

# École Mother Teresa School

## October Newsletter

Thank you to all our families for the wonderful messages, conversations and smiles as Mrs. Miller and I were welcomed into Ecole Mother Teresa School. This past Friday, our school community brought awareness to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and created an installation art on our Learning Commons windows. If you have not had the chance to drive by and see, we encourage you to do so. There are many wonderful events occurring in the month of October and we encourage you to come out and get involved.



### Important Information

- **Faith:** A big thank you to Peter Van Kampen who led our confirmation retreat during the last weekend in September. There were over 70 kids from EMTS and surrounding areas who gathered together to learn about the sacrament of confirmation in an exciting and engaging way. Thank you, Peter.
- **Cell phones:** To continue ensuring students have an optimal learning environment, **we ask that you please contact the office if you need to get in touch with your child.** We are noticing a significant increase in the use of cell phones, unwanted social media within school hours and students wanting to check their cellphones many times throughout the day, including during instructional time. We have brought this concern to our parent council meeting in September and will continue to monitor parent, teacher and admin concerns.
- **Schoology:** If you have not signed up as a parent on Schoology, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or if you have any questions, please connect with Mrs. Miller [kristin.miller@rdcrs.ca](mailto:kristin.miller@rdcrs.ca). For those parents who have signed up, you will notice current assessments are being inputted into schoology and **NOT** powerschool. We encourage you to be using the schoology app or schoology website to stay up to date on your child's progress. Here is the link to our school website that will walk you step-by-step through schoology set up and how-to's. [EMTS schoology support for parents](#). Please note that the front page of powerschool will be hidden as it will no longer have the most current or up-to-date assessments and will only cause confusion for parents and students if available.
- **New Curriculum:** Our grade 5 and 6 teachers are collaboratively working hard to implement the new Alberta curriculums in both Math and English Language Arts. Please know that as a parent, there is lots of information and many resources to help keep you in the loop about the new curriculums. [New curriculum info for parents](#)
- **Athletics:** Crusaders athletics is off to a great start. We had many students participate in the Dawe Run in Red Deer and will be competing in CENNA's on Oct 5th. We also have 4 volleyball teams on the go and we want to say a big thank you to the coaches and teacher reps who are volunteering countless hours to our athletic community. Please see our [school calendar](#) for the most updated athletic events.

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- **Social Media:** We are actively posting on our Facebook and Instagram accounts, please follow them to see all the good things occurring within our school community.
- Just a gentle reminder that students are NOT permitted to sell or buy items from each other on school property before, during or after school hours. This includes drinks, candy, chips, trinkets and so on. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Important Dates

- **October 3-** Terry Fox Run from 1:00-3:00 p.m.- volunteers are always needed
- **October 4-** Thanksgiving Celebration 9:00 a.m.- all are welcome
- **October 6-** PD Day- No School for students
- **October 9-** Thanksgiving- No School
- **October 10-** World Mental Health Day
- **October 11-** Jeans and Jersey Day
- **October 13-** Picture Day
- **October 17-** School council meeting (Budget)
- **October 27-** P.D.Day- No School
- **October 31-** Halloween

A gentle reminder that school fees are updated on Rycor. Please login to see your balance. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Rutherford in the front office. We will begin to make phone calls or send emails in the near future to help you out with these.

We want to thank you again for all your support and conversations over the past month. As always, please do not hesitate to ask questions or reach out. Our school office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for phone calls and inquiries.

Yours in Christ,



Mme Erika Pottage

This picture was taken following our first School Council meeting, God is wonderful at reminding us of His presence.



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