



LE MESSENGER

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Principal's Message

Dear families,

Here we are in February, halfway through the school year! We are seeing evidence everywhere that students have worked very hard since the beginning of the school year. We appreciate their efforts and the progress they have made thus far. We've also observed significant improvements in regards to respecting the school values. It is a pleasure to work with such enthusiastic and cooperative students. We are very proud of them!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you, the parents, for your time and devotion toward ensuring that your child arrives to school on time, is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, ensuring the homework gets done, lunches are made, library books are returned on time, not to mention all the help with school activities! We especially would like to thank you for all the love and support you give your child. When a child feels loved, cherished and nurtured, they thrive in their overall development, which helps him succeed in school.

February will be filled with many different outdoor activities. First of all, our school community coordinator will be teaching students different outdoor games during recess times. We will also enjoy the winter season through the Winter Carnival where students will get a chance to enjoy many different winter activities such as skating, tobogganing, snowshoeing, playing hockey on the snow and more. Of course the Winter Carnival would not be complete without the famous maple toffee on snow and a horse drawn sleigh ride. We encourage you all to come participate in these wonderful winter wonderland activities.

February, the month of friendship and love! Take the time to spend some memorable family time on Family Day, February 20th. Wishing you all a wonderful Valentine's Day filled with many hugs and kisses! Happy Valentine's Day!

Marielle Perich
Principal



Prayer

God of love:

*Thank you for those that I love,
especially my family and friends.
Let Your compassion, generosity,
and power continue to shine in my life
long after the flowers and chocolates are gone,
that I and all who I love might remember
that You love us, now and always.*



Amen.

Dates to Remember

Professional Development Days

February 7th and 8th are Professional Development Days for all teachers. There is no school for students.

Movie Night is postponed to February 15th

The parent committee is pleased to invite you to the next French Movie Night on Friday February 15th. Come watch *The Incredibles 2* in French. Don't forget to get comfortable and wear your pyjamas! Bring your favorite blanket and stuffed toy. Entry is free and popcorn and a drink can be purchased for 1\$. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you all there!

Winter Carnival

Our winter carnival will take place on Tuesday February 19th. This year, students will have the opportunity to participate in several outdoor winter activities and have the chance to taste the great maple toffee on snow as well as take a ride on a horse drawn sleigh. You are all welcome to come participate in these fun filled winter activities!

To make this day a success, we will need parent volunteers to animate the activities. We ask parents to arrive at school at 12:30 pm. If you are available to help, please fill out the volunteer form that will be sent home shortly.

For the skating and sliding activities, wearing a helmet is mandatory. We ask all students to bring their hockey or ski helmets and skates to participate in these activities. It is important to clearly write your child's name on their helmets and skates.

Ash Wednesday Celebration

We will have our Ash Wednesday Celebration on March 6th at 11:30 pm. M. Pascal's grade 5 students and Mme Perras' grade 2 class will be organising the celebration.

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Interviews will take place on Thursday March 14th from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on Friday March 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



We will use the same online appointment system as November to book your interviews. If you did use the system in November your user account remains the same. If not, you will be able to create a user account, enroll your child and then choose a time to meet with your child's teacher. You will soon receive an email with a link to register.

Report cards will go home on Friday, March 22nd.

School News and Activities

Preparing for the Next School Year

The best promotion for a school is through word of mouth. If you know any families who meet the criteria for attending a francophone school and are interested in attending École La Mission, please share the school contact information. You can also invite them to attend the School Information Night on February 28th. All interested families are welcome to visit our school. We will gladly show them around and we would be pleased to answer all their questions.



Information Night February 28th at 7 pm

If you know of a family who has a child of age to start kindergarten, please, inform them of our information evening that will take place on Thursday, February 28th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will present our kindergarten and school programs.

École La Mission offers an excellent francophone program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Age requirements for Kindergarten students are 5 years old by March 1st 2020 and the age requirements for grade 1 students are 6 years old before March 1st 2020.

Babysitting will be provided at the school during this meeting.

Immunisations

A reminder that Alberta Health Services has changed its immunisation procedures. Immunisations will now be given to grade six students and no longer to the grade five students. This year, AHS is reviewing all the immunisation documents in order to ensure that all students are up to date with their immunisations. You will be contacted by AHS if your child has missed or is not up to date with an immunisation. The next round of immunisations will take place at the school on February 5th. For more information please contact Alberta Health Services : myhealth.alberta.ca

School Council and Parent Society – Pizza evening!

We invite you all to attend the next School Council and Parent Society Pizza evening on February 5th. Come meet the members and discover the different roles of the parent committees. If you wish to discuss a point at the next Parent Advisory Council meeting, please communicate ahead of time with the president, Mrs. Melanie Dallaire at melaniedallaire@hotmail.ca or Karine Peeling at karinepeeling1@gmail.com

Our next school council meeting will be on February 5th at 6:00 pm. All the minutes of the Parent Advisory Council meetings are posted on the school website at the following address: www.lm.centrenord.ab.ca.

Fundraising

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 please mention to the cashier that you are from École La Mission and COBS will donate 5% cash back to the school.

Survey

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. You should have received the Alberta Education survey at the beginning of January. Students in grades 4 to 6 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in many other languages. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving; we encourage you to please take the time to fill out the survey. Your feedback is important to us. The deadline to fill out the survey is on February 22nd, 2019.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2019, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports. Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback!

Key Information to Remember

Going on Vacation?

Please note, the School Board administrative policy for absences: “When parents withdraw their children from school for an extended period of time (example: a trip, vacation, etc.), principals and teachers are not required to provide homework, exercises, projects, etc. to the student during the period of absence or upon his return. However, work can be prepared if the teacher is willing to do so”.

Parents driving their child to school

Please respect the security signs outside the school and do not enter the staff parking lot, the disabled parking or the school bus lane.

The bus entrance in front of the school is strictly reserved for school buses between 8:15 - 8:45 and 15:00 - 16:00.

In addition, let's be good neighbors by making sure not to block the entrance to the houses on Holly Crescent which is directly across from our school.

The St. Albert RCMP reminds motorists and parents that all traffic laws must be respected. Here are the most common problems in school zones:

- Interfering with traffic by causing dangerous situations = \$ 115 fine
- Make a "U-turn" in the street (parents drop off their children, then turn on the street to go in the opposite direction) = \$ 115 fine
- Park within 1.5 meters of an entrance = fine of \$ 57
- Parking within 5 meters of a pedestrian crossing = \$ 57 fine

Please, plan your day to give yourself more time and act safely.

Absences

For security reasons, your child's absence must be reported.

The parent must justify the absence of his child;

-by communicating with the office at

780-459-9568 (leave a message);

-by email chenry@centrenord.ab.ca;

- a message to the teacher in your child's agenda.

We will call home for all non-reported absences.

Please inform your bus company when your child does not take the bus.

Punctuality

We noticed lately that a lot of students arrive late at school in the morning. The school is a tool of social education and strives to make students responsible citizens.

Punctuality is an important value in our school. Each parent is responsible for the attendance of their child. A child that arrives late feels stressed for missing part of the lesson being taught and late arrivals in class disturbs others. Tardiness also has the effect of reducing the student's motivation and can 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 8:42 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 it is also critical in developing good future habits.

Offered Services at School

Daycare and Before and After School Care

...For more information about the French Daycare (for children 12 to 36 months old), and to register your child for before or after school care, please contact le CEPP at 780-468-6934.

La Boite à Surprises -Preschool Info Night

Information night for 2019-2020 will be on February 28 at 7:00 pm.

...If you wish to register your 3 or 4 year old child in “La Boîte à Surprises” or if you require more information about our preschool program, please contact Mme Catherine Pretty at 780-901-8401.

Things to Do

... Read your child agenda every day.

... Please see the Messenger in French for all other pertinent information.

... Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey that you will receive in the mail.