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Fort McMurray Christian School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

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As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to our school community and culture. The Society Executive and School Council have been instrumental in contributing to student experience and the overall success of the school and for this we are grateful. We also thank the 'army' of parents and caregivers who give of their time every single day! It is what makes our school stand above the rest knowing we have such support and encouragement that lends to student success.

With two more months to go we are looking forward to ending the year strong. We are excited to have our first annual ServeYMM being held at McMurray Gospel Assembly on May 12th and 13th. This will be an opportunity to build community and relationship amongst youth groups and the churches that are represented within the four walls of the school.

We are preparing for the next school year as we project a growth in our school of around 250 students. Our Education Plan has been submitted and includes a focus on adding resources and professional learning in the areas of literacy and numeracy. As always, we will make growing in our Christian Education offerings a priority as we point students towards Christ.

As a school community, we have worked hard throughout the year to ensure that our students receive the best possible Christian education and experience. We believe that God is on the move as we welcome new families and students into our Christ-centred community regardless of where they are on their journey of faith. We are excited to finish the year with a firm foundation to move forward and believe that there are great things to come for Fort McMurray Christian School.

Please continue to keep our staff, students, families, and school in your prayers as we continue on this journey together,

In Him,

Mr. Geoffrey Bishop Principal

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

780-743-1079 107 Brett Drive, Fort McMurray https://christian.fmpsdschools.ca



Summer 2023

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.



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FORT MCMURRAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Presents

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GRADES 5-9

MCMURRAY GOSPEL ASSEMBLY 10110 MAIN ST. FORT MCMURRAY AB

serveymm.com

FRI 6:30PM-9:30PM GAMES /FOOD

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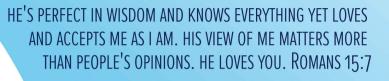
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Why Choose Us?

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DEDICATED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS
HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS
MISSION TRIPS AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
PEAK VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY
NUMEROUS FIELD TRIPS
JR. HIGH LOUNGE
SPACE ACADEMY (ROBOTICS), FOODS,

WORSHIP ARTS, AND MORE!

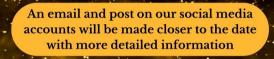
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At Family Christian Center

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MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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2022 - 2023 School Staff

In The Office: Principal: Geoffrey Bishop Head Secretary: Kitty Roberts Secretary/Librarian: Kayla Dalley Day Custodian: Helena MacDonald

In Our Classrooms: **ECDP & Kindergarten: Heather-Joy Freake** Grade One: Stephanie O'Keefe Grade Two: Jillian Jackman Grade Three: Abiola Bamidele-Hambolu Grade Four: Rebekah Hiltz Grade Five: Katie Lemon Grade Six: Ronald Vanden Pol Junior High: Kim Huygen, Tyneille Neufeld, Ellen Polegato, Geoffrey Bishop Physical Education: Ellen Polegato LAC: Stephanie Merrick **Counselor: Samantha Patey** Teaching for Transformation: Ronald Vanden Pol Educational Assistants: Tara Atalifo, Oksana Bodnarchuk, Chantel Lehman, Melissa Russell, Omoyemi Aboderin PEAK Coach: Keegan Kuhr





ART AND CULTURE NIGHT

June 1 5pm-7pm Fort McMurray Christian School Please see our social media pages for further details

What's Happening at FMCS?



JUNIOR HIGH EXAMS

All exams will be 9am-11am. Students with permission will be allowed to leave the exam and campus after 60 minutes. All students writing PATs and regular year end exams may have double the time to complete their exams.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22	\rightarrow SOCIAL
FRIDAY, JUNE 23	\rightarrow SCIENCE
MONDAY, JUNE 26	\rightarrow MATH

GRADE 9 PATS

MONDAY, MAY 15	\rightarrow ELA PART A
TUESDAY, JUNE 20	\rightarrow ELA PART B
THURSDAY, JUNE 22	\rightarrow MATH PART A
FRIDAY, JUNE 23	\rightarrow MATH PART B
MONDAY, JUNE 26	\rightarrow SOCIAL
TUESDAY, JUNE 27	\rightarrow SCIENCE

JUNE 23 IS GRADE 9 GRAD / CELEBRATION*



Friday, May 5th Victoria Day Long weekend May 19-22 Friday, June 2nd LAST DAY for ALL Students-Thursday, June 29 **Summer break June 30 till August 28**



Want to see more of what's taking place in our school? Check out: https://christian.fmpsdschools.ca/home/news

Calling all readers!

Living Books is a Christian book company that came to our school in April to host a book fair. They enjoyed being here so much that they have created a book flyer just for us! During the month of May, you can use code FMCSBOOKFAIR and our school will earn 10% back of sales as new books!



Teaching For Transformation!



During March and April, our school was learning all about Idolatry Discerning and teaching students how to avoid the pulls of this world and stay focused on Christ. Grade 4 and ECDP/K did a great job supporting us through this essential conversation.

Our Tree continues to bloom thanks to all the amazing work of our kids living out the Throughlines every day. We are looking forward to the end of the year when we can celebrate what an incredible year it has been.

Also a big thank you to you, our parents, for all your prayers and support. Our Easter Concert was once again an amazing time of Community Building and it was so great to welcome 3 more parents to our School Society to continue supporting Christian Education.



We trust you are allowing "your hearts to unfurl like flowers before him" in the warmth of the spring season, and joining all of creation in awakening to new life!

We are are excited to announce that we were able to host a Spring AGM and are pleased to announce that we have confirmed **Jennifer Godrick, Colleen Dorchak**, and **Melissa Walker** as directors on the Society Executive Board. Current Chair **Christine Gogolinski** was also confirmed to fulfill another 3 year term on the Society Executive. We would also like to say thank you to **Clementina Okoro** for serving for the past 3 years. She will be greatly missed as her term ends in November 2023 and she has chosen not to put her name forward for another term. Thank you Clementina!

We also voted on and approved a proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year. The highlight of this budget is that we have approved up to .55 in funding for a teacher in our junior high program. The school division has committed to funding 1.45, provided that we meet or exceed our enrolment projections for September 30, 2023. Should we exceed projections, and have enough enrolment to require more than 1.45 from the division, society's investment will decrease. Effectively, this ensures that we will have 2 full time junior high teachers entering the school year in the fall.

The Spring AGM allows us to organize ourselves well and be proactive with the goal of starting school in September with a great plan in place. This allows us to support our teaching staff and school administrators in providing the best possible in school experience for our students.

Thank you for making the effort to support the Spring AGM and your continuous prayers for the prospering and flourishing of our school. We are looking forward to the arts and culture potluck night, our year end worship celebration and Serve YMM!

Please take a minute and fill out the teaching for transformation survey that Principal Bishop sent out earlier this week. It will help us review how we are integrating our faith into the learning experience and help us set some great goals and improve on the awesome things already happening in our school.

Yours faithfully,

Society Executive



Demographic Checks & New Registration

Our teachers have begun to prepare for the upcoming school year, and to help them with this, we kindly ask all parents and guardians to complete their child's demographic form as soon as possible. This form can be found by following <u>this</u> <u>link</u>.

If you have a child that will be new to our school in the upcoming school year, please click on **this link**.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.







The following fees can be paid through Parent Portal:

Bus fees, ECDP Fees, Field Trip Fees Hot Lunch Program, and other yearly fees as they arise

The Society **School Fee** can be paid through our Society Admin, Carolina Boyer. Carolina is in the building from 8-11 and 1:30-2:40 each school day. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 780-743-1079.

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 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





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.

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