strong as we worked together to continue your children's learning journey during a global pandemic.

Dismissal didn't seem any different to us on the afternoon of Friday, March 13th, 2020. We loaded the buses as usual and waved goodbye to our students and families in the drop and go. Little did we know that this would be the last time we would be able to see you at school. That weekend, Premier Jason Kenney closed all schools in Alberta in order to keep us safe from COVID-19. An announcement was made later that schools would remain closed for the rest of the school year.

We made the best of this new way of distance learning. Teachers created lessons to send to students through Google Classrooms and they used Google Meets to work with students online. I joined in and was able to meet with students and teachers online. Although the school building remained sadly quiet during this time, we knew these measures had to be taken in order for everyone to remain safe. Our hope is to have a "Welcome Back" celebration at the start of the next school year!

To our students, this unprecedented time is an event that your children and grandchildren will learn about in school in the future. They will read about the terms that we daily heard on the TV – COVID 19, Corona, pandemic, social distance, flatten the curve, quarantine, and community spread. Hopefully you will look back at this event with fond memories of time spent at home with family. You were a part of history!

I want to wish our grade 5 students all the best as they leave Holy Family for middle school. I hope and expect that you are more than prepared for the challenges of middle school, and that we will hear all about the great things you will achieve at middle school and beyond. You are truly a terrific group of students, you were the leaders that we hope grade 5 students will be for the rest of the school. Thank you!

Thank you to all of you for being a part of my first year as a principal and helping to make it a year to remember. This year will be one I will remember with gratitude, grace and mindfulness as one of our school goals of building relationships and connections became the foundation of our work.

Summer is a special time for children and a time to create an abundance of lasting memories. I hope that you and your families enjoy many opportunities to have fun as a family in the weeks ahead.

Be MINDFUL and CONTINUE on! In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Mathew 5:16)

Lord, light the path and I will lead others

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rori-Lynn Daniel
Holy Family School Principal

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL 2020-2021

Staffing

May and June was a busy month around here...with all the new learning for all of us, we also tackled staffing changes as our school division responded to the new funding framework and budget shortfalls. We will be saying good-bye to Mrs. Kundert, who will be transitioning to St. Teresa of Avila School, and to Mrs. Meyer, who will be transitioning to St. Benedict the Moor Centre and Maryview School. We would like to thank Mrs. Kundert and Mrs. Meyer for sharing their gifts with our school community this year and wish them all the best. We will be welcoming a new member to our staff, Mrs. Martz. Mrs. Martz is coming to us from Maryview School, and has previously been at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Avila school.

HOLY FAMILY STAFF 2020-2021			
Pre-Kindergarten	★ Mrs. Windle	Grade Three	★ Mrs. Downey ★ Mrs. Huddleston ★ Mrs. Pearson
Kindergarten	★ Mrs. Houghton ★ Miss Kostura	Grade Four	★ Mrs. Gillett/Mrs. Bussard/Mrs. Weddell ★ Mr. Perich ★ Mrs. Weatherill
Grade One	★ Miss Larre ★ Mrs. Schlag ★ Mrs. Williamson	Grade Five	★ Miss Edens ★ Ms. McCann ★ Mrs. Wold
Grade Two	★ Miss Bastos ★ Mrs. Hanasyk ★ Mrs. Ratzlaff	LIFT	★ Mrs. May-Sholdice ★ Mrs. Humphrey ★ Mrs. Perich ★ Mrs. Martz ★ Mrs. Seymour (Family School Enhancement Counselor)
Physical Education Specialists	★ Mrs. Bussard ★ Mrs. Weddell	Learning Commons	★ Mrs. Franz
Student Support Team	★ Mrs. Coupal ★ Miss Avram ★ Mrs. Gentner ★ Miss Gibson ★ Mrs. Leadley	★ Mrs. Miller ★ Mrs. Paetz ★ Mrs. Poor ★ Mrs. Rentas	
Music Specialist	★ Mrs. Lamontagne		
Office / Administration	★ Mrs. Harris ★ Mrs. Schmidt ★ Mrs. Soroka		★ Mrs. Daniel (Principal) ★ Mrs. Martz (Vice Principal)

Meet the Staff / First Day of School

We have the evening of Thursday, August 27th set as our Meet the Staff and our first day of school is Monday, August 31st; however the details will need to be shared closer to the date once we receive further direction in regards to the 2020-21 school year. Stay Tuned!