

Principal's Message

Dear parents and families,

December is already upon us, and we are on the eve of getting together with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. Part of the school year is already behind us with the report card being distributed on December 5th for the first trimester of the year. Our students and teaching staff worked very hard and will continue to do so towards new challenges of the new academic goals.

Many thanks, to all the parents, who came to the parent-teacher-student interviews. The time you devote to getting involved in your child's education is valuable and beneficial in his/her schooling. Teachers are reassured of your support and have shared with you their vision, their passion, their concerns and their questions.

We will start celebrating Christmas with the celebration of Advent on December 3rd at 2 pm. This time of waiting, of the coming of Jesus Christ among men, will be animated by Mme Sophie's grade 1 class. The Christmas celebration, the coming to earth of a messiah, will be animated by Mme Félicité's grade 2/3 class on December 18th at 11:00 am. We invite you all to come celebrate this great Christmas miracle with us.

The Christmas festivities will continue with the Christmas concert. In addition, we will celebrate the last day of school before the holidays with «un réveillon» at lunch time. Each family will be asked to bring a platter from our menu for our potluck. We want to thank the School Council and the Parent Society who will help preparing this beautiful festive meal, for the students and staff, which unites us as a family.

On behalf of the school staff, I would like to offer you our best wishes for health, happiness and success for the New Year. Christmas celebrates hope; we hope that all your dreams come true. You just have to believe in the magic!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Marielle Perick

Principal

Prayer for Advent

Father,

It's that wonderful time of the year again.

We're going to celebrate your Son's birthday soon.

We will be preparing our home, our gifts, and our food.

Help us to remember to prepare our hearts.

Help us in all our busyness to remember it's you Son we're getting ready for.

Help us help a friend, keep a promise, or visit someone lonely.

Come, Lord Jesus!

We need you.



School News and Activities

Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert will take place in the gymnasium on Thursday, December 12th in two presentations; one in the afternoon at 1:30 pm and one in the evening at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be limited to two spectators per family for the evening presentation, as we must respect the maximum seating capacity. These two tickets will be sent home with the youngest child's report card on December 5th. Please note that **your tickets will be mandatory at the door** for the evening performance. Also, note that students attending École La Mission do not need a ticket.

If you do not plan to use your tickets, would you please return them to school as soon as possible so that they can be used for a family in need of an extra ticket. If you need an extra ticket, please email Mme Christine at chenry@centrenord.ab.ca

Extra tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the unity of the concert, it is essential that all students are present for the evening presentation.

Dress code for both presentations:

Kindergarten students should dress in pajamas

and grade 1 to 6 students should be dress in their best outfits.

If you want to film the concert, make sure you have your own energy source (battery) because no socket will be available.

For the duration of the concert, politeness requires no speaking with our neighbor. If you have a little one who feels the need to walk and talk, do not hesitate to get out into the hallway. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Baked Goods and Crafts Sale

The Parent Society is organizing a baked goods and crafts sale, which will be held after the Christmas concert. **Please note that the baked goods are to be eaten at home.** More details to come for donations. Profits will be use to purchase board games for indoor recess.

Student Council

Neighbourhood Christmas Greetings: Some of our students will be creating Christmas cards for the neighborhood. These cards will then be distributed on December 20th by the grade six students to homes close to the school.

Christmas Door Decorating Contest: The student council has launched the challenge to every classroom to decorate their door for Christmas. A surprise awaits the winners!

December 18th: The school council elves will be distributing hot chocolate to all students during the afternoon recess.

December 21st: Pyjama day!

The school council elves will be distributing candy canes to all students.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who stopped by the book fair during parent/teacher/student interviews. We sold \$3592.25, giving the school a profit of \$2047.00 worth of books. Proceeds will go towards purchasing new books for the library and classrooms.

Skiing and Snowboarding Lessons

The ski fieldtrips will take place on January 17th and 31st at Rabbitt Hill Snow Resort for grades 5 and 6 students.

Registration forms will be sent home soon.

Curling lessons

Curling lessons will take place on January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2020 at the St. Albert Curling Club for grades 3 and 4 students. **You will receive registration forms soon.**

School council and Parent Society

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd.

School Council meeting: 6:30 pm

Parent Society meeting: 7:30 pm

If you wish to discuss any matters or have any ideas you would like to share at the Parent Advisory Council meeting, please communicate ahead of time with the president, Mrs. Mélanie Dallaire, melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca or Josée Gélinas, josee.Gelinas@crustcraft.com

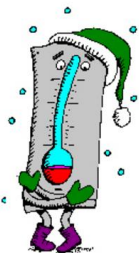
All the minutes of the Parent Advisory Council meetings are posted on the school website at the following address: www.lm.centrenord.ab.ca.

Skating

As part of the physical education program, some classes are planning to teach skating at the rink near the school in January. Students need to wear their skates and mittens and a helmet (mandatory) to ensure their safety. We recommend hockey helmets. We will also accept bicycle helmets. Our goal is to ensure the participation of all students in this school activity.

If your child does not have skates or a helmet, we ask you to write a note to the teacher with your child shoe size so that we can try to find skates for your child. Please also inform us if you have skates that can be made available to other students. Thank you for your cooperation!

It is cold outside...



Make sure that your child is dressed warm when leaving the house in the morning by wearing snow pants, toques, mittens, etc. It is understood that students wait outside in the morning when they arrive at school and they go outside every day for recess. We check the weather before each recess with environment Canada. In the case of extreme cold, the students will stay indoors.

Please identify your child's clothing and articles with a permanent marker. The family name is sufficient. This little detail helps avoid a lot of tears and confusion with our little ones.

Sick Students

When a child comes to school sick, he transmits the virus to all those around them. If your child is not feeling well or has a fever, please keep him at home until he is fully recovered. If your child becomes ill during the day, we will notify you so you can pick him up. It is extremely important that you inform us if your child has chickenpox or measles because the disease can be contagious for our students.

Key Information to Remember

Punctuality

Punctuality is always in order. When your child arrives late, it has a negative effect on his learning in addition to disturbing the class. **The best kind of parent you can be is to lead by example.**

Driving to School

If you drive your child to and from school, we ask that you park on the street in order to leave the parking lot for our staff. We also ask that you refrain from using the handicap spot and the bus lane.

Parents at School

Please remember to check in at the office when you arrive at school. In order to limit classroom disruptions, the secretary will call your child to the office to meet with you.

Bus Transportation in the winter

What to do in case of delay or cancellation?

*Check our website at www.centrenord.ab.ca under the menu:

»English / Programs and services / Transportation / Late Bus & Cancellation or on Twitter@CSCNTransport.

*If you have not received a notice of delay, and the bus has still not arrived 10 minutes after the scheduled time, call the bus company with your bus number and your bus stop.

* If the bus is canceled for the day and you decide to drive your child to school, you will be responsible for his/her transportation at the end of the day.

*Be ready, have a plan B for the unexpected! In very cold weather, you are responsible to ensure that your child is dressed adequately and remains safe until the bus arrives in the morning and at drop off in the afternoon.