



# LE MESSENGER

March 2019

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## Principal's message

*Dear families,*

The extremely cold weather in the month of February, I believe, took us all a little by surprise. Although there were numerous cold days and numerous indoor recesses, the students and staff persevered to nonetheless enjoy the month of February. The Winter Carnival was a huge success! What luck to have the carnival fall on the warmest day in February. There were activities for everyone; skating, tobogganing, snowshoeing, a sleigh ride and of course delighting in tasting the wonderful toffee. A good time was had by all.

**Parent /teacher /student interviews are just around the corner.** We hope to see you all on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to share your child's academic and social progress and achievements. Taking an active interest in your child's learning is one of the best ways you can help your child in school and in life.

**Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.** It is a season for reflection, which prepares us for the resurrection on Easter Sunday. We invite you all to come celebrate Ash Wednesday with us on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Thank you to M. Pascal's grade five students and to Mme Manon's grade two students for organising the celebration.

**The month of March is also the month to celebrate our francophone heritage.** *Les Rendez-vous de la francophonie* are celebrated throughout the schools and communities across the country. École La Mission will be hosting a multitude of events such as a francophone photo booth, the sharing of funny French expressions, the creation of French slogans and a poutine lunch are but a few of the planned activities. We will also be having two special performances by the musical group of *Quintessence* and the dynamic duo of *Francofolie*.

**I would like to finally wish you a great spring break.** Wishing you much rest and relaxation and lots of fun family time.

***Marielle Perich***

Principal

## A prayer for Lent

God of mercy, you gave us new life through baptism,  
make us grow day by day in your likeness.

May our generosity today bring joy to those in needs;  
in helping them may we find you.

Help us to do what is good, right and true in your sight,  
and to seek you always with undivided hearts.

Forgive our sins against the unity of your family;  
make us one in heart and spirit.



## Dates to Remember

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### Ash Wednesday Celebration

The Ash Wednesday celebration will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. You are all welcomed to the Ash Wednesday celebration.

### Parent/ teacher/ student interviews

Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>: 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Interviews will be 10 minutes each. We encourage the students to attend and partake in the interviews. Please book an appointment online through "School Appointments".

### Report Card

Students will receive their report on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please take the time to review the report card with your child.

### Student Council

St. Patrick's Day: We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all students to wear **GREEN**.



Lucky Clover Treasure Hunt: Alphabet letters will be hidden throughout the school. Each class will have a designated color. They need to find all the letters of their designated color and discover the hidden word.

# School News and Activities

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## School promotion and recruiting

If you know of a family who has a child of age to start kindergarten and would be admissible into a francophone school, please do not hesitate to inform them of École La Mission. Although, the information evening has already taken place, families are still welcome to visit the school and meet with the administrators at any time. We are now taking registration for the upcoming academic 2019-2020 school year.

## School Council and Parent Society

Our next meeting will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

If you wish to discuss a particular topic at the next Parent Advisory Council meeting, please communicate ahead of time with the president, Mrs. Melanie Dallaire, at [melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca](mailto:melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca) or Karine Peeling at [karinepeeling1@gmail.com](mailto:karinepeeling1@gmail.com)

All the minutes of the Parent Advisory Council meetings are posted on the school website at the following address: [www.lm.centrenord.ab.ca](http://www.lm.centrenord.ab.ca).

## Fundraising

### **Boston Pizza and COBS**

Please continue to bring us your Boston Pizza receipts. Boston Pizza will give us 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts.

When you shop at COBS located at 212 2 Hebert Rd, St. Albert continue to mention to the cashier that you are from École La Mission and COBS will donate 5% cash back to the school.

## Grade 6 Visit to École Alexandre-Taché

On Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, our grade 6 students will visit école Alexandre-Taché. Students will spend the morning touring the school, will get a chance to learn all about the different programs and will get a preview of a day in high school.



## Lent is a time to focus on social justice

We are called to be the living expression of God's kindness in helping the poor, the marginalized and the unloved, which in this world have no voice. The needs are many...

This year, during Lent, our school club "Enfants Entraide» will collect food for the St. Albert Food Bank. Each family will be asked to donate non-perishable food items. More information about the project will be sent home shortly.

## Running Room Indoor Games

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Running Room Indoor Games. We are so proud of all the students who persevered and represented the school. BRAVO!

One of the relay teams qualified for the semi-finals. Congratulations to Philippe K. (gr 6), Samuel C. (gr 6), Dylan K. (gr 6), Ryder L. (gr 6), Kerena N. (gr 6), Rebeeca P. (gr 6), Kyra D. (gr 6), et Sasha B. (gr 5).

Congratulations as well to David N. (gr 4) for qualifying for the quarterfinal for the 800 m race. Congratulations to Kyra D. (gr 6) who also qualified for the semi-final for the long jump.

The next round of competitions for these students will take place at the University of Alberta Butterdome on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Times are yet to be determined. We welcome everyone to come out to cheer for our students on this day.

Thank you to the coaches M. Éric and Mme Marie-Pier!

## National Francophone Month

March is the national francophone month, better known in French as "*Les Rendez-vous de la francophonie*". Once again, many activities are planned to celebrate our rich and wonderful French culture. We invite you all to the "Quintessence" performance, which will take place on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. This band of five young students from Trois-Rivière will entertain us with popular French songs. We would also like to invite you to the "Folklofolie" performance on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. This interactive dynamic duo will be sure to entertain us. La Mission will also be hosting a multitude of other events such as a francophone photobooth, the sharing of funny French expressions, the creation of French slogans, a school wide interactive game and a poutine lunch. Don't forget to place your order through Cash Online!

## Reach for the Top «Génies en herbe»

Congratulations to the following grade six students who made the Reach for the Top Team: Samuel C., Kira D., Philippe K., Rebecca P. et David-Élie S. These students will compete against all other francophone schools the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019 at École Alexandre Tâché. Bravo!

## Sport-études

The Spring Classic will take place on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Legal arena.

Students will participate in bowling and curling for the month of March.

You will receive more information, in April, regarding the registration renewal in the Sports academy for the next upcoming school year.

There will also be an information night on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> for all families interested in the Sports Academy for the 2019-2020 school year.

## Key information to remember

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### Student departure during school hours

In order to maximize the learning time of students in the classroom, we would like to inform you that if you must pick up your child during school hours we ask that you allow yourself enough time. Students will be called out of class **only** once the parent has arrived at the school. The teacher's priority in the classroom is teaching the curriculum and not ensuring that a student leaves at such a time. We ask the parent to arrive at the school at least 10 minutes before the desired departure time to give the student time to leave the classroom and get ready to leave.

Please plan accordingly and thank you for your understanding!

### Punctuality Many students are getting to school late...

Punctuality is an important value in our school. Each parent is responsible for the attendance of his or her child. A child that arrives late feels stressed for missing part of the lesson being taught and late arrivals in class is extremely disturbing to others. Tardiness can also reduce a student's motivation and can lead him to believe that "school is not important." Let us not suggest that message by showing exemplary punctuality. We are role models for our children. The first bell is at 8:41 in the morning. Students should be seated and ready to start on time in the classroom first thing in the morning. It is a show of respect for the teacher and all classmates but is especially critical in developing good future habits.

