



Junior High Program Guide

Getting to know Fort McMurray Christian School

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

Fort McMurray Christian School is an **interdenominational Christian school** operating as an alternative program of the Fort McMurray Public School District. Our curriculum meets Alberta Education guidelines, and our students write the same academic competency exams as students in all other public schools in the city. We offer classes for children from our Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) through to grade nine.

Our mission is to:

- **Provide** students with an education based on Scripture. The Christian perspective is integrated into every aspect of study.
- **Acknowledge** the Lordship of Christ and to develop the students' understanding of their own relationship to God as well as their relationship to others and Creation.
- **Provide** an education that allows children to reach their potential academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically.
- **Direct** students in the development of Christ-like character.
- **Prepare** students to be of service in the community.



Parents lay the foundations of the Christian life in their homes. We help partner with parents to help expand your child's horizons, deepen their insights, develop their abilities, and guide them along the path that ultimately leads to wisdom.

Christian education is a careful training of each dimension of the child – physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, and moral – with unity and consistency. We are excited for the opportunity to partner with you on this journey.

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What is a Royal?

At Fort McMurray Christian School, our team name is the Royals!



This name originates from Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



We also have a wonderful mascot that you will see out and about at our many school functions.

Loyal the Royal Lion!

What Makes Our School Special?

A Faith-Filled Worldview

Fort McMurray Christian School is a place where students, staff, and parents work together to support all children on their Christian path. While we do have a class in each grade specifically devoted to studying the Bible, a Christian Worldview also flows throughout all of our classes. While studying the same Alberta curriculum as every other public school in the province, the staff at our school also use **Throughlines**, unique class **Storylines**, **Deep Hopes**, and **FLEx** activities to help our students be their best.

What are the Throughlines?

Staff at Fort McMurray Christian School connect Throughlines through the provincial curriculum as one way to weave our faith into every subject. These Throughlines are all qualities we hope our students develop as they grow.

God Worshippers

Idolatry Discerners

Justice Seekers

Community Builders

Creation Enjoyers

Beauty Creators

Order Discoverers

Image Reflectors

Servant Workers

Earth Keepers

What is a Storyline?

A Storyline is a thematic way for teachers and students to learn together, and deepen their own personal relationships with The Almighty. Storylines help create “a powerful and compelling vision of the Kingdom that creates a longing and a desire within every student to play their part in God’s unfolding Story of Redemption.” This overarching focus helps forge many more connections between what students are doing at school and their lives at home.

What is a Deep Hope?

A Deep Hope is what we as teachers passionately hope your children learn while being a part of our school community. When they leave our classes, these are the lessons we hope they have stored away in their hearts and minds.

What is FLEx?

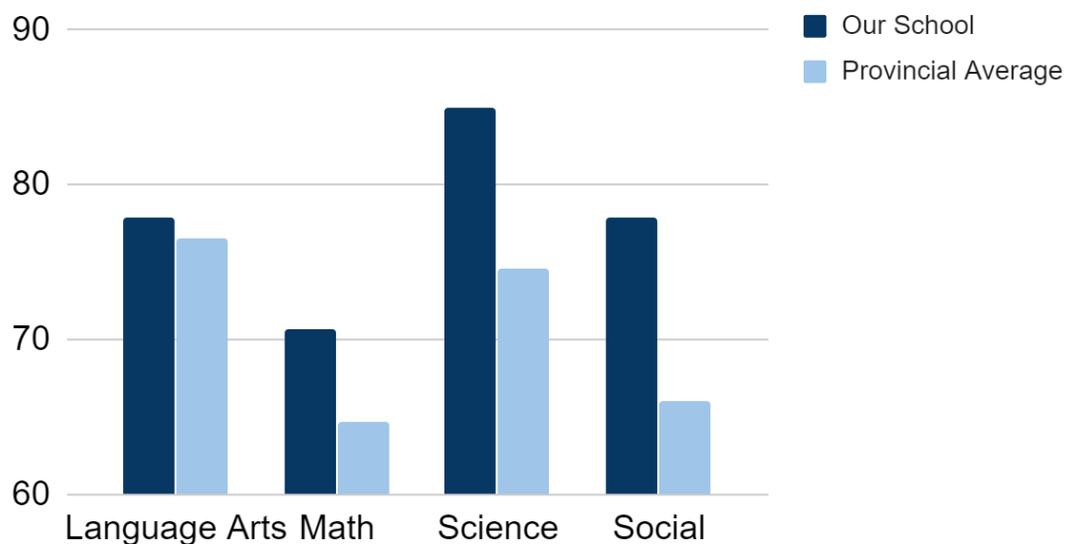
Formational Learning Experiences are opportunities for students to apply what they have learned in their classes. FLEx activities are real activities that solve real-world problems, thereby enhancing our communities

Why Choose Fort McMurray Christian School?

Academics

Fort McMurray Christian School has an established history of strong academic achievement, with regard to the Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests. Over the past three years, the school has scored well above the provincial average in all subject areas tested, including Mathematics, Social, Science, and Language Arts. We also placed 76th out of 853 schools in the entire province on the 2019 Fraser report.

Percentage of students getting an acceptable mark on the Provincial Achievement Test over the last 3 years.



Worship Arts and Leadership

Fort McMurray Christian School has developed a unique course that builds capacity and understanding of worship for our junior high students. Worship Arts and Leadership began in the fall of 2018 after junior high students expressed an interest in playing a more active role in our school worship times.

Students who register in Worship Arts and Leadership can do so in either stream: music, technology and the arts. Each stream develops projects and contributions to worship that are a meaningful reflection of their understanding of the role that worship plays in our calling as Christians.

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Safe and Caring Environment

Parents know that their children are safe and cared for at Fort McMurray Christian School. We are consistently rated above provincial averages by parents, with regard to creating a safe and caring school environment. We strive to follow Jesus' command to love one another in all we do.

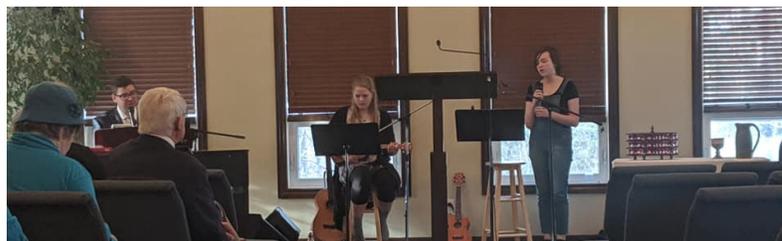
Matthew 22:36-40 - *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Since we are also one of only two schools in Fort McMurray, that house both elementary and junior high grades, our students are able to grow and work together. Most importantly, our junior high students are able to work with younger kids and act as leaders in our school community.

Worship Assemblies

At Fort McMurray Christian School, our weekly Worship Assemblies have become an important part of our community. During this time, students are able to praise God together as a school and join together in prayer. These assemblies also host guest speakers from the city, including many pastors from local churches. Classes take turns hosting, which gives students an opportunity to help lead worship. Some of our junior high students even apply what they practice during our Worship Assemblies to help worship teams at their own churches!



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ROAR Awards

Every week at our Worship Assemblies we award four ROAR (Representors Of the Amazing Redeemer) awards to students and teachers from various classes. These awards directly reflect the Throughlines we have been teaching students; we hope to encourage them to continue being image-reflectors at all times.



Although nominations often come from teachers, students are also quick to find and nominate their classmates as well. What a great way to share the love of Christ!

Athletics

Our students have many opportunities to participate in sports teams that compete with other schools across the district. Our school has an excellent athletic program and has been able to win at least one City Championship every year for the past five years. We currently have teams for archery, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and Track & Field for both boys and girls in Junior High.



PEAK Volleyball

PEAK is an acronym, which stands for **P**assion, **E**xcellence, **A**ttitude, and **K**nowledge. This is a program that is run during the school day during optional courses for students. Our volleyball program focuses on training great volleyball players and supporting them in their efforts to realize the mission and vision of the school; using sports and reflective goal-setting as a means by which to achieve this. This program begins in grade 4 and extends up to grade 9, so our students can progress seamlessly from elementary to junior high.



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Technology

Thanks to a strong and thriving School Council, we have received an abundance of educational technology for our students. Every junior high student at our school has access to a Chromebook and is able to use them throughout the day to help support their learning.



Extra-Curriculars

Aside from all the wonderful activities we engage in during the school day, we also offer many extra-curricular activities for students after classes end for the day. Our school regularly offers volleyball, basketball, badminton, track & field, archery, math club, and robotics.



Junior High Core Courses

The following is list of core subjects taught to all students:

Bible
Language Arts
Science

Social Studies
Mathematics
Physical Education

Junior High Option Courses

The following is a list of **possible** Options Courses that students may choose to participate in. Enrollment numbers will determine which of these are offered.

Foods
Art
SPACE Academy
Film Studies and Stop Motion
Worship Arts

Digital Photography
Fashion and Fabrics
Outdoor Education
Plant Science
Skills Classes



An Average Day in Junior High at Fort McMurray Christian School

2021-2022 Timetable

Core Subjects include Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, or Science

Block	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8:05 - 8:35	Bible				
2	8:38 - 9:32	Core Subject				
3	9:35 - 10:29	Health/PE	Core Subject	Health/PE	Core Subject	Health/PE
4	10:32 - 11:27	Core Subject				
	11:27-12:25	Lunch and Recess				
5	12:15 - 1:05	Core Subject				
6	1:08 - 1:45	Core Subject	JH Options Courses	Core Subject	JH Options Courses	Core Subject
7	1:48 - 2:40	Skills Class/PEAK		Skills Class/PEAK		Tutorial/PEAK

*There will be transition times and breaks between morning class as well

Other Information

Location

We are located at 107 Brett Drive and we share the building with Timberlea Public School. Our entrance is located on the east side of the building.



Childcare

We have childcare on-site through Bethel Happy Daycare.

Be sure to visit their website for more information <https://bethelhappydaycare.com/>

There is also care provided through the YMCA

Contact them directly by Phone: 780-215-5641 or see their website for more information.

Bussing

We have bussing available for anywhere north of the bridge, for a fee.



Other Information

LOCKERS

All junior high FMCS students are required to have a locker that is secured with a combination lock, provided by the school. There will be a \$5 fee charged to the student. This fee will be refunded at the end of the year, upon the return of the lock to the school. Students are required to use this lock, and are not permitted to use one of their own. Students are encouraged to leave valuables at home. In accordance with our cell phone/personal electronics procedure, students who bring their devices to school are to leave them in the lockers for the duration of the instructional day.

Lockers need to be kept in a condition that is deemed satisfactory, by administration. Failure to do so may result in locker usage privileges being revoked; in addition, a fee of up to \$50.00 may be charged, in order to restore the locker to an acceptable condition.

School Supply List

The following items are recommended for all junior high students enrolled at FMCS.

1 Binder	1-2 White gum erasers
3-4 Packs of lined paper	1 Plastic ruler
1 Pack of graphing paper	Pencil Crayons
1 Pack of dividers	Flag style post-it notes
1 Pack pens in blue or black ink	Highlighters in at least 4 colours
1 Pack of pencils	A scientific calculator

As all students are required to participate in physical education classes our physical education staff recommends that every student have: a t-shirt, a pair of shorts, a pair of sweatpants, a longer sleeved shirt or hoodie, and a pair of indoor running shoes.

Related to the above, ROYALS athletic apparel may be purchased from our online store (link below).

<https://fortmcmurraychristianschool.entripyshops.com/>

What Our Students and Parents Think

I have gotten to witness the care and effort put into working and learning as a community. We have some great Jr. High students who work with younger students and it feels like everyone loves each other, regardless of age or background.

- Parent

I have been at this school for many years and the things I like about our school is that it is a safe environment for me, without any worries, and that everyone is so kind to each other.

- Student



When I dropped our son off to the school for the first day! My heart was overwhelmed with joy. That God was in the hallways. So excited, so blessed that I felt the love around every corner from our father above. To see God's name in the schoolroom was amazing. Thank you.

- Parent

I have fun growing and watching others grow. My favorite part is probably the Worship Arts program as it fills my heart with joy. Also seeing more students join in fills my heart with joy.

- Student

I appreciate the relationships my son has made, not only in his own class but throughout the school. The small school size allows him to interact with all grades.

- Parent