

École Our Lady of the Rosary School  
2025 - 2026



4520 Ryders Ridge Boulevard  
Sylvan Lake, Alberta  
T4S OE1

Telephone: (403) 343-2568 Fax: (403) 887-9943

<http://olr.rdcrs.ca>

### **Greetings from Administration**

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. Our Division Theme this year is “Anchored in Faith: Guided by Grace” “Ancré dans la foi: Guidé par la grâce”

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](#).

Blessings,

Mrs. Andrea Gringhuis  
Principal

Mr. Joel Peterman  
Vice 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.



## **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 the 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.

ÉOLR Bell Times 2025 - 2026		
TIMES		
8:12 AM	Supervision starts	Students line up at their assigned doors
8:18 AM	MORNING BELL RINGS	Students enter through their assigned door
8:18-8:21		Transition to Classroom
8:21-8:23		Prayer, Anthem and Announcements
8:23-8:52		Block 1
8:52-9:21		Block 2
9:21-9:50		Block 3
9:50 - 10:19		Block 4
10:19 - 10:47		Block 5
10:47 - 11:15		Block 6
11:15-11:45		Outdoor Recess
11:45-12:15		Students Eating Lunch
12:15-12:45		Block 7
12:45-1:15		Block 8
1:15-1:30		Outdoor Recess
1:30-2:00		Block 10
2:00-2:30		Block 11
2:30-3:00		Block 12
3:00	DISMISSAL BELL RINGS	Students exit through their assigned door

## 2025-2026 School Calendar

<b>August 20</b>	ÉOLRS Office opens 8:00 - 4:00
<b>August 25</b>	ÉOLRS Office closed - Division Staff Opening
<b>August 27</b>	Meet the staff - 8:30 - 9:30
<b>August 28</b>	First Day of School: Staggered Entry (Grades 1-4) Students with last names A-L
<b>August 29</b>	First Day of School: Staggered Entry (Grades 1-4) Students with last names M-Z
<b>September 1</b>	Labour Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>September 2</b>	All students attend
<b>September 12</b>	Opening Mass @ OLA Church @ 9:15 AM
<b>September 19</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>September 30</b>	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL
<b>October 13</b>	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>October 20</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>October TBA</b>	School Photos
<b>November 5 &amp; 6</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 4 – 7 PM
<b>November TBA</b>	School Photo Retake – AM ONLY
<b>November 7</b>	Lieu Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>November 10-11</b>	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>November 28</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>December TBA</b>	Advent Mass @ OLA Church @ 9:15 AM
<b>December 20 – January 4</b>	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
<b>January 5</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day back from Christmas Break
<b>January 30</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>February 10</b>	Shrove Tuesday Celebrated at school
<b>February 11</b>	Ash Wednesday - Celebration at OLR
<b>February 16</b>	Family Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>February 17-20</b>	Winter Break & Teacher Convention – NO SCHOOL
<b>March 6</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>March 18 &amp; 19</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4 – 7 PM
<b>March 20</b>	Lieu Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>April 3</b>	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
<b>April 6</b>	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
<b>April 18-26</b>	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
<b>April TBA</b>	Kinder Grad/Spring Photos
<b>May 15</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>May 18</b>	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>June 5</b>	PD Day – NO SCHOOL
<b>June TBA</b>	Year End Mass @ OLA Church @ 9:15 AM
<b>June 25</b>	Last day of school for students
<b>June 26</b>	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 Rina Aba at St Margaret Parish office at 403-843-4690 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.

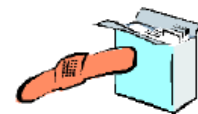
**Dress Code:** In keeping with our Catholic values, clothing choices should reflect respect for self and others while being appropriate for school activities. To help ensure a safe and active school environment, students should be dressed in ways that support comfort, movement, and participation in all aspects of the elementary school day.

The following guidelines apply:

- Students must dress for the weather, including warm coats, toques, mittens, boots, and snow pants in winter, as well as rain gear on wet days.
  - See our website for specific guidelines/procedures for inclement weather:  
[Inclement Weather Procedures](#)
- Shoes must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, close-toed shoes are strongly recommended for outdoor play.
- Clothing must cover from armpit to armpit and tops must have shoulder straps.
- Shorts and dresses/skirts should provide adequate coverage, allowing students to move freely and comfortably during all school activities - this includes participating in gym activities, climbing on playground equipment/using the monkey bars, and sitting criss-cross on the carpet.
- Clothing must not have words or pictures that are hurtful, mean, violent, or show things like bad language, or drugs/alcohol.
- Hats and non-religious head coverings may only be worn outdoors.

**Note: Please make all efforts to label clothing items.**

**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 Deer Catholic Regional Schools and École Our Lady of the Rosary 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. EOLR 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 provided 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



#### Unacceptable behaviour by students:

Examples of unacceptable behaviour may include but are not limited to: (Section 12 of the School Act, 2015)

- behaviours that interfere with the learning of others and/or the school environment or that create unsafe conditions;
- acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation/discrimination;
- acts of violence, physical aggression or threatening behavior;
- theft or damage of property

#### Consequences

Consequences of unacceptable behaviour may include but are not limited to: (School Act, 2015)

- “making it right” (restitution) appropriate to the situation
- counselling and teaching the acceptable behaviour explicitly
- removal from environment for a time
- in or out-of-school suspension

**\*\*Consequences of unacceptable behaviour will take into account the student’s age, maturity and/ or individual circumstances.**



### **Inclement Weather - Recess Guidelines**

We know that it is beneficial for children to have an opportunity to get outside for fresh air, to play, and to expend energy during the school day. It is necessary that you ensure your children are dressed appropriately each day as they usually go outside.

During inclement weather, we may have students stay inside for recess. Please see the following for our criteria for indoor recesses:

#### **Cold Weather**

On days where the temperature reaches -20 (with or without wind chill), we will have an indoor recess to ensure student safety. We will also allow students into the school at 8:12 am (as opposed to 8:18) when it is -20 or colder. Supervision is not available before that so make sure students are not arriving before that time.

If we see a warming trend throughout the day, we may move the morning recess to the afternoon and/or swap our eating and lunch recess times. Please note that we do monitor the weather diligently throughout the day using [The Weather Network](#) when making these decisions.

#### **Rainy Days**

On days when there is a soaking rain, we may move to indoor recesses.

#### **Air Quality**

If we see a reduction in air quality (usually due to smoke from forest fires) we utilize the [Air Quality Health Index](#) as a guide. Health Canada recommends that if the AQHI is above "7", outdoor activities must be moved inside and strenuous activities such as games/practices should be cancelled.

For a further breakdown of recommendations, please see the following link: [AQHI Health Messages](#). We strive to ensure a safe environment for all our students and will err on the side of caution when making decisions around air quality.

\* Note: Red Deer Catholic School Division is currently working on a draft Administrative Procedure for Inclement Weather. We will update our practices as necessary upon completion and approval of this new procedure.

## **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.

**Schoology** – Student achievement in Grade 1-4 will be shared through the reporting platform Schoology. As a division we have Live Reporting, as such parents will be able to access Schoology each month to see how their child is progressing. The school will send out a letter of information about Schoology which will come out in early fall.

**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 **8:12 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 <https://www.olrschool.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.

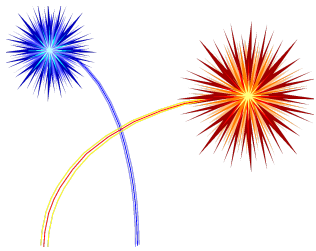
**School Visitors** - **All school visitors must report to the school office.** To ensure child safety, all doors are locked during the day except the main entrance.

**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 handheld technology, cell phones and trading cards should be left at home. In the circumstances where students need to bring cellphones to school, there use will not be permitted within the school day.*

**Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools #39** – Website: [www.rdcrs.ca](http://www.rdcrs.ca)



## ***Notes***

