

École Our Lady of the Rosary School
2018 - 2019



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Greetings from Administration

Welcome to all families of École Our Lady of the Rosary School for the 2018-2019 school year. Our focus is on faith, curriculum, technology and healthy living. We look forward to working with all students and parents to create a successful, educational, memorable and faith filled school year.

Our division theme this year is *“God, let them see You in me!”*
“Dieu, laisse-les Te voir en moi!”

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

École Our Lady of the Rosary School, in partnership with home, church and community, is committed to making Christ known to children through a variety of rich learning opportunities in French or English. We provide all students with a safe and nurturing environment that develops the whole child, fostering their intellectual, social, physical, and spiritual growth.

We look forward to your support in providing your child with the best educational experience possible.

Letting Christ Shine Within,
Mme Diane Kulczycki
Principal
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SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Learning, listening & following Jesus.

SCHOOL DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools #39 is committed to serve the children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and tradition within the means of the District. We make His life, mission and teaching our focal points of belief and conduct within our Catholic schools. Therefore, the education of the whole child—intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social, physical, and spiritual—**IS OUR SERVICE COMMITMENT.**

Principles of Practice

- > **We honour children ...**
Our schools are child-centered communities. We celebrate each student as a unique child of Christ through our love, caring and respect.
- > **Children feel safe and secure ...**
Our schools provide an environment of belonging for all children through gospel-centered communities of hope.
- > **We live and proudly proclaim our Catholic Christian faith ...**
Our faith permeates our thoughts, words and deeds as we model Jesus, serving children first.
- > **We provide quality education in a Catholic environment ...**
Our schools maintain high standards of academic achievement while fostering life long faith development.
- > **We are a prayerful education community ...**
Our Catholic Christian education system reflects the communion of home, school and church providing daily opportunities for prayer and celebration of our faith.
- > **Our staff practices servant-leadership ...**
Staff members are committed members of our faith community who serve the family, school and church.
- > **Clarity of purpose focuses us on our mission ...**
Our Catholic Christian faith is clearly and consistently communicated and supports our unique and distinct ministry.
- > **We value our staff ...**
Our staff members are an integral part of our community and we affirm their ministry and life long journey.

Safe and Caring Schools

In Red Deer Catholic Regional Division we are proud to proclaim that our principles of practice underline everything we do. The first two statements in our Principles of Practice support our commitment to Safe and Caring Schools:

We honor our children.
We provide a safe & secure environment.

Our schools are places where all students, staff and parents feel welcome. Our motto, “**Inspired by Christ, Aspiring to Excellence**” and our Principles of Practice, proudly proclaim that our schools are Christ-filled centers that ensure a satisfactory climate for learning and that we respect each student as a person, unique in God’s creation.

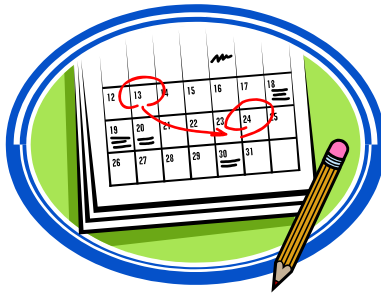
Our Division has clear administrative procedures outlining the division’s policy on student behavior and staff discipline procedures. These are located in Administrative Procedures # 310-314 and can be found on the division’s web site.

Our division Education Plan further outlines our commitment in Goal 2 Outcome 2.2 “Schools are safe and caring” and Outcome 2.3 “Children at risk have their needs addressed through effective programs and supports.” We are serious about ensuring our students feel safe at school and are in a Catholic Christian environment conducive to learning.

Each school has student behavior expectations specific to the needs of that school to ensure a safe and caring environment. Expectations are shared with students at the beginning of each year and are also shared with parents so we can work together to provide all students with the best possible education.

2018-2019 School Calendar

August 29	Meet the Staff 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
August 30	1st Student Day
September 3	Labour Day
September 28	Opening Mass @ OLA Church @ 9 AM
October 8	Thanksgiving Day
October 16 & 17	School Photos
October 5	PD Day – No School
November 5 & 6	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4 – 7 PM
November 7	Lieu Day – NO SCHOOL
November 8 & 9	Remembrance Day
November 13	School Photo Retake – AM Only
November 23	PD Day – Begin with Mass @ OLA Church
December 7	PD Day – No School
December 14	Advent Mass @ OLA Church @ 9:00 AM
December 22 – Jan 6	Christmas Break
January 7	1st Day back from Christmas Break
February 1	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
February 13	Shrove Tuesday
February 18	Family Day
February 25 – Mar 1	Winter Break
March 5	Shrove Tuesday
March 6	Ash Wednesday Service @ 10:10 AM
March 14 & 15	PD Day – No School
March 27 & 28	Student Led Conferences 4 – 7 PM
March 29	Lieu Day – No School
Apr 12	PD Day – NO School
Apr 19	Good Friday
Apr 22	Easter Monday
May 17	PD Day – No School
May 20	Victoria Day – No School
May TBA	Spring & Grad Photos
May 21	Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
June 21	Year End Mass @ OLA Church @ 9:00 AM
June 27	Last Student Day – Students pick up Report Cards
June 28	Teacher Admin Day



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1. Academic Programs

École Our Lady of the Rosary offers both French Immersion and English based programming.

French Immersion:

- Is a highly successful approach to second language learning
- Increases learning and listening skills
- Is a program for everyone and is adaptable to meet the needs of everyone
- Increases thinking skills and results in being a more creative thinker
- Increases communication skills
- Interactive technology integrated into all learning

2. Student Support Services

School Counselors – Teachers, parents or students themselves may refer students to a counsellor. Referrals are made directly to the counsellor via the school staff or by telephone.

Family School Enhancement Counsellor – The Family School Enhancement Counsellor's main focus is working with families and as a resource for parents. Please contact our school Counsellor or the office for our Family School Enhancement Counsellor contact information.

3. Religious Education

École Our Lady of the Rosary is part of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Community where children celebrate friendship with Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist and living as a Christian within the Church community through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Parent involvement is required for Baptism, First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Please contact Vivian Coderre at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish office for more information.

Committed to Catholic Education

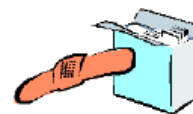
Celebrations- École Our Lady of the Rosary will regularly celebrate our faith life. Parents, families and friends are always welcome to our celebrations. Our Masses are held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church along with the parish community.

Absences & Lates -All parents must call the school during school hours or leave a message to report absences. The school checks all unexcused absences by phone. Students who arrive late in the morning or the afternoon must report to the office to sign in.

Dress Code - Clothing is to be modest and respectful for the classroom. The following guidelines apply:

- No slogans that are deemed inappropriate for a Catholic school.
- Caps and hats are to be removed upon entry in the school.
- Shorts and skirts must have enough length to have the bottom hem or skirt reach the student's fingers.
- That students not wear flip flops for safety reasons.

Medical Concerns - Please inform the school of any medical concerns. Many of our staff are qualified in First Aid and can give treatment as needed. Medical concerns and accidents of serious nature will be reported to parents immediately. Medication will only be administered to students who have a Medical Release Form signed by a parent.



School Emergency Procedures – School Lock-downs, Fire Drills and Emergency Evacuations take place throughout the year.

Student Behavior

Students' Rights

All staff and students of École Our Lady of the Rosary will make every effort to ensure that students in our school have the right to:

- Learn in a safe, peaceful, and Catholic environment
- Know what behavior is expected of them while at school or on school functions
- Be protected from physical harm and verbal abuse; therefore bullying is not tolerated
- Have positive behavior recognized and reinforced
- Have their concerns heard
- Be treated fairly, with kindness and caring

Expectations of Student Conduct

All students are expected to:

- Perform their role as a student learner to the best of their ability
- Treat others in the school with kindness and respect
- Work and play safely
- Respect, listen to and respond to teacher or adult supervisors
- Follow school and classroom rules and regulations set out by teachers
- Take pride in the facility and resources at school and treat them with respect
- Monitor other students and encourage positive conduct by everyone



PARENTS

School Council - The Council consists of parents, a staff member and the school principal. School Council elections take place in September. The purpose of parental involvement is to assist in and contribute to enhancing the school environment. The Council meets regularly. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings. This council gives parents opportunity to become more actively involved in their child's education. We look forward to your involvement in our school.

Parent Involvement – Parent involvement is supported and encouraged. We believe that such involvement in the education process assists in increased student achievement and success. There are many opportunities for parents to play a significant role in their child's education. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering. All volunteers require a Criminal Record Check. These are valid for 3 years. Involvement is encouraged in ANY of the following areas:

1. attending school functions;
2. providing a supportive learning environment at home;
3. volunteering for work committees and projects;
4. providing supplementary learning activities at home;
5. School Council involvement;
6. providing positive support and good public relations for the school;
7. communicating openly with the school.

We realize that the personal lives of families are different and that degrees of involvement at the school by parents are dependent on many factors. Your support in open communication with us and in providing your child with a good learning environment at home is extremely important for student success. If you would like to volunteer in your child's class, please contact the homeroom teacher. We are gracious for any support you can give us by volunteering for committees, projects or attending activities at the school. Happiness and achievement ratings are highest when parents are supportive of the school and involved in school activities.

Notice to Parents or Guardians: Student Groups – Schools may establish a student group, which engages in discussion and activities related to diversity and justice issues, including support for students belonging to social minorities. Students may provide leadership and will receive support from staff to continue to build inclusive communities, aligned with our Catholic teachings. Parents will be notified if any groups are formed that engage in discussion and activities related to diversity and justice issues, including support for students belonging to social minorities. If you wish further information please contact your principal.

Morning & End of Day Policy - We are inviting our students to engage with their peers on the playground. Outside supervision begins at **8:15 AM**. Also, we are asking parents when you are picking up your child at the end of the day to please wait in the Gathering Area, away from the classroom doors until the bell rings.

Week at a Glance – Week at a Glance is available weekly on Friday. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and/or Instagram. Our school website is <http://olr.rdcrcs.ca>

School Visitors - **All school visitors must report to the school office.** To ensure child safety, all doors are locked during the day except the main entrance.

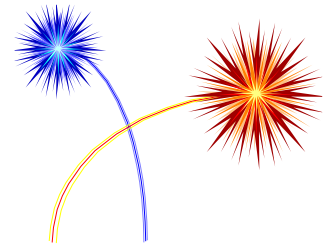
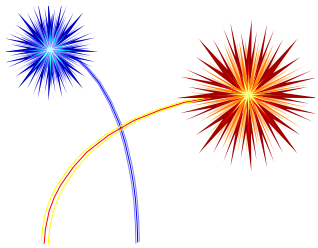
Supplies/Valuables

Students are not to bring valuables to school. All clothing (i.e. boots, mitts, and coats) should be clearly labeled with the child's first and last name. All students are to have a pair of indoor shoes. Boots or outdoor shoes are placed on assigned boot racks, the students are to go to their classrooms and put on their indoor shoes. This practice ensures that students wear shoes all day and are prepared for fire drills and also helps keep the school as clean as possible. Students' academic supplies may be purchased from the list provided or through School Start.

Transportation – Please visit Red Deer Catholic's website to register for transportation.

We strongly discourage students from bringing expensive toys to school. Items like Ninetendo DS's, IPOD's, cell phones and trading cards should be left at home.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools #39 – Website: www.rdcrs.ca



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