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School Hours

8:00 - First Bell
9:30-9:45 - Recess
11:27-11:55 - Recess
11:55-12:15 - Lunch
2:40 - Dismissal

ECDP/Kindergarten

8:05 - 10:51

To ensure the safety of all, students should not arrive at school before 7:45 and should leave school grounds immediately after dismissal - unless involved in an after-school activity.



A reminder to parents/guardians: It is mandatory to wear a mask if you are entering the building for an appointment, or to visit the office.

Parents/guardians are also encouraged to wear masks when dropping off and picking up students



It's that time again!

Is your child **CURRENTLY** enrolled in our school?

Please make sure to fill out your student's **Demographics Form!**

Looking to **ENROLL** your child in our school?

Please fill out a new **Registration Form!**



Student Absences

Please notify the office if your child is going to be late, absent, or (specifically for online learning) if there is a technology issue causing your child to be unable to join their virtual class by calling or emailing with "absent", "late", or "tech issue" and your child's name in the subject line.

780.743.1079 kayla.dalley@fmps.ab.ca or sorina.saayman@fmps.ab.ca

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A Royal Message From Administration

Fort McMurray Christian School Families and Friends,

As this is our last message before year-end we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents, families and community members who have supported our students through this past school year. We appreciate all you have done, as well as your continued prayers throughout a busy and unpredictable year.

We would like to extend a fond farewell to our Grade 9 students - all the best in Grade 10 and beyond! You are a caring and energetic group of students and we will miss you. We are very proud of the leadership and kindness you have shown, and know that these attributes will serve you well in your future endeavors. Also, your love of God and for each other has been exemplary and a role model for others. **Jeremiah 29:11, NLT** *For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

We are pleased to announce that we are once again offering Staples School Tools for the ordering of school supplies for 2021-2022. Please see the information provided, in subsequent pages of this newsletter.

Our staff pray that all our Fort McMurray Christian School families will have a very relaxing and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you return for the 21-22 school year.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Blessings,

Admin. Team -

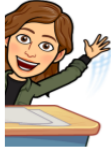
Bobbi Compton, Principal

Dan Baseley, Vice Principal

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A Message From Kindergarten



Welcome Back Everyone!

Kindergarten is back in full swing, like we haven't been learning at home for almost 2 months! These kids couldn't wait to get into their classroom to see their friends, continue learning together, and showing that their "kindness counts"!

April and May were busy months!



Parents you really made the difference in the at home learning time!!

Reading, writing, drawing, counting, measuring, making art and music! Just some of the things we have been up to!



We'll end things off with a blast in Kindergarten!

Let's look at how seeds are growing up in the gardens

We will complete our "kindness counts" projects

Go on virtual field trips

Enjoy special activities outside in the fresh air

Go on picnics

Continue to learn about the throughlines and our storyline, while we show our Christian character education in the way we act and interact with others.

During the last week of June, most likely June 22nd, we will celebrate the children with ROAR award certificates, as well as, other awards. More to come.... Stay safe and stay active!



School Council



And that's a wrap!

The final School Council meeting of the 2020-21 school year took place on May 11.

Thank you to each person who came out to in-person meetings in the fall, and logged in to online meetings after in-person meetings were suspended.

Special thanks to Kim Huygen (Vice-Chair, Networks Representative), Riva Walters (Secretary), Christine Gogolinski & Natalie Cullihall (Royals Helpers), Laura Blake and Lacey Miller (FMCS Prayer Group), Ronald Vanden Pol (Teacher Representative) and Principal Compton and Vice Principal Baseley for all their work with School Council this year.

As we look ahead to next year, please uphold the school in prayer, asking that God will guide and direct in all things.

Pray also about how God is calling you to participate in the school community in the new school year. The School Council AGM is slated for September 21. Stay tuned for further information as that date approaches.

May the blessing of God rest upon you and your family as you embark on summer holidays and until we meet again.

Lisa Podor, Chair



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Fort McMurray Christian School Society



It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over! While it has been a year full of unexpected twists and turns, let's all take a moment to reflect on how God has blessed us this year - and thank Him for all that He has done for us. Christian education, taught by dedicated and loving Christian teachers, is an incredible gift and this year it has truly been a blessing to have the amazing school community that we have to help our children navigate what was - at times - a very challenging school year. God is truly moving at our school - in every grade, in every class, every day.

As our minds start turning to the things of summer, Society Executive is continuing its work to support the school and will be working over the summer to get prepared for next year and the Annual General Meeting in the fall. While the response will likely be a bit delayed compared to normal, should you have questions for Society Executive or need something from us, please email society.fmcs@gmail.com or contact one of the Executive members directly.

Have a great summer - Your Society Executive
Christine Gogolinski
Lisa Podor
Clementina Okoro
Dennis Vroom

A Message from our TfT Program Coordinator



Spring Happenings in TfT

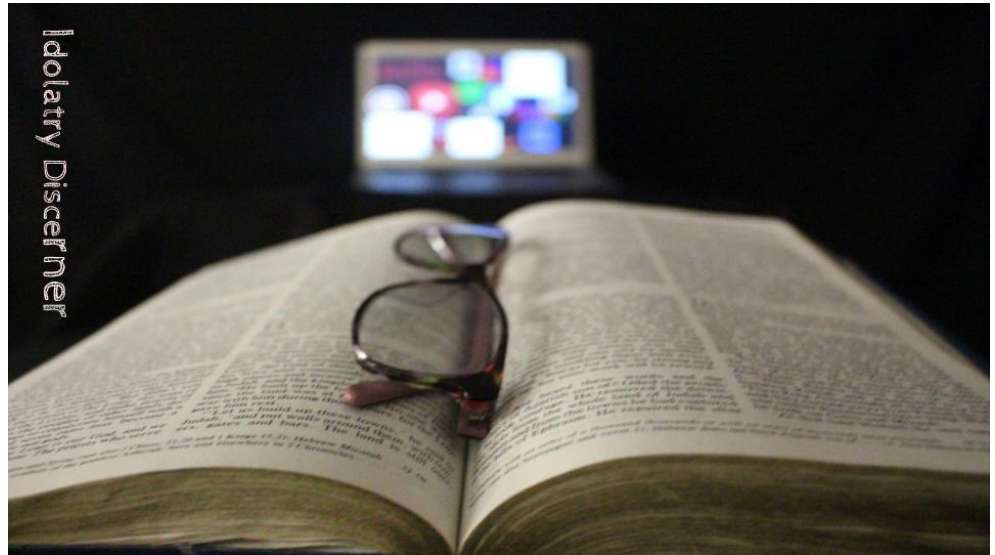
Just last week we enjoyed the May Long Weekend, but it really wouldn't be the May Long Weekend unless we had a bit of snow, right? Yet the weekend turned out to be sunny and many of us enjoyed God's beautiful creation. June is Creation Enjoying month! Our junior high Plant Science class is busy transplanting seedlings and many classes are spending time outdoors to soak in the presence of God in all creation. Creation Enjoying is about looking at, talking about, and studying creation. *Ordinary things become extraordinary* when seen in a new way! How does your family enjoy God's creation?



Another one of our junior high classes is learning about photography. Each of the students have chosen a Throughline and are creating images to depict the message of the roles we play in God's Story. I am excited to share these images as students complete them.

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Idolary Discerning: image shot by Ethan Norman, grade 7

Check out the rest of the amazing work of our students and teachers in this month's newsletter as we take a look at how we reveal God's Glory in our classes.

Lois Ann Emberley
TfT Coordinator

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Prayer Corner

Parents, friends, churches and community partners, please remember us in prayer.

- Stronger connections with our church communities
- Continued safety for everyone amid a global pandemic
- Calming of anxieties for our students and clear their minds so they can focus and learn
- Increased enrolment/growth for our school

From Our FMCS Prayer Group!

Let's pray together to discern God's will for our school, and the needs of our school community.

We meet virtually every other Tuesday. All are welcome. Come to pray, or send us your prayer requests!

"FMCS Prayer Group" on Facebook

Or prayer.fmcs@gmail.com

Or reach out to Laura Blake or Lacey Miller for more info.



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Month	Hymn of the Month
September	Shout to the Lord! Link
October (Thanksgiving)	Take my Life and Let it Be
November	One Step at a Time
December (Christmas)	He is Here
January	Majesty
February (Valentine's)	The love of God Praise Him Praise him all Ye Little Children
March	Christ Arose
April (Easter)	For the Beauty of the Earth All Creatures of our God and King
May	Shine Jesus Shine
June	What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Bus Late?

Check out the schedule myschoolbusmonitor.ca

My School Bus Monitor

LIVE SCHOOL BUS UPDATES -- STAY INFORMED!



What's Happening at FMCS?

June

- 4 - Pattern Day - wear your wackiest patterns! Stripes, zig-zags, polka dots, squiggles, etc.
- 11 - Dress like a teacher
- 18 - Nerd Day
- 23 - Last Day of School for ECDP and Kindergarten
- 24 - Last Day of School for grades 1-9

Junior High Exam Schedule

- June 16: Grades 7-9 Social Studies
- June 17: Grade 7 Language Arts, Grades 8 and 9 Science
- June 18: Grade 7 Science, Grades 8 and 9 Language Arts
- June 21: Grade 7 Math, Grades 8 and 9 Bible
- June 22: Grade 7 Bible, Grades 8 and 9 Math

Discover a better way to be ready for Back-to-School



Dear Parents:

Trust Staples – everyone’s Back-to-School Headquarters – to come up with a better way to streamline the process of getting yourself ready.

Staples School Tools provides you with direct access to the school supplies your child will need – as provided by their actual teachers – and an easy way to order them without ever leaving home.

You’ll save time. You’ll save money. And you’ll have exactly what you need to give your child the best start possible.

How do you start?*

1. Go to Staples.ca/SchoolTools
2. Find / select your child’s school and classroom.
3. Order your child’s supply list when it appears.
4. Select free delivery with your paid order, arriving direct to your home within 2-3 days

Not only will you spend less on supplies, you’ll be covered with a full quality guarantee and replacement warranty on everything you buy. Enjoy the total convenience of ordering from home – complete with free delivery.

You can also choose to order online and request a store pickup, if you prefer. Either way, the time you save is your own – giving you more of it to spend on getting everybody ready for the big day.

Choose total convenience and check one thing off your list.

Sincerely,
Cindy Tulk
GM, Fort McMurray
Cindy.Tulk@staples.ca

Staples School Tools FMCS Things to Know

- Parents may add or remove items from the list based on their needs/preferences.
- Pricing is "LIVE". This means that parents will pay the cost of the item on the day of the purchase. This will vary based on sales and promotions. PRO TIP: Back to School season launches early August where most of these items are on sale. This is the best time for parents to enjoy some extra savings as they will benefit from sale prices upon placing their orders.
- Every order over \$50 will have an additional 10% off in savings at time of checkout.
- No ordering deadline. They can shop 24/7, at their convenience. The site remains active through end of September for those late arrivals!
- Delivery will be to the home address within 2-3 business days of the order being placed. Parents may also select to have their order shipped to the store if they prefer. Please note: the order may come in multiple shipments depending on which warehouse the item is coming from. No need to panic if an item is missing, it may be arriving separately.
- For those parents who prefer to shop in the store, we will have your lists available for them and will gladly help them out. Curbside pick-up is also available. We are ready!

Thank you again for supporting your local Staples store. This partnership means the world to us.

Cindy Tulk
GM, Fort McMurray
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Updated Division Re-entry Plan

Updated COVID Information **New** Daily Healthy Checklist for Children Under 18

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HOW LONG TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

The amount of time a student needs to stay home from school depends on the type of symptoms. For more details: [Isolation requirements](#)

If a student has these symptoms

What to do

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

- Isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
- COVID-19 testing is recommended.
- Can return to school before 10 days only if a COVID-19 test is negative, symptoms are gone, and the student was not a close contact of someone with COVID-19.
- Do not enter any long-term care settings for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved.
- If test results are positive, isolate at home for at least 10 days and follow instructions received from Alberta Health Services.

One of the following symptoms:

- Chills
- Sore throat/painful swallowing
- Runny nose/congestion
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell/fatigued
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Unexplained loss of appetite
- Muscle/joint aches
- Headache
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)

- Stay home from school and monitor for 24 hours. If after 24 hours your symptoms improve, you may return to school when you are feeling better.
 - A COVID-19 test is not required but is available.
 - Do not enter any long-term care settings for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved.
- If a child has any two of these symptoms, or after 24 hours, their condition gets worse or they develop a second symptom:
- COVID-19 test recommended.
 - May return to school after symptoms are gone, even without a COVID-19 test or results.
 - Do not enter any long-term care settings for 10 days and until symptoms have resolved.
 - If test results are positive, isolate at home for at least 10 days and follow instructions received from Alberta Health Services.

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Helping Kids Cultivate God's Goodness in their Lives

(<https://www.faithgateway.com/helping-kids-cultivate-gods-goodness-in-their-lives/#.YKQGr6hKiUk>)

What lessons did you learn in the garden as a child?

Personally, I remember the wonder of seeing new sprouts poke through the dirt and green strawberries brighten to red under the summer sun. Gardening taught me about God's good creation, and as I became a mom I understood that patience and cultivation related to my children's souls, too.

Even as I snuggled with my toddlers, my mind flashed ahead and I envisioned them as teens and adults. I knew that planting seeds of God's truth, and tending them well, would bring a harvest of goodness in my children's lives. And over the years I found ways to do just that.

1. **Create the right environment.** Before seeds can be planted, the right environment needs to be created. In a physical garden this means removing weeds and rocks. It also means breaking up the soil and adding nutrients into the earth. In our home, my husband and I look seriously at things that can choke out God's truth. For example, we choose our media carefully. We look at our mistakes and seek forgiveness. We dedicate time to read and study God's Word. We make our home a place where God is welcomed and serving Him with all our hearts is the focus. Just as gardeners help seeds grow, we water our lives with God's Word and truth.
2. **Plant good seeds.** Good plants come from good seeds, and we know the best seeds we plant in our children's hearts is God's Word. We work with children on Scripture memory. We teach them the whole Bible Story through Bible reading and devotional time, not leaving it up to Sunday School teachers once a week.
3. **Stand strong in the storms.** We teach our kids about God's goodness even during the storms in our lives. We've faced sickness and death of grandparents. We've faced cross-country moves and financial challenges. Yet instead of modeling worry, we instead model turning to God in prayer. And because of that our children witness love and peace flowing, even out of hard places.

As Isaiah 58:11 says,

The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

As a family, there are always new lessons that can be learned in the garden. Through the faithful tending by parents, children can grow and flourish into strong God-followers. And through books like *We Are The Gardeners* by Joanna Gaines, children can also learn that they can work together to cultivate good things in their lives and that the hardest work often yields the greatest reward.