



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)



Spring 2024

BELL TIMES
 First Bell - 8:00
 School Start - 8:05
 Lunch - 11:55
 School Ends - 2:40

ECDP AM : 8:00 - 10:50
KINDERGARTEN AM : 8:00- 10:50
 PM : 11:54-2:40

Spring 2024

Principal's Letter - Spring 2024

Dear Fort McMurray Christian School Families,

I trust this message finds you well. As I write this we are preparing for our first international missions trip. Partnering with our friends at YWAM Fort McMurray we leave this Friday for California. We are in amazement of how God has brought this all together and we look forward to the transformation we will witness in both the students and those that they will encounter. Moreover, Spring break is just around the corner and though spring may take its time to unveil its full splendour in Fort McMurray, rest assured, it's on its way, and for that we are grateful!

At FMCS, our commitment remains steadfast in nurturing an environment where learning, personal growth, and spiritual development intertwine seamlessly. Each child walking our halls is a unique reflection of God's design, and it's our privilege to provide a school where they can flourish, guided by faith and fueled by curiosity in preparation for the world that they will inherit. We remind them regularly that they are all beautiful people! We continue to be blessed by the genuine care and expertise of our Christian teachers and staff who continue to invest in each and every student on a daily basis. We ask that you uphold our school, our students, and our dedicated staff members in prayer as we strive to be beacons of light and agents of positive change in our community and the world around us.

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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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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Principal's Letter

With less than three months left we look forward to our second annual ServeYMM! This is an event for ALL youth between grades 5-9 from across the city to gather on May 31st and June 1st at McMurray Gospel Assembly. We are excited to have Pastor Darren Aucoin be our speaker! There will be live music, workshops, delicious food, and service projects. It's going to be a blast and serves as an excellent way for students to connect in a service oriented environment.

There are many exciting opportunities to be involved as we continue to provide Christian Education in Fort McMurray. We are excited about hosting galas, expanding into high school, having families take active roles in School Council and Society, volunteering for ServeYMM, and the list goes on. We can only make FMCS what it is with your help! For more information, check out the Google form [HERE](#).

Finally, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in the education and spiritual formation of your child. May this season of renewal bring you joy, peace, and a renewed sense of hope and purpose. Let us finish the year off strong as we look forward to a summer of rest.

Yours in Christ and Education,



Mr. Geoffrey Bishop
Fort McMurray Christian School Principal

FORT MCMURRAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH YOUTH WITH A MISSION FORT MCMURRAY (YWAM)

JH Missions Trip

Please join us in praying for our Junior High students and missions teams as they prepare for their missions trip to California

"In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people." Mark 10:45

2023 - 2024 School Staff

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

In Our Classrooms:
ECDP: Jennifer Dunham
Kindergarten AM/PM: Heather-Joy Freake
Grade One: Stephanie O'Keefe
Grade One/Two Split: Timothy Dikit
Grade Two: Jillian Jackman
Grade Three: Eunice Muzibao
Grade Four: Erica McIntyre
Grade Five: Katie Lemon
Grade Six: Gayle Neil
Junior High: Kim Huygen, Jonathan MacIntosh
Ellen Polegato, Geoffrey Bishop
Physical Education: Ellen Polegato
LAC: Stephanie Merrick
Counselor: Samantha Patey
Teaching for Transformation:
Educational Assistants: Tara Atalifo, Oksana Bodnarchuk, Julie Bursey, Cathy Kirschner, Chantal Lehman, Melissa Russell, Chelsea Walker
PEAK Coach: Carrie Fedun

Register Now!

WWW.CHRISTIAN.FMPSD.CA

ECDP - GR 6 & JUNIOR HIGH

Fort McMurray Christian School
Fort McMurray Public Schools

ROYALS

Fort McMurray Christian School
Junior High

CHECK US OUT!

What's Happening at FMCS?



NO SCHOOL!

Spring Break: Friday, Apr 12th -Friday, Apr 19th

****Class resumes Monday, Apr 22nd****

Friday, May 3rd

Victoria Day Long Weekend:

Friday, May 17th & Monday, May 20th

Friday, June 7th

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, June 26th

****Summer break June 27th to Sept 3rd****



STUDENT LED

Parent Teacher Interviews

Apr 9th 5pm-8pm

Apr 11th 4pm-7pm



SAVE THE DATE
Grade 1 Celebration
06.14.23

An email and post on our social media accounts will be made closer to the date with more detailed information



Kindergarten

Graduation

PHOTOS

Friday, April 26th

Kindergarten graduation

JUNE 21ST 2024



HELLO SPRING



Want to see more of what's taking place in our school?

Check out:

<https://christian.fmpsdschools.ca/home/news>

What's Happening at FMCS?



Fort McMurray
Public Schools

HE'S PERFECT IN WISDOM AND KNOWS EVERYTHING YET LOVES AND ACCEPTS ME AS I AM. HIS VIEW OF ME MATTERS MORE THAN PEOPLE'S OPINIONS. HE LOVES YOU. ROMANS 15:7



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Why Choose Us?

- ✓ SMALLER CLASS SIZES
- ✓ DEDICATED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS
- ✓ HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS
- ✓ MISSION TRIPS & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ PEAK VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY
- ✓ SPACE ACADEMY (ROBOTICS), FOODS, WORSHIP ARTS, & MORE!
- ✓ PEAK VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY
- ✓ JR. HIGH LOUNGE

Open House
May 15
5-7pm



FORT MCMURRAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL US

780-743-1079

WWW.CHRISTIAN.FMPSDSCHOOLS.CA

Upcoming Fun Days

Apr 5th
Noah's Ark Day



Apr 26th
School Spirit



Apr 30th
Red or Blue Day



May 10th
Cultural Day



May 24th
School Spirit



May 31st
Future Career Day



***PLEASE CHECK
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
PAGES FOR
MONTHLY CUT-
OFF DATES

Hot Lunch
has begun

Orders and payment can be
made through parent portal***



Fort McMurray
Public Schools

**CURRENT STUDENT
DEMOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION
FOR THE 2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR
NOW ONLINE**

Fort McMurray Christian School Presents

May 31st- June 2nd

Grades 5-9

More details to follow!





Hello from your Christian School Society Executive,

We have had a busy couple of months highlighted by our General Meeting held in January where we reported the following:

- Our school continues to grow - we currently have 296 students!
- We are encouraged by a great working relationship with Superintendent Annalee Nutter and the Fort McMurray Public School Division.
- Our Master Partnership Agreement negotiations are ongoing and we have engaged legal assistance. We believe an agreement that clarifies our relationship with the Division and allows us to uphold the values that make us a uniquely Christian school is in sight!
- We have been presented with a couple options that would allow our school to expand to include Gr. 10 - 12 by September. We have rejected 2 options, as they do not fulfill our vision for fully integrated Christian teaching in every part of education, however are pursuing other concepts. We are encouraged that the dialogue has been constructive and will continue.
- We have commissioned Amy Keller-Rempp and will be revealing her original artwork, that honours our founding principal Vincella Thompson and long time principal Joe Champion, at our upcoming Gala.

Financially, God has blessed us and new gains in enrollment will cover the top ups for salaries of our Junior High teachers and Christian Education Coordinator and so we will not need to use our reserve funds as was motioned, and approved, at our Spring General Meeting.

We would appreciate your consideration and involvement as we have formed four committees, in an effort to continue with the momentum of moving our school community forward. Please contact the individual noted with the committee you could lend your expertise to.

- High School Development: Please contact Jennifer Goodrick at seda@fmcssociety.com
- Building Expansion: Please contact Colleen Dorchak at secretary@fmcssociety.com
- ServeYMM Leadership Team: Please contact Christine Gogolinski at chair@fmcssociety.com

Our Spring General Meeting is approaching on April 29th at 7pm. If you would like to join and have the leadership and executive skills as well as capacity and desire to serve please respond to chair@fmcssociety.com before April 8 with a letter of interest.

Thank you for praying for our school, our teachers, our administrators and executive as well as all of our children.

Faithfully Yours,

The Fort McMurray Christian School Society Executive



From the Office

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Get Reading Gazette

a newsletter of information and inspiration for kids!



Looking for books for your child? Please check out Living Books for vetted, Christian material.

The complete children's flyer can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to use FMCSBOOKFAIR on your order to help our school earn free books!

Family Devotions for Easter
 Amos's Adventure
 ARNOLD YTREIDE
 Witness the days leading to Jesus' resurrection through the eyes of 13-year-old Amos. **Ages 8-12**. 8.5x9.25" 22.95

A Fun Way to Help Children Read, Understand, and Love the Entire Bible
 Bible Recap Kids' Devotional
 185+ LIGHT COVERS!
 Explain and connect the story of Scripture with 365 devotions and activities. **Ages 8-12**. 7x9" Softcover. 40.95

Word Searches with a Bible Trivia Twist
 In the beginning... of Time and Space
 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void. And darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.


Bible Stories for New Readers
 My Illustrated Bible for Beginning Readers
 30 classic Bible stories that children can read all by themselves with charming illustrations and easy-to-understand language. *I Can Read!* Level 1. **Ages 5-7**. 7.5x8" Hardcover. 20.95

Red Rock Mysteries
 JERRY B. JENKINS & CHRIS FABRY
 13-year-old twins unearth action-packed mystery as they grow their faith!
Ages 8-12. 5.5x7.5" Softcovers
 Books #1-15 sold individually 9.95 each
 Boxed Sets #1-3, 4-6, 7-9 26.95/set
 #10-12, 13-15 27.95/set

Corner
 What series is set in an animal park?
 Submit your answer to be entered into a monthly draw for \$10 towards a book from our catalogue!

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SCHOOL ABSENCES

SPORTS TOURNAMENT COMING UP?
 GOING ON VACATION?
 YOUR CHILD WOKE UP SICK?

For absences of **ANY** reason please let our office know **before 8am** of the upcoming school day

To report an absence, please call or email:
 780-743-1079
fmcs.absences@fmcsd.ab.ca

IS YOUR EMAIL UP TO DATE?

“We use emails as our main method of communication! If you do not receive our school emails, please check your junk box or contact our school office”



Paying Fees

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

*Bus & ECDP fees can be paid through pre-authorized payment with a credit card. Please see the office to for more details.

All pre-authorized payments will be complete by March 2024

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.

Volunteer Information

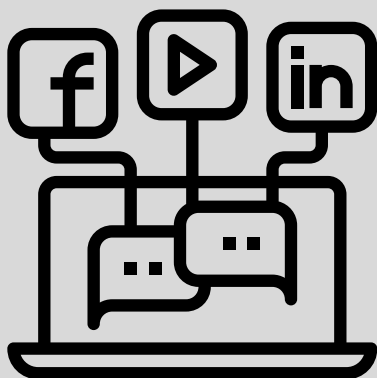
Volunteers are an important part of school. We are excited to be working with our School Council to recruit and provide volunteering opportunities.

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



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.

2023-2024 DIVISION CALENDAR

August 2023						
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	PLF Staff Only					
	Important Day - Staff					
	School Break All					
	PD Day - Staff Only					
	Stat Holiday - All					

December 2023						
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April 2024						
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July 2024						
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Semester 1	
Operational Days:	100
Instructional Days:	87
Semester 2	
Operational Days:	94
Instructional Days:	85
Total Operational:	194
Total Instructional:	172

- August**
- 7 Heritage Day Stat Holiday
 - 16 Schools open for registration
 - 17 First day for Administrators
 - 22 First day for Teachers
 - 24 First day, School-Based CUPE
 - 28 First day for Students
- December**
- 1 PLF #6 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 15 PLF #7 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 22 Non-operational (No school)
 - 25 Christmas Stat Holiday (No school)
 - 26 Day in Lieu Stat Holiday (No school)
 - 27-29 Christmas Break (No school)
- April**
- 1 Easter Monday Day in Lieu (No school)
 - 12 PLF #11 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 15-19 Spring Break (No school)

- September**
- 1 PLF #1 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 4 Labour Day Stat Holiday (No school)
 - 15 PLF #2 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 29 Day in Lieu of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - 30 Stat Holiday National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
- January**
- 2 New Years Day Stat Holiday
 - 2-5 Christmas Break (No school)
 - 26 PLF #8 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 31 Semester 2 Begins
- May**
- 3 PLF #12 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 17 PTL Day in Lieu (No school)
 - 20 Victoria Day Stat Holiday (No school)

- October**
- 6 Day in Lieu (No school)
 - 9 Thanksgiving Stat Holiday (No school)
 - 20 PLF #3 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 27 Institute Day (No school for students)
- February**
- 2 PD Day (No school)
 - 16 PLF #9 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 19 Family Day Stat Holiday
 - 26-1 Teachers' Convention (No school)
 - 29 Teachers' Convention (ATA Staff Only)
- June**
- 7 PLF #13 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 26 Last Day Students
 - 27 Last Day Staff

- November**
- 3 PLF #4 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 10 Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day (No school)
 - 11 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
 - 24 PLF #5 Staff Only (No school for students)
- March**
- 1 Teachers' Convention (No school for students)
 - 15 PLF #10 Staff Only (No school for students)
 - 29 Good Friday Stat Holiday (No school)
- July**
- 1 Canada Day Stat Holiday

