



THE ROYAL HERALD

Fort McMurray Christian School

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH
PSALM 119:105 (KJV)



September 2022

BELL TIMES

First Bell - 8:00
School Starts - 8:05
Lunch 11:55
School Ends - 2:40

KINDERGARTEN	ECDP
8:05 - 10:51	11:54- 2:40

September 2022

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at the Fort McMurray Christian School (FMCS)!

We are now entering our 29th year offering Christian Education within Fort McMurray and are excited to welcome everyone back in what will surely be an exciting year. FMCS is a public alternative school within the Fort McMurray Public School District and a member of the Prairie Centre for Christian Education. We value quality Christian education where the Christian worldview provides the foundation for all of our academic and extracurricular programming. We are thrilled to see the students live out their faith in an environment that promotes inclusion, diversity, and personal excellence!

Part of the FMCS Mission Statement is ‘...to provide an education which allows children to reach their potential: academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically. As a staff, we are honoured to walk alongside your children in their journey of faith and school life. We welcome all students regardless of where they are on that journey as they work towards reaching their full God given potential! Please reach out to either myself or staff if you have any questions regarding the mission and values of FMCS. We believe strongly that FMCS is the place for our students to nurture their faith and teach them how they fit into God’s story.

On behalf of all of the staff at FMCS we are praying for a year that is full of growth, learning, and fun! I would like to extend a warm invitation for our families to our Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, September 15th from 5-7 PM in the gym.

In Him,
Mr. Geoffrey Bishop

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



Attendance

Please call the school office or email
fmcs.absences@fmcsd.ab.ca

780-743-1079

107 Brett Drive, Fort McMurray
<https://christian.fmcsd.schools.ca>

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What's Happening at FMCS?

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 No School - Labor Day	6	7 Worship Assembly	8	9 No School - PLF School Society Meeting at 7pm School Spirit Day	10
11	12	13	14 Worship Assembly	15 Welcome back BBQ & Meet the Teacher Night	16 No School - PLF	17
18	19	20 Parent Council Meeting at 7:30pm	21 Worship Assembly	22 Grades 7-9 Maqua Lake Field Trip	23 Lifetouch Picture Day	24
25	26	27 All Grades - Terry Fox Walk	28 Homegroups - No Assembly	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 No School - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Day	1



THIS FRIDAY!
School Spirit Day!

Be sure to wear any school clothing you may have. And if you don't have any yet, just wear something blue, gray, or white!

What's Happening at FMCS?



2022 - 2023 School Staff

In The Office:

Principal: Geoffrey Bishop

Head Secretary: Kitty Roberts

Secretary/Librarian: Kayla Dalley

Day Custodian: Joanne White

In Our Classrooms:

ECDP & Kindergarten: Heather-Joy Freake

Grade One: Stephanie O'Keefe

Grade Two: Jillian Jackman

Grade Three: Erica Vanden Pol

Grade Four: Rebekah Hiltz

Grade Five: Katie Lemon

Grade Six: Ronald Vanden Pol

Junior High: Kim Huygen, Ellen Polegato, Geoffrey Bishop

Physical Education: Ellen Polegato

LAC: Stephanie Merrick

Counselor: Samantha Patey

Teaching for Transformation: Ronald Vanden Pol

Educational Assistants: Chantel Lehman,

Tara Atalifo, Melissa Russell

PEAK Coach: Keegan Kuhr



Sept 27, 2022

Terry Fox Walk

To donate to the Terry Fox Foundation, please fill out the paper donation form sent home with students, and have your student return it to school along with the donation by Sept 29th.

Rooted In Christ!



This year, Fort McMurray Christian School is going to come together with students, staff, and parents to show each other how we can be **Rooted In Christ!**

Colossians 2: 6-7 (NIV) says this: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness

Our hope is to do this in a few ways:

Worship Assemblies - We want students to connect with God every week in Worship. Most Wednesdays we will be meeting together as a school and spending time worshipping God and spending some time in His Word. It was so wonderful seeing all of you at our first assembly of the month. We hope to see you all there regularly.

Homegroups - We also want students to be connecting with one another this year, so we will be dividing up classes some Wednesdays and have students from all grade levels learning together in classrooms doing activities that fit with being “Rooted In Christ”.

Sharing Examples - We will also spend some time during our assemblies together discussing people from the Bible and our own communities to help student see and learn from those who are Rooted in Christ.

If you have any questions about our yearlong School Theme of “Rooted In Christ”, please get in contact with me anytime.

**Mr. Vanden Pol
Christian Education Coordinator**

Volunteer Information

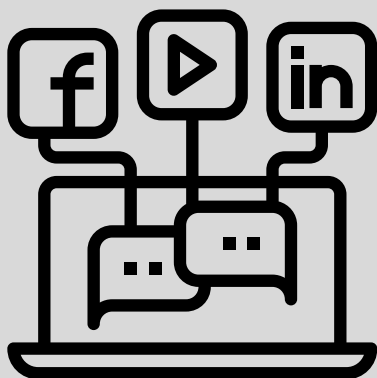
Volunteers are an important part of school. We are excited to be working with our School Council to recruit and provide volunteering opportunities.

In preparation, we have prepared volunteer packages that are available in the office or can be sent home with your child. Included in the package is information about volunteering, the purpose and responsibilities of volunteers, a volunteer registration form and a Criminal Record Check form. Also included is a sample RCMP letter and information to get a Criminal Record Check at no cost to you.

Please email bobbi.compton@gmail.com or contact the office if you would like a volunteer package sent home or if you have any questions.

We look forward to you joining us and volunteering,

FMCS Staff



Stay Informed

There are many ways to communicate with each other and schools are no exception. We thought it might be a good idea to share all of the ways you can stay informed about things that are happening at the school in case you weren't following us already.

Website - <https://christian.fmpsdschools.ca/>

Our Website is a great place to find out when major school events are and important links.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FMChristianRoyals/>

Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/fm_christian_school/

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ChristianFMPSD>

Our Social Media Pages are regularly updated with pictures and upcoming events.

22/23 Bussing Update



We currently share the Timberlea bus (TL1/CS3) but space is limited for FMCS students. This bus services the areas of Cartier, Cree, Harpe, and Lougheed. Stops outside the catchment area for Timberlea School will not be serviced. Students living outside the TL catchment area are welcome to walk to the nearest yellow bus stop on the run if there is space available. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and commitment to Fort McMurray Christian School.

Paying Fees

ECDP fees, Bus fees, Field trips fees , Hot Lunch (once it is running), and other yearly fundraisers will be able to be paid through Parent Portal. The Society School Fee can be paid through our Society Admin, Carolina Boyer. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 780-743-1079 . **We are currently in the process of uploading ECDP and Bus fees into Parent Portal

FMCS School Council



The poster features a light blue background with decorative elements: colorful wavy lines on the left, a lightbulb icon on the right, and a green vine at the bottom left. The main text is centered and reads: 'School Council Meeting'. Below this, a dark green chalkboard-style box contains the invitation text. To the right of the chalkboard are two exclamation marks and the school's logo.

School Council Meeting

Looking for a way to get involved in the school and add your voice to the conversation? Join us for our first School Council Meeting of the year!

Tuesday September 20th
7:30pm
At the School



The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a cross in the center. The text 'FORT MCMURRAY' is written across the middle, and 'CHRISTIAN SCHOOL' is written at the bottom.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Society Admin, Carolina Bolivar!

If you have any questions regarding our Society, or would like to make a payment for school fees in the office, Carolina will be able to assist you between the hours of 8am-11am and 1:30pm-2:40pm each school day.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF FORT MCMURRAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

LOCATION: FORT MCMURRAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

TIME: 7 PM

TOPIC: FUNDING REQUEST FOR SOCIETY TO COVER .55 FTE JR. HIGH MATH/SCIENCE TEACHING POSITION

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING AS A VOTING MEMBER YOU MUST:

COMPLETE THE SOCIETY REGISTRATION FORM

WHEN COMPLETING THE FORM, PLEASE REVIEW SCHEDULE A: VISION & MISSION DOCUMENT AND SIGNIFY YOUR AGREEMENT WITH IT AND AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY.

CHECK THE BOX THAT SAYS THAT YOU WISH TO BECOME A VOTING MEMBER

A VOTING MEMBER REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE SO LONG AS THEY:

A. ACKNOWLEDGE SCHEDULE A: VISION & MISSION DOCUMENT & OUR BYLAWS

B. MEMBERSHIP FEE PAID IN FULL

C. MONTHLY PROGRAM FEES ARE UP TO DATE OR APPROVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PLAN IN PLACE

EACH HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO HAVE ONE VOTING MEMBER VOTE AT ANY GIVEN AGM OR SPECIAL MEETING. THE EXPECTATION OF VOTING MEMBERS IS THAT THEY WILL ATTEND ALL GENERAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS CALLED BY THE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE. IF YOU OPT TO PARTICIPATE AS A VOTING MEMBER, YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE WE CAN ACHIEVE QUORUM. TO ACTIVATE YOUR PARTICIPATION AS A VOTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$50 AT THE FIRST MEETING YOU ATTEND.*

* THE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FEE WAS WAIVED LAST YEAR. IF PAYING THIS \$50 FEE POSES A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, YOU MAY COMPLETE A FORM REQUESTING IT BE WAIVED THIS YEAR.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE LETTER WE DISTRIBUTED ON AUGUST 26TH FOR MORE DETAILS.

