

Mary Hanley Catholic School

December 2018 News

DECEMBER - Advent is here! Welcome to the count down until Christmas. We will celebrate the first 3 weeks of Advent here at school. It will go by quickly with our concert, skiing, and caroling events taking place this month. Take time for Joy! This is a great season to build traditions with your family. Go for walks to see the lights, bake cookies, sing carols, or share favourite stories!

Thank You Parents!

Thank you for all the **tremendous support** as we build community together. Thanks for the help during Book Fair, fieldtrips, and other school events. Thank you also for a great turnout during the student led interviews. We saw many parents out to support their children in celebration of their learning and setting goals for the next term.

Thanks also to our parent council who sponsored a staff appreciation breakfast the day after interviews. The treats were very much appreciated!

Thanks to the parent helpers at swimming lessons who helped get our students into and out of the pool on time for their lessons!

Advent Concert at Corpus Christi Parish—no tickets required! There will be a donation box set up on entry. Moneys raised will be for Corpus Christi Parish to cover the expenses of using their facility for this night.



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School Advisory Council

The next meeting of the SAC will take place on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.



Important Calendar Dates

Dec. 5—Parent Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12—Advent concert at Corpus Christi Parish

Dec. 14—Skiing for grades 4-6

Dec. 20 FULL DAY of school

Dec. 21—Half Day of School

-Sing a long at 10:30 – please join us in the gym!



Please remember that there is a switch of Thursday and Friday dismissal times in the week before Christmas! Dec 20 is a full day and Dec. 21 is the half day!

Advent concert is on Dec. 12

starting at **6:30** p.m. Students can arrive by 6:15. Before that time the church will be closed. The concert will be about 1 hour long and feature Advent and Christmas songs.

Students are asked to dress in their good clothes (no specific colour) for this event.

District Satisfaction Survey

Our District satisfaction survey is being done early this year—in December. On November 30, we are sending home a parent survey for you to fill out (one per child). Please fill out and either return to the school or mail in to the district. Last year we had about 120 responses and we would like to hear from you! This helps us with our school report card—how we are doing and what we need to work on to improve! Please take a few moments to fill this in!

Please Take My
Survey

Grade 4 to 6 students will also fill out a survey in the first week of December.

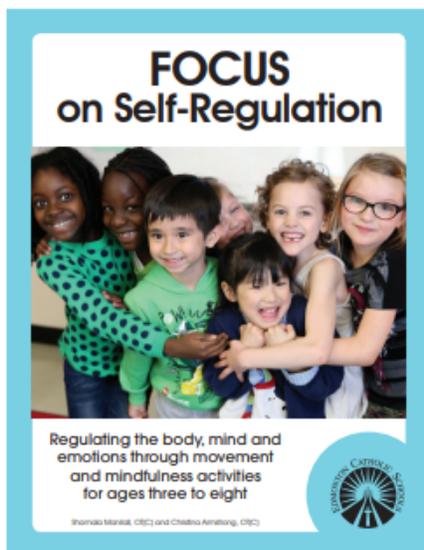
**PARENT
NIGHT**

FOCUS on Self-Regulation

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:30 - 8:00pm

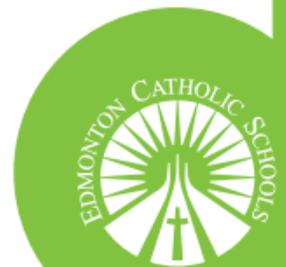
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Edmonton Catholic Schools has developed a new resource to support self-regulation both at home and in the classroom. Our children need the ability to self-regulate in order to be **READY**. Children need to be ready to attend and inhibit impulses. They need support and time to understand how to regulate so that they can build skills, learn, participate and socialize.

Learn the special FOCUS Sequence that integrates research-based strategies into a single sequence of regulating activities that can be done with any age, across any environment and all in about 5 minutes!

To register, please visit <http://bit.ly/ECSD-Parent-Series> or email Yvonne.Casey@ecsd.net



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Greetings!

November, 2018

Hello Families,

Just reaching out to say hello and introduce myself, my name is Amanda Lamothe, (pronounced like LaMutt) I am a Cultural Instructor with Indigenous Learning Services department of ECSD.

I will be stationed at Mary Hanley school to offer program and support on Monday afternoons. It's been 16 years since I've joined the ECSD family, previously I worked as a Native Liaison in G.P. at both the Public and Catholic High schools for 4 yrs. My passion is sharing the beauty and richness of Indigenous ways of knowing, especially through dance and stories. There's no place I'd rather be than alongside students in the school settings! I'm married with children, my family is often performing powwow dance or attending traditional gatherings. My hobby is beading and sewing all our regalia!

My role in the school is to enhance the curriculum with Indigenous ways of knowing to match Alberta Education's learning outcomes. You'll find me presenting in the classrooms on various topics. I look forward to meeting more students and families throughout the year. If you have any questions or ideas please send me an email, I'd be glad to keep in touch!

In kindness & respect,



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