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MESSENGER

~ Notable News from the Board ~



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"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

On February 20th, the Board of Trustees gathered together for a "high flying" meeting which saw the introduction of a few new faces to our ECSD family as well as ECSD's newest Dual Credit program in Aviation.

We hope all of our family, new and old, experience a blessed Lenten season and take this opportunity to truly reflect on our lives and our faith.

Dual Credit Program in Aviation takes off with Mount Royal University & WestJet

The Board of Trustees warmly welcomed WestJet Pilot Captain Dave Hathaway as we announced a new dual credit opportunity in aviation for the 2018-2019 school year!

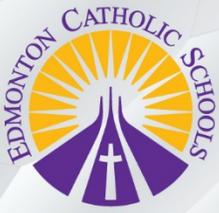
ECSD has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate with Mount Royal University to offer Grade 11 and 12 students two courses to explore their passions and interests in the field of aviation. The two dual credit courses will be offered at St. Joseph High School after school hours to enable students across our District to enrol in these courses. In partnership with WestJet, students will be able to experience flight simulation and in-flight experiences with trained pilots. WestJet will support this opportunity through personnel, simulator experiences and site visitations at YEG. Over the next 10 years, it is estimated that the aviation industry will be short 255,000 pilots and this program is aimed to help with that shortage.



Aviation is one of the potential dual credit offerings for the 2018-2019 school year. Administration is currently exploring potential partnerships with other post-secondary institutions in support of other dual credit opportunities.

Currently, ECSD offers dual credit opportunities through Norquest College and Kings University in the following areas:

- Business
- Accounting
- Psychology
- Health Care Aide
- Anatomy & Physiology



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Update on Transportation Partnership with Edmonton Public Schools

The Board provided an update on ongoing discussions with the Edmonton Public School Board to extend our shared bussing services. Both administrations are working together to find new efficiencies and have identified 11-12 routes where buses could be shared for the 2018-2019 school year.

Transportation staff from both Districts are continuing to identify additional efficiencies for September 2019. We are pleased with the progress to date and look forward to the results of continuing discussions.

ECSD's Early Learning Annual Report

The Board was joined by members of our Early Learning team, which includes both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programming in Edmonton Catholic Schools. The Early Learning team is responsible for early intervention, professional learning and curriculum and programming elements in pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, which includes resources, program standards, curriculum and appropriate development environments.

Currently, ECSD has 1,811 children registered in Pre-Kindergarten and 3,216 students registered in Kindergarten. In addition, full day kindergarten is offered in 27 Edmonton Catholic schools.

Welcome, James Grattan!

On Tuesday we officially welcomed ECSD's new Chief Financial Officer, James Grattan! James joined the ECSD family after an outstanding career with ATCO Electric, where he provided financial leadership and strategy development in various roles across Alberta and the Yukon.

In January, ECSD bid farewell to long-time CFO Barry Devlin, who offered his service and leadership to the District for nine years.

*The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 20, 2018.
This edition of The Messenger is from the February 20, 2018 meeting.*

The Messenger: Notable News from the Board is published following the public Board meeting and is an opportunity for the ECSD Board of Trustees to communicate the accomplishments and pay tribute to the wonderful initiatives that our District undertakes.

If you would like to view the latest Board meeting, here is a link to the webcast:

https://www.ecsd.net/BoardofTrustees/Reports-and-Resources/public_board_meeting/Pages/Default.aspx