



LE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

Dear parents and families,

Fall weather is upon us! Leaves are showing off their golden fall colors, geese are heading south to a warmer climate and we are finally seeing the fruit of our labour from our gardens. This wonderful fall season also brings much colder weather. Mornings can be a little cool, we therefore ask that you ensure your child is dressed warmly for the weather in order to help make recess more enjoyable. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Celebrate with stories! With the back to school events behind us, we are now looking forward to an equally wonderful number of activities in October. Read In week launches the month with an array of activities under the theme of "Celebrate with stories" in honor of their 30th anniversary. Students will engage in a number of activities in the hope of transmitting a love of reading! We strongly encourage parents to take time every day to read with your child, what a great way to spend quality time together!

October events on the way! Students will have the opportunity to give THANKS during the Thanksgiving Celebration which is being organized by Mme Perras's grade two class. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank in honor of this season of giving thanks. Swimming lessons for students from Kindergarten to grade two will be taking place throughout the month. The Coding Club is in full swing with students developing great coding skills. A number of students from grades four to six will also get the chance to attend WeDay, being held at Rogers Place here in Edmonton. Finally, not to forget the most anticipated event of the month, Halloween!

Safety first! The CSCN and École La Mission want to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students, parents and staff. Safety measures have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety in all of the CSCN schools. You will find all outside doors locked at all times. In order to enter the school, you must ring the doorbell located on the right hand side of the front doors. Don't forget to smile for the camera! The second safety measure enforced is a Criminal Record Check from all parent volunteers. Parents are asked to submit a copy of the Criminal Record Check before engaging in any activity with the students. Bus safety is also very critical. We ask parents to revise the bus safety rules on a continual basis with their child and we ask all parents to please respect the bus zones and use the designated crosswalks for crossing the street. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us keep our school a safe and caring environment!

Wishing you all a beautiful month of October and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Marielle Perich

Principal

Thanksgiving Prayer

With the colours of fall, with the Feast of Thanksgiving comes the time to say Thank you...

Thank you Lord for all that we have received from Mother Earth.

Thank you Lord for the wondrous gift of life.

Thank you Lord for the love that we receive from our parents and our friends.

Thank you Lord for the gift of your forgiveness, which brings us peace and happiness.

Amen.



School News and Activities

School doors

The safety of our students and staff are of upmost priority for the CSCN and École La Mission. Two new safety procedures have been put in place in all the CSCN schools. First, all school doors will be locked during normal school hours. We ask that you please ring the doorbell located on the right side of the front entry doors in order to gain access to the school. Don't forget to smile directly into the camera when ringing the doorbell. Upon identification you will be granted access. We thank you for helping us keep your children and the staff at École La Mission safe!

Criminal Record Check

The second safety measure requires all adults to submit a criminal record check before volunteering with students in the school or on field trips. If you plan on volunteering such as reading books in your child's classroom, participating in a classroom during special holiday theme days or volunteering on field trips, etc. you will require a criminal record check. All record checks less than six months old will be accepted. A form signed and dated from the school principal could allow you to receive the criminal check at a special discount or for free. Please ensure to bring this form with you when going to the proper authorities for your criminal record check. A copy of these documents were sent out in September but can also be found on the school web site under the following tab: Formulaire et documents utiles. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Adults from St-Albert can obtain a criminal record check at the following locations:

- 1) RCMP detachments : free with school form signed and dated by the principal
- 2) At the Nexus Business Park (#108, 14315-118 ave) for immediate service

Adults from Edmonton can obtain a criminal record check at the following locations:

- 1) Nearest City of Edmonton Police detachment
- 2) At the Nexus Business Park (#108, 14315-118 ave) for immediate service

If you have submitted a criminal record check last year during the 2018-2019 academic school year, you need only sign the renewal document validating that the information is still truthful and correct. A criminal record check is valid five years from the date it has been received by the school board. A renewal document can be signed for the next four years thereafter.

Volunteer Guide and Consent Form

The volunteer guide has been sent home to all families at the beginning of September. We ask that you take the time to read the guide. If you plan on volunteering at the school, we ask that you fill out the consent form and return it to the school as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the copy, please download a copy from our school website under the tab *Formulaires et documents utiles* and send it back to school as soon as possible. Note that we cannot accept your help without having received this form in advance. Even if you think of volunteering only once during the school year, it would be a good idea to return the completed form immediately to be ready for the occasion.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Pedestrian Safety

A reminder that families are asked to use the proper crosswalks when crossing the street. We ask that bus zones be respected at all times. Crossing between buses is NOT a safe practice and shows a bad example to our students. Please respect all bus zones and use the appropriate crosswalks.

Provincial Achievement Tests

We are pleased to share with you the Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests results from the June 2019 exams. The purpose of having Achievement Tests is to determine if the Alberta students are learning what they should be learning, to inform Albertans of the results of the students compared to the standards set by the province and to assist the provincial government, the school boards and the schools in determining the specific needs required to help the students reach their full potential. It is important to note that the French Language results are compared only to the results from the four other francophone school boards in the province. All other subject results are compared to all students from all Alberta schools. Please note that students attending the francophone schools write the same English achievement tests as those who attend the English schools.

Grade 6		La Mission school results : June 2019	Provincial results : June 2019
Français	Acceptable	100 %	90,3 %
	Excellence	29,6 %	24,6 %
	Below	0 %	6,5 %
English Language Arts	Acceptable	88,9 %	83,2 %
	Excellence	25,9 %	17,8 %
	Below	7,4 %	7,3 %
Maths	Acceptable	88,9 %	72,5 %
	Excellence	40,7 %	15 %
	Below	11,1 %	18,3 %
Sociales Studies	Acceptable	88,9 %	77,6 %
	Excellence	59,3 %	28,6 %
	Below	11,1 %	13,1 %
Sciences	Acceptable	88,9 %	76,2 %
	Excellence	44,4 %	24,4 %
	Below	11,1 %	14,4 %

Student Council

Thank you to all the grade four to six students who will be a part of the Student Council this year. Your time and input will greatly add to our school spirit.

Congratulations to:

Mason R, Shanya N, Naia J, Ahsley Rz, Jonah C, Amelie H Anthony D-W, Samih C et Généve M.

School Barbecue / CSCN 25th anniversary

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many families come out to the school barbecue and helping us celebrate the CSCN 25th anniversary. We certainly would like to say a big THANK YOU to Cristian De la Luna for such wonderful entertainment throughout the evening. The singing and the music was fabulous!

“Spruce up” St. Albert

At the end of September, students and staff participated in the “Spruce up St. Albert” program. We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped clean the school yard. It was greatly appreciated!

Terry fox

Thank you to all the families for your generous contributions towards the Terry Fox - Run for the Cure. Students raised \$2 253.40! Congratulations to Camille B from kindergarten for collecting the most money, Camille collected \$200! Way to go Camille! Congratulations to Sasha B from grade six who collected \$197. Great job girls! Although we did not meet our target goal, we are very proud of everyone’s efforts!

Thank you ...

... to all parents who assisted the parent Annual General Assembly. We are very grateful to all those who are donating precious time and energy to serve on the Parent Council. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

... to all the parents who attended Meet the Teacher night in order to be well informed of the objectives of the Alberta Program of Studies as well as the overall classroom functioning.

... to the whole school team for making this first month a big success!

What’s UP!

Read In Week

Read In Week is celebrating their 30th anniversary and the reason for this year’s theme “Celebrate with stories”. École La Mission will engage in numerous activities throughout the week of October 7-11 in order to help students develop a long-lasting love for reading!

Anti-Bullying Seminar

All students from grades one to six will have the opportunity to attend “Le prix du silence” by Alain Pelletier, an anti-bullying seminar. Students will get to experience bullying through the eyes of the victim, the aggressor, the witness, the parent and the teacher. Students will attend the seminar on October 9th at école Père Lacombe.

Thanksgiving Celebration

The celebration will be on Thursday October 10th at 2:00 pm. We will be taking donations for the food bank to honor the gift of giving. Thank you to the grade two students from Mme Perras class for organising the celebration. Parents and family members are always welcomed to all school celebrations. We sincerely hope to see next Thursday!

WeDay

Thirty grade four to grade six students will have the privilege to attend WeDay on Tuesday October 22nd at Roger’s Place. WeDay is designed to help young people make a difference in their local and global communities. It is a powerful inspirational event with world-renowned speakers and award-winning performers coming together to help nurture compassion and nurturing in the younger generation.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will take place on Friday the 18th of October in the school gymnasium. Come celebrate fall by playing various activities and get a chance to win one of the delicious fall cakes.

Passe-moi la puck!

Come watch the Edmonton Oil Kings play against the Medecin Hat Tigers in this 5th edition of « Passe-moi la puck » on Friday October 25th at 7:00 pm at Rogers Place! Many aspects of this event will have a francophone component. We strive to create opportunities for the francophone community to come together throughout recreational activities. Tickets are on sale for \$20, part of the proceeds come directly to the school. Hope to see you there!

Purchase tickets on line : www.oilkings.ca/passemoilapuck

Use the promotional code : **passemoilapuck**

D.A.R.E

Constable Annie, the school affiliated RCMP officer is hosting a series of six workshops to all the grade six students. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is designed to help students become more aware of the dangers surrounding drug use.

Halloween

Fun filled school wide activities will be planned for the afternoon of Thursday, October 31st. Students will be allowed to dress in their Halloween costume for the afternoon only. We ask all students to bring their costumes to school in their backpacks. Students will be given 20 minutes after lunch recess to get dressed in their classrooms. **Please note that we do not accept any makeup, masks, weapons or scary costumes. The school staff has the right to refuse a costume that does not meet the stated expectations.**

The morning of October 31st is an ordinary morning with regular classes. Halloween activities will take place between 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

At École La Mission, we work hard to promote healthy eating habits. We therefore do not permit students to bring sweets on any of the major holidays: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's, Easter, etc. Card exchanged are welcomed but certainly not mandatory. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us promote a healthy life style!

Birthdays

We continue to allow snacks for the class on your child's birthday. We encourage you to think about making a healthy choice if you do decide to bring a snack for your child's birthday.

Sports Academy

Students thoroughly enjoyed the running and biking session of the sports academy program. The next session, students will be learning hockey and the session will run from October 15th to February 18th.

School Council and Parent Society

Thank you to all the parents who accepted to be on the School Council or Parent Society. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated! Meet the members of this year's team:

School Council

President : Mélanie Dallaire

Vice-president : Gillian Anderson

Secretary : Janelle St-Laurent

Counselors : Adam Lagacé, Johanne Wirsta, Sophia Goulet, Mélanie Marois, Isabelle Lemée, Nathania Dreiling, Mary-Noah Ndateramye, Ornella Umjtesi

Teacher representative : Audrey Viens

Principal : Marielle Perich

Parent Society

President : Josée Gélinas

Vice-president : Mélanie Marois

Secretary : Gillian Anderson

Treasurer : Mélanie Drouin

Counselors : Sophia Goulet, Mélanie Dallaire, Isabelle Lemée, Mary-Noah Ndateramye, Aline Mugisha

Principal : Marielle Perich

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th.

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.

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

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

Key Information to Remember

Library

We encourage you to remind your child to return his books and videos every week according to the library schedule. It is important to follow this routine to ensure that your child does not lose the privilege to borrow books and DVDs every week. Library Schedule:

Tuesday: Mat Mme Laetitia, Mat Mme Audrey, 1^{re} Mme Véronique

Thursday : 1^{re} Mme Sophie, 2^e Mme Perras, 2^e/3^e Mme Félicité, 4^e/5^e Mme Sarah, 5^e M. Pascal, 6^e M. Éric

Friday : 3^e Mme Sonia, 4^e Mme Élise,

Punctuality

As you have read in the September newsletter, punctuality is an important value at our school. *We thank all the families who bring and pick up their child on time. We will continue to strengthen this practice throughout the year.* Remember the bell rings at 8:42 am in the morning and 3:20 pm in the afternoon.

Dates to Remember

Picture Retakes: October 16th

If you want your child's picture retaken, you must check the retake box on the order form that you will receive soon and return it to school. The requests will be given to the photographer.

Catholic Education Sunday

Catholic Education Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 3rd. Mass will be at 9:00 am at Connelly-McKinley. Come celebrate your Catholic faith as a school community. Students from école La Mission will partake in the celebration. More detailed information will be sent home shortly.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, November 7th : 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Friday, November 8th : 9 am to 12 pm

Swimming Lessons

Please note that swimming lessons will be from October 4th to November 1st. Please ensure your child has his/her swimming suit on the designated swimming days.

Transportation



Your bus schedules are now available online with e-Link.

If you lose your schedule or a change is made to your bus route, the information is at your fingertips. All you have to do is sign in, using the information that was mailed to you this summer with your child's schedule. If a change is made, a automated message and email will be sent at that time to advise you to consult your new schedule online.

If however you do not have internet access, please, notify the school immediately to receive a paper copy of your schedule.

Bus safety

Bus safety week is also in mid-October. Your child's safety on the bus is everyone's responsibility; the bus drivers, you as parent and us as a school. We will have bus evacuation practices and will be revising bus safety rules with all students. We ask that you revise these bus safety rules often with your child. See link included in the email.

A student who does not take his usual bus route in the afternoon must have a signed note by the parent. A student without a note will go on the bus as indicated on the registration form.

Things to do:

...Pay school fees.

... **Buy your tickets for « Passe-moi la puck » for an evening of hockey at Rogers Place.**

...Return permission forms for field trips as soon as possible.

... Mark your child's name on clothing, shoes, boots, school bag and lunch box.

...For more information about the French Daycare and after school daycare, please contact la FPFA at 780-468-6934.

Community News

French Mass

French mass is celebrated every Sunday at 9:00 am at the Connelly-McKinley Chapel.
(Muir Drive and St-Albert Trail)

First Communion and Reconciliation Sacraments

The St. Albert Francophone Parish offers first communion and reconciliation classes in French. Registration for reconciliation classes begin on October 20th at the Connelly McKinley Chapel on 9 Muir Dr. St. Albert. For further information, you can contact the pastoral agent: Jean-François Ahoua at Jfahouapro@hotmail.com

You can also access the Parish letter (in french) in the school's French October newsletter.

See below for the scheduled Reconciliation and First Communion classes:

Reconciliation 2019-2020

- October 20th, 2019 : 1st meeting
- October 27th, 2019 : 2nd meeting
- November 3rd, 2019 : 3rd meeting
- November 17th, 2019 : 4th meeting
- November 20th, 2019 : Reconciliation Celebration at 6 :30 pm

First Communion 2019-2020

- March 15th, 2020 : 1st meeting
- March 22nd, 2020 : 2nd meeting
- April 19th, 2020 : 3rd meeting
- April 26th, 2020 : 4th meeting
- May 10th, 2020 : First Communion Celebration at 9 :00 am

