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To Ecole Mother Teresa School Grade 7 parents,

Alberta Education will be sending you a survey in the mail asking for your feedback about Ecole Mother Teresa School. We encourage you to fill out this survey as your voice is valued. The results of the Alberta Education survey, along with other surveys you will receive in the coming months are used to help guide programs, address school needs and celebrate the great things we do here. We know you will join us in feeling a sense of pride when you review the many accomplishments and goals. Many thanks for the enthusiasm and dedication of students, staff, School Council, and parents for their contributions to these achievements.

As a school, we use the results from the survey to help plan the next school year. The more accurate the data we receive, the clearer our school plan will be for 2023-2024. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey online or to send it back to the school; where we can mail it for you.

All parents/guardians who receive the Accountability Pillar Parent survey will have the option to complete the survey either online or on paper. All of this information will come to you in the mail.

Please be aware that an "I don't know" response translates into a negative result (disagree/dissatisfied) for the school. If you are unsure of a question on the survey please call me at the school and I will try to answer your questions or if it does not apply check no applicable.

To help you better answer the survey questions, we have put together some highlights of the awesome work our staff and students continue to do. While this is not a complete list of our school's achievements, we hope this will inform and provide you with information helpful in responding to the school survey.

The data in these surveys is crucial for our school. It is used to ensure that we continue to grow and offer excellent programming. We would like to thank all parents for continuing to trust us with the honorable task of educating your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the school as we have worked hard to ensure an open door policy and communication.

On behalf of my Admin team, Mrs Miller and myself, we thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter.

God Bless,

Erika Pottage - Principal

EMTS Highlight Sheet

Category 1: Safe and Caring - is your school a welcoming place?

- Supporting that all students are cared for by one another as unique gifts from God
- Christian service and charity projects - Terry Fox Run, Food Bank, Gifts for Grandparents, Kindness Crusaders, Lenten project - Doors of Mercy
- Increased supervision at lunch hour to allow for one supervisor in each class
- Crisis plan in place including planned fire drills, evacuations, Hold & Secure and Lockdowns
- School operations
 - We host a new student luncheon for all new students and staff in September
 - Friendship, Worry & Rainbows Groups offered for students
 - In class presentations from our counseling, Family School Counsellor leaders and community connections

Category 2: Program of Studies - What programs are offered at your school?

- Increased focus on French culture with activities such as Réveillon, Malicounda French Concert, Carnaval
- School-wide Drama production occurring in March, MS athletic team sports, Middle School developmental sports programs
- iMind (gr 5) and Flex lessons (6-9) which focuses on building resilience and teaching students how to choose a Growth Mindset,. These lessons help to prepare students for life both in and out of school.
- New Curriculum implementation in grades 5 and 6
- Leadership opportunities for students including Kindness Crusaders, Leadership program, Ment To Matter leadership

Category 3: Education Quality - Learning has a purpose.

- Mental Health and Wellness presentations for ALL students by community agencies and counsellors
- Authentic Learning experiences in exploratory classes and all subject areas (hands on, community related)
- Academic assistance offered through Educational Assistants, LIFT Team and Counselling Team
- Monies donated by Parent Council to provide experiences in our community – faith activities, musicals, school-based presentations and activities
- Use of educational technology in ALL classrooms

Category 4: Work Preparation - Preparing students for the World of Work.

- Our Exploratory courses in grades 6 and 7 have been modified to allow students to experience 12 different career and technology courses to expose students to possible careers and courses in high school
- Our school-wide focus on Spirituality shows that each student is different and has different God-given gifts to improve the world around them
- Mock interviews and career learning opportunities for Grade 9 students
- Intentional career connections are made through authentic and hands-on classroom learning experiences.
- Grade 9 students attend Discovery Day the high schools to experience High School options there

Category 5: Citizenship - Students understand how to be good students.

- Focus on developing a sense of Catholic Citizenship at school, community, local and global levels by building connections

- Student celebrations have shifted a focus to our Crusader Award recognising students who model the attributes of Mother Teresa
- Model for students how to solve conflict and show forgiveness using Christ as the model
- Global Catholic Service – Gifts for Grandparents, Chalis Student Sponsorship Program, Christmas Hampers, monetary food bank donation, Lenten Doors of Mercy
- Nurturing our students to be *Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture & Serve*

Category 6: Parent Involvement - You are informed and have a voice in the school.

- Use of social media to promote educational activities and events – Facebook & Instagram
- Meet the Staff Night held prior to the first day of school so kids know their classrooms and teachers
- Regular School Council meetings
- School Weekly Updates and monthly newsletters
- Schoology reporting program online to provide parents with feedback on student progress
- Year end BBQ, Band & Choir concerts, Leadership and Parent Council planning school wide activities such as school dances and Shrove Tuesday
- Parent volunteers have been welcomed into our school for hot lunch, special activity day judging, Terry Fox run, Exploratory courses, and much more (thank you!)

Category 7: School Improvement - Is the school adapting to the needs of children?

- Sensory tools available in classrooms – rocking chairs, stand up desks, wiggle cushions, Hokki stools, headphones, ball chairs, fidget tools
- Implementation of school-wide PD sessions focusing on assessment, new curriculum, collaborations, mental health, optimal learning environments, strong French language learning experiences
- Enhancement of our Learning Commons featuring Maker Space resources and high tech options for all students such as our laser printer and 3D printer
- Open communication with parents has been open-door and welcoming, listening to concerns

Nurturing the Spirit, While Feeding the Mind