

École Our Lady of the Rosary School
2025 - 2026



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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 in 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

Mrs. Kelly Johannesson
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

Making Christ known to children.

- 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 our children.
- We provide a safe and secure environment.
- We live and proudly proclaim our Catholic faith.
- We provide quality education in a Catholic environment.
- We pray as an educational community.
- We practice servant-leadership.
- We focus on our mission through clarity of purpose.
- We value our staff.

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

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Academic Programs

We offer both French Immersion and English 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 is integrated into all learning

Student Support Services

School Counsellor – 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.

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 refer to the parish website for more information: [Our Lady of the Assumption Parish](#).

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.

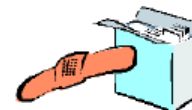
Absences & Lates -All parents must call the school during school hours or leave a message to report absences. The school checks all unexcused absences by phone. Students who arrive late in the morning or the afternoon must report to the office to sign in.

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 a 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, and Drop-Cover-Hold.** Drills shall be conducted throughout the year to best prepare students for an emergency. ÉOLR uses our website and social media platforms to help communicate with parents during drills or emergencies. For further information about our emergency procedures, see our school website: [Emergency Response Plan and Hour Zero Protocols](#)

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



Unacceptable behaviour by students:

Examples of unacceptable behaviour may include, but are not limited to: 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:

- “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 must take account the student’s age, maturity and individual circumstances, and must ensure that support is provided for students who are impacted by inappropriate behavior, as well as for students who engage in inappropriate behaviour. (Section 33.3.d.iv of the Education Act, 2023)

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 -25* (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 -25 or colder with the wind chill. Supervision is not available before that, so make sure students are not arriving before that time.

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 canceled.

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: This temperature has changed to ensure we are in compliance with Red Deer Catholic School Division's Administrative Procedure for Inclement Weather.

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 the 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 is 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 grateful 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.

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

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**. Parent drop off and pick ups occur outside of students' designated doors.

Week at a Glance – Week at a Glance is available weekly on Friday on our website. It is also posted on social media each weekend.

Parking – As we make every effort to increase student safety in our parking lot, we ask that parents use designated parking spots. Parents are welcome to angle park on the east side of the school and in the north parking lot. Please do not park in the east staff parking lot and leave the wheelchair parking for those who require it.

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.

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

Valuables: 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, they need to be “off and away” during the school day. Please note that our lockers do not have locks.

