

École Our Lady of the Rosary School
2020 - 2021



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Greetings from Administration

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Our Division Theme this year is “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” “Fait confiance au Seigneur de tout ton Coeur.”

We are very proud of our Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 4 Catholic School, where all students are nurtured to reach their full potential and encouraged to persevere their lifelong journey of learning.

At École Our Lady of the Rosary School we invite their spirit to soar! As a Catholic School we permeate Christ and His teachings in all curriculums and the life of our school. We strive for academic excellence within a safe, caring and faith-filled environment. We celebrate each child as an individual and encourage each child to develop his/her God-given gifts and talents.

We invite you to refer to our school website regularly and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Blessings,
Mr. Rob Coumont
Principal

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,
Mr. Rob Coumont
Principal
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SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Learning, listening & following Jesus.

SCHOOL DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT

- Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is committed to supporting inclusive communities that foster care and compassion of students, families and staff with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and traditions, and within the means of the Division.
- Called to continue Jesus' mission as prophet, priest and servant, we are guided by His life and teachings in all that we do.
- Our schools are gospel-centered communities of hope, fostering a Catholic value system within a pluralistic society.
- We focus on the education of the whole child helping students develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

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.

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.

2020-2021 School Calendar

August 31	1 st Day of School
September 7	Labour Day – NO SCHOOL
September TBA	Opening Mass @ OLA Church @ 9 AM
September 25	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
October 9	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
October 12	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
October 23	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
October 27 & 28	School Photo
November 9 & 10	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 4 – 7 PM
November 10	School Photo Retake – AM ONLY
November 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November 12	Lieu Day – NO SCHOOL
November 13	NO SCHOOL
November 27	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
December 11	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
December TBA	Advent Mass @ OLA Church @ 9 AM
December 21 – January 3	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 4	1 st Day back from Christmas Break
January 29	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
February 15	Family Day – NO SCHOOL
February 16 - 19	Winter Break & Teacher Convention – NO SCHOOL
February 16	Shrove Tuesday – Check OLA Church for times
February 17	Ash Wednesday – Check OLA Church for times
March 5	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
March 17 & 18	Student Led Conferences 4 – 7 PM
March 19	Lieu Day – NO SCHOOL
March 22	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
April 2	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April 5	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
April 6 - 11	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
May TBA	Grad/Spring Photos
May 7	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
May 21	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
May 24	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

June 4	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
June TBA	Year End Mass
June 29	Last Student Day
June 30	Teacher Day – NO SCHOOL



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

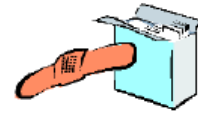
Celebrations- École Our Lady of the Rosary will regularly celebrate our faith life. Parents, families and friends are always welcome to our celebrations. Our Masses are held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church along with the parish community.

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 open toe shoes and 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 – Red Der Catholic Regional Schools and École Our Lady of the Rosary School use Hour Zero School Emergency Programs. We will be using the following terminology to deal with and practice any emergency response procedure, **Lockdowns, Hold and Secure, Shelter-in-Place, All Clear, On-Alert, Evacuation, Drop-Cover-Hold.** Drills shall be conducted throughout the year to best prepare students for an emergency. EOLRS uses social media platforms to help communicate with parents during drills or emergencies.

Student Behavior – Safe and Caring Schools – As a school community we honour our children and provide a safe and secure environment for our students. Our School has adopted a School Wide Positive Behaviour Plan to support our students. This plan can be found on our website.

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
- Encourage positive conduct by everyone



Inclement Weather – During inclement weather, recess will be indoors for all students. If the temperature is -20 or colder, with wind chill, students will remain inside. It is important that students come dressed appropriately for rain, snow, and warm conditions. Extra change of clothing is recommended and can be kept in the students' locker.

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. communicate 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.

Edsby – Student achievement will be shared through the reporting platform Edsby. As a division we have Live Reporting, as such parents will be able to access Edsby each month to see how their child is progressing. Please see the Edsby section of our school website for information on how to use this tool, or contact the office for support.

LIFE Framework - Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools are committed to using the LIFE Framework as a guideline for the creation and operation of student groups that are comprehensive in their approach to inclusion and open to the exploration, in a Catholic context, of a variety of issues including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, gender identity, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language. The LIFE Framework is the result of a provincial collaboration of Catholic school jurisdictions. Each of our schools may be organizing LIFE Framework/Diversity groups. They will keep their communities informed as these groups are established by placing notices in their newsletters/websites.

Morning & End of Day Policy - We are inviting our students to engage with their peers on the playground. Outside supervision begins at **8:10 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.rdcrs.ca>

Parking – As we make every effort to increase student safety in our parking lot, we ask that parents use designated parking spots. We thank parents for following these designated parking areas. The safety of your children is our first concern and we thank you for working with us to create an environment that is safe and respectful.

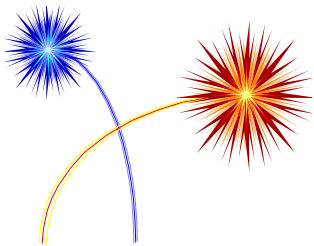
School Visitors - All school visitors must report to the school office. To ensure child safety, all doors are locked during the day except the main entrance.

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 IPOD's, cell phones and trading cards should be left at home.

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



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