

THE RHYTHM

CATCH THE BEAT FOR 2018-2019

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

ST. MARY'S WAY

WE WORK, PLAY AND WELCOME ALL WITH "OPEN ARMS"

WE USE OUR WORDS, HANDS AND HEARTS TO HELP OTHERS.

WE ASK OURSELVES, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

WE ARE A FAMILY.

WE PRAY TO ST. MARY TO WATCH OVER, GUIDE AND PROTECT US.

AMEN.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL STAFF

Administrators

Bailey, Brandon - Principal
Exner, Crystal - Vice Principal
Gustafson, Sherrie - Vice Principal

Administrative Assistants

Halstead, Michele

Receptionists

Alford, Leah
Hanning, Trish

Specialists

Amsterdam, Deanna - Music
Harding, Amber - French
Harding, Scott - P.E.
O'Brien, Nancy - Resource/
Learning Support Co-ordinator
Tudor, Angie - Communications/
Learning Support
Vervoort, Joan - Music
Waye, Halyn - French
Weber, Christina - Music

Support Staff

Blum, Vicki - Librarian

Counsellors

Currie, Anna - Family Support Liaison Worker

Teachers

Boynton, Nicole - Grade 1
Brennan, Kelly - Grade 6
Burton, Adam - Grade 3
Chisholm, Michelle - Grade 6
Crawford, Jayme - Grade 6
Creelman, Kerilyn - Grade 1
Dafoe, Susan - Grade 6
Dobrowolski, Shona - Grade 2
Edwards, Amy - Kindergarten
Exner, Jared - Grade 5
Gelinas, Joni - Grade 1
Hozjan, Iggy - Grade 5
Lacroix, Cassandra - Grade 2
Ledger, Rebecca - Grade 4
Lemieux, Denise - Kindergarten
Macdonald, Broek - Grade 2
Mansbridge, Alex - Grade 1
Miller, Aimee - Grade 5
Muisse, Jillian - Grade 4
O'Brien, Nick - Grade 6
Park, Abbie - Grade 3
Roper, Barb - Kindergarten
Seymour, Lindsay - Grade 3
Sikora, Adrien - Grade 5
Siqueira, Terry - Grade 3
Spackman, Sarah - Grade 5
Squires, Danielle - Grade 4
Tokarchuk, Melanie - Grade 4
Waddell, Haley - Grade 1
Wilkinson, Jacqueline - Grade 2

Educational Assistants

Avery Deines, Kathryn
Erickson, Dawn
Hubbard, Mary
Koski, Teresa
Lynn, Teresa
Maurice Frederick, Christina
Osborne, Jeanette
Richichi, Kerry
Robertson, Joani
Schmidt, Tracy
St. Jean, Mirella

Custodians

Carbonel, Maricel
May Higenell, Teresa
Reihl, Pat
Shwytky, Mike

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MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS. WE TEACH, WE GROW AS A CATHOLIC FAMILY. BY NURTURING THE WHOLE CHILD, CONFIDENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST EMERGE.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL



St. Mary's Parent Council welcomes you to St. Mary's School!

Your Parent Council is an active group of parents working closely with the principal, teachers, Christ the Redeemer Catholic trustees and the community to provide the school with the support needed to enhance the education of our children and nurture the heart, mind and soul of all students.

Please commit some time and talents to Parent Council. Your support is important to the education experience of our children and you will find your time dedicated to the school to be rewarding.

There are many opportunities for involvement at St. Mary's School: attending regular meetings, sitting on event committees, volunteering for Parent Council-run events or helping with hot lunch.

We welcome your participation in any form that works for you.

Parent Council Meeting Dates

First Wednesday of each month, Sept. to May (no meeting in December)

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's School

Everyone is welcome to attend. Free babysitting provided.

Parent Council Executive Members 2017-2018

Chair: Krista Conrad
Vice-chair: Fiona Marshall
Secretary: Deborah Payne
Treasurer: Kim Rourke

Principal: Brandon Bailey
Teacher Rep: Abbie Park
CTR Catholic Rep: Ron Schreiber/Andrea Keenan

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THE MISSION OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER THE WELL-BEING AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND TO ENHANCE STUDENT FAITH AND LEARNING.

THE ROLE OF PARENT COUNCIL

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Alberta Legislature, through the School Act, has delegated much of its authority for the governance of education to locally elected school boards. Section 22(1) of the School Act states; a school council shall be established in accordance with the regulations for each school operated by a Board. The Board believes that school councils are an important link between the Board and the school communities throughout the jurisdiction. The Board believes that school councils can bring critical perspectives about education, the needs of the school, and concerns of the community to the Board. Therefore, the Board encourages and promotes School Councils and the Board expects each school council to support the Board mission and beliefs statements in promoting Catholic Education. In addition to the purposes stated in regulation and stature, school councils shall:

- Be advisory to the principal, and not serve in a line relationship to the board
- Offer advice and consultation to the principal and the Board (through the local Ward Committee) about any matter relevant to school operations
- Be chaired by a member of the Roman Catholic faith
- Encourage greater parent participation in the education of their children
- Promote parent understanding of the education system and teaching and learning processes
- Provide parents an organization for expressing their support for education
- Foster a total Catholic school community
- Work together to ensure the best possible Catholic education for students in the school and the broader school community
- Enhance communication between the home and the school
- Provide input from parents in the development of the mission of the school and the attainment of that mission
- Receive reports from the principal on the school program, general policies and organization of the school, and the school's annual results; and
- Receive reports and suggestions from parents and community groups on school-related matters

WHAT DOES PARENT COUNCIL DO?

At St. Mary's School, parent council has three main objectives:

1. To provide informative, meaningful meeting opportunities for parents to come together and discuss happenings within the school with other parents, the school principal, teachers and school board trustees.
2. To support school initiatives through fundraising and volunteering efforts, including purchasing bibles for Grade 4 students, providing commemorative rosaries (or similar) for students who have received their First Holy Communion, purchasing books for the One School One Book program, supporting the drama program and more.
3. To give families opportunities to meet one another through fun activities like school dances, a back-to-school carnival and other events through the year, helping to build our school family ties and foster a sense of community among St. Mary's families.

St. Mary's Parent Council also operates the school's hot lunch program and provides pancakes for Shrove Tuesday as a fun and engaging way to bring our faith to the school. We supply potluck dinner for teachers on parent-teacher interview nights and host a teacher appreciation in the spring.

We can also be a voice for the parent body, acting as an intermediary between the school and its families. Parent council can be a great avenue for learning more about school events, both past or upcoming, and feel informed. It provides an opportunity for parents to be directly involved in their child's education and can be a chance for some parents to offer their time if they can't make it into the classroom on a regular basis.

Parent council has a voice with your school board and acts as an advocate for Catholic Education, which we value above all else.

You can get involved in a number of ways. If meetings aren't for you, you can still give a few hours toward an event like a school dance.

Every little bit counts, and makes an impact on your child's education experience.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

AUGUST 2018

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6 - Civic Holiday
22-24 - New Teacher Orientation
27- Professional Development Days
28- Division Based PD Day
29- Teacher Preparation Day
30- First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2018

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3 - Labor Day

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8 - Thanksgiving Holiday
9 - Professional Development Day

NOVEMBER 2018

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11- Remembrance Day
12- In Lieu of Remembrance Day
29 - P/T Interviews- Early Dismissal
30 - No School in-lieu of P/T Evening Interviews November 29

DECEMBER 2018

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22-Jan 6- Christmas Holidays

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Dec 22-Jan 6- Christmas Holidays
30 - Last Exam Day for Semester
31- Professional Development Day

FEBRUARY 2019

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1- First Day of Second Semester
18 - Family Day
19-20 - Faith Days
21-22 - Teacher Convention

MARCH 2019

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10 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
29 - No School in lieu of P/T Evening Interviews March 28

APRIL 2019

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19- 28 - Easter Holidays

MAY 2019

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20 - Victoria Day

JUNE 2019

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27 - Last Day for Students
28 - Teacher Prep Day

JULY 2019

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1- Canada Day

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Why join St. Mary's Parent Council?

Involvement in the school is a meaningful, hands-on way to have a direct and positive impact on your child's educational experience.

Some parents may find it easier to carve time into an evening to attend a meeting or help at an event than to volunteer during daytime hours. Parent Council provides that opportunity. All parents in the St. Mary's School community are encouraged to get involved in any way possible.

We need your help!

Without dedicated volunteers, St. Mary's Parent Council cannot run programs valued by our school families.

The hot lunch program, family dances and pancake breakfast require a lot of volunteers to make the programs work and connect our school community in a meaningful way, enhancing the school experience for all students and their parents.

How can you volunteer?

All parents - not only Parent Council executive - are encouraged to join us at our monthly meetings, on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Mary's School, beginning at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in helping with any of the programs, events and activities offered by St. Mary's School Council, please contact the chair at PayneD@fsd38.ab.ca

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MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU
MAY THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU
MAY THE LORD LOOK UPON YOU WITH FAVOUR
AND GRANT YOU PEACE



St. Mary's
Parent
Council

Meaningful Parental Involvement

THANK YOU FOR CATCHING THE BEAT

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN YOUR
EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY HERE AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

HAVE A BLESSED SCHOOL YEAR

~ ST. MARY'S PARENT COUNCIL

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