

Maryview School Information Booklet 2018 - 2019

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DISTRICT FAITH THEME

“God, let them see You in me.”

MISSION STATEMENT

"We believe in providing a safe and caring Christ-filled inclusive environment, where we support and develop the whole child to their fullest potential."

RED DEER CATHOLIC REGIONAL DIVISION #39

Inspired by Christ, Aspiring to Excellence

The Red Deer Catholic School District is committed to serve the children and the parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teaching and tradition, and within the means of the district.

Our schools are gospel-centered communities of hope, foster a Catholic Christian value system within a pluralistic society. We endeavor to build a Catholic Christian community by following eight Principles of Practice.

PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE

We honor our children. Our schools are child-centered communities. We celebrate each student as a unique child of Christ through our love, care and respect.

We provide a safe and secure environment. Children feel safe and secure in our schools. We 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 lifelong faith development.

We pray as an educational community. Our Catholic Christian education system reflects the communion of home, school and Church providing daily opportunities for prayer and celebration of our Faith.

We practice servant-leadership. Our staff is committed members of our Faith community who serve the family, school and Church.

We focus on our mission through clarity of purpose. 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.

WELCOME TO MARYVIEW SCHOOL

On behalf of the Maryview school community I would like to welcome back all returning families and also welcome any new students that are joining the Maryview family. We are very excited about all the wonderful opportunities that we anticipate this school year will bring.

Our district theme – God let them see You in Me – will provide the foundation for our faith and educational programming in 2018/19. Our focus will be creating a community where staff, student, and families can interact with one another making Christ known through our actions, words and deeds.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet all of you and work closely with you. Please make sure to come by and see our new office as we improve our ability to provide a safe and caring environment for students and families.

Yours in Christ,

Chris Andrew

Principal

MARYVIEW VISION STATEMENT

At Maryview, we envision a Catholic school where:

- The climate is welcoming and all are valued in a respectful, safe and caring Catholic community.
- Students will develop skills and attain knowledge in an atmosphere that promotes excellence and personal responsibility.
- The Program of Studies is implemented through innovative and meaningful learning opportunities that foster individual improvement and growth.
- Parents participate in their child's educational experience in meaningful ways.
- Staff is committed to positive communication and involvement with church and community.
- Staff seeks ongoing opportunities for professional growth to enhance student learning.

SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Principles of Practice include:

- *We honor our children.*
- *We provide a safe & secure environment.*

Our schools are places where all students, staff and parents feel welcome and safe. 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.

COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In addition to regular Religion classes, the school promotes a commitment to the Catholic community through a variety of classroom, school wide and church celebrations (and Masses). Sacramental preparation is done in cooperation with parents and the parishes in the following grades:

- Gr. 2 – First Eucharist
- Gr. 2 – First Reconciliation
- Gr. 3 - 5 – Sacramental Retreat

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Our expectations regarding student behavior is based upon Christian principles and the teachings of Christ. **Our discipline policy is founded Jesus' Golden Rule:**

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 7: 12.)

Treating others as we wish to be treated ourselves promotes appropriate behavior and encourages an awareness of actions and an acceptance of responsibility for these actions.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

- I have a **RIGHT** to learn in this school. It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to listen to instructions, work quietly at my desk and raise my hand if I have a question, concern, or need to leave.
- I have a **RIGHT** to hear and be heard. It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to not talk, shout or make loud noises when others are speaking.
- I have a **RIGHT** to be respected in this school. It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to not tease or harass other people.
- I have a **RIGHT** to be safe in this school. It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to not threaten, kick, punch, or physically harm anyone else.
- I have a **RIGHT** to privacy and my own personal space. It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the personal property of others, and accept their right to privacy.

SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION – Grades 1 to 5

Mondays

Bus Supervision Begins.....	8:35 am
First Bell.....	8:50 am
Classes in Session.....	8:55 am
Recess.....	10:25-10:40 am
Lunch Recess	12:10-12:35 pm
LUNCH.....	12:35-12:55 pm
Classes in Session.....	12:55 pm
Dismissal.....	2:16 pm
Staff Professional Development..	2:25-3:25 pm

Tuesday to Friday

Supervision Begins.....	8:35 am
First Bell.....	8:50 am
Classes in Session.....	8:55 am
Recess.....	10:25-10:40 am
Lunch Recess.....	12:10-12:35 pm
LUNCH.....	12:35-12:55 pm
Classes in Session.....	12:55 pm
Dismissal.....	3:25 pm

SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION – KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K

AM Classes:

Pre-K Begins.....	8:45 am
Pre-K Dismissal.....	10:45 am
Kindergarten Begins.....	8:50 am
Kindergarten Dismissal.....	11:03 am

PM Classes:

Pre-K Begins.....	11:45 am
Pre-K Dismissal.....	1:45 pm
Kindergarten Begins.....	12:03 pm
Kindergarten Dismissal.....	2:16 pm

AM Classes:

Pre-K Begins.....	8:45 am
Pre-K Dismissal.....	11:45 am
Kindergarten Begins.....	8:50 am
Kindergarten Dismissal.....	11:35 am

PM Classes:

Pre-K Begins.....	12:25 pm
Pre-K Dismissal.....	3:25 pm
Kindergarten Begins.....	12:35pm
Kindergarten Dismissal.....	3:25 pm

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bus supervision begins at **8:35 a.m.** We would encourage students not to arrive prior to that time. School closes at 4:00 p.m. Please ensure your child is picked up by that time or make prior arrangements with the office for your child to wait in the office by calling 403-347-1455.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 30, 2018	First Day of School		Feb. 1, 2019	P.D. (No School)
Sept. 3, 2018	Labor Day		Feb. 18, 2019	Family Day
Sept. 14, 2018	P.D. (No School)		Feb. 25 - Mar. 1, 2019	Spring Break
Sept. 21, 2018	Picture Day		Mar. 14 & 15, 2019	P.D. (No School)
Oct. 5, 2018	P.D. (No school)		Mar. 27 & 28, 2019	Parent Teacher Interviews (Evenings)
Oct. 8, 2017	Thanksgiving		Mar. 29, 2019	No School - In Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov. 5 & 6, 2018	Parent Teacher Interviews (Evenings)		Apr. 12, 2019	P.D. (No School)
Nov. 7 - 11, 2018	Remembrance Day Break		Apr. 19 - 22, 2019	Easter Break
Nov. 23, 2018	P.D. (No School)		May 17, 2019	P.D. (No School)
Dec. 7, 2018	P.D. (No School)		May 20, 2019	Victoria Day
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4, 2019	Christmas Break		June 27, 2019	Last Day of School for students

ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH

The phone number for Alberta Mental Health is 403-340-5466. Parents can phone this number directly.

ATTENDANCE / LATES / LEAVING SCHOOL

Attendance is checked at the beginning of the morning shortly after 8:55 a.m. and in the afternoon shortly after 12:55 p.m. Absences need to be reported by phone (403-347-1455) before 8:45 a.m. if at all possible. Your cooperation in this matter is requested for the safety of your child. The answering machine is available for after hour calls. If a student is to leave early from school, we require that you check in at the office and we will then contact the classroom teacher to send your child to the office.

BICYCLES/ROLLER BLADES/SCOOTERS

Students may bring bicycles, roller blades & scooters to school provided they are locked all day in the bicycle racks and/or in the student's locker. Parents are reminded that proper protective equipment (i.e. helmets) is required by law.

BUSSING

Students living within our catchment area and greater than 2.4 km. from school are eligible for charter transportation at no cost. If you live between 2.4 km and 1.6 km, fees are \$15.00/month or \$150.00/year. If you live closer than 1.6 km and there is room on the bus, fees are \$30/month or \$300.00/year per child to a maximum of \$600 per year per family. Maryview's catchment area includes: Morrisroe, Eastview, Eastview Estates, Mountview, Grandview and Michener Hill. Please contact the office at your earliest convenience to arrange payment.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

There will be weekly notices of Community Events sent out at the end of every week. School information is available through our website at maryviewsschool.ca. As the need arises, parent memos may be sent home. These are brief notices about various school matters.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES:

Guidance Counsellor

A part-time guidance counsellor is available for students who are having learning, behaviour, or emotional difficulties. Students can be referred to the counsellor by parents, teachers, the administration, or make self-referrals. Other counselling services (such as personal or family counselling) are available through the Family School Wellness Program. Parents should contact the administration or counsellor for further information.

Regional Health Centre Services

A registered nurse visits the school to deal with various aspects of immunization and regular dental & health care. Also, the school utilizes the services of the Speech Pathology Department of the Regional Health Centre. Students requiring assessment or therapy for speech and language difficulties utilize the services of a speech pathologist and aide.

HOMEWORK

Students complete the majority of school work in the classroom. On occasion students may be given homework assignments for a variety of reasons such as:

- To teach students that learning can take place outside of school.
- To develop self-discipline and responsibility.
- To develop study skills and habits.
- To enable parents to see their child's progress.
- To provide students with extra practice in areas where they need to strengthen skills.

You can assist your child with homework by:

- Setting aside a regular time to work.
- Providing a quiet place.
- Helping the student organize his or her time for assignments.
- Giving the student support and positive feedback in recognition of good effort.
- Regularly reading with your child.

KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten program is an integral part of our school. Children who are 5 years of age by December 31st of the year are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September. Kindergarten is a half-day program. Red Deer Child care offers a Kinder Care Program throughout the day. For any inquiries, please call 403-347-7973.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

If your child has any medical concerns, such as allergies, asthma, etc. please inform both your teacher and office so we can ensure that our records have been updated.

MEET THE STAFF / WELCOME BACK BBQ

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. parents are invited to Meet the Staff. Staff is introduced and parents are given an opportunity to view their child's classroom and meet their child's teacher.

MILK SALES

Students can exchange tickets for milk at lunch break. Students are encouraged not to have cash at school so we ask that parents buy tickets in bundles of 10 for \$7.50 and send a ticket in their child's lunch.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that parent involvement in the education process assists in increasing student achievement and success. **Please note that our District Policy requires that all our parent volunteers complete a Criminal Record Check and sign an Oath of Confidentiality.**

At Maryview, there are many opportunities for parents to play a significant role in their child's education. Involvement is encouraged in any of the following:

- attending school functions,
- providing a supportive learning environment at home,
- volunteer for work committees and projects,
- providing supplementary learning activities at home,
- School Council involvement,
- fundraising events
- providing positive support and good public relations for the school, and
- communicating openly with the school.

We would like to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering. Please phone the school at (403) 347-1455, if you wish to assist.

PARKING

Parents and guests may park on McIntosh Avenue being mindful of the bus loading zone that exists by the fence. In addition we have limited parking space in the lot on the east side of our school building. Please know that we would like to provide as much visitor parking to our families as possible but we also require parking for our staff. We would ask that you please respect the Staff Parking Area. Staff members may arrive and leave at various times due to their responsibilities so please do not park in their assigned spaces.

PLAYGROUND POLICY

All students are expected to go outside for two recess breaks each day. Recess provides opportunities for students to demonstrate socialization skills and get essential exercise. Staff members supervise recesses.

During inclement weather, recess will be indoors for all students. Generally, if the temperature is colder than -20°C with the wind chill factor, students will remain inside for recess. **It is important that students come dressed appropriately for rain, snow and sun conditions.**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Maryview also houses a Pre-Kindergarten program. Children who are 4 years of age by December 31st of the year are eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten in September upon acceptance into the program.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

We currently recycle all drink containers including milk. Money collected from recycling goes toward classroom programming. We also encourage students to reduce, reuse and recycle paper products.

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

School wide interviews are scheduled twice over the course of the year. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher(s) regarding their child's progress. We use Edsby as our reporting system which shows students progress on an ongoing basis. This has removed the necessity of Report Cards distributed on specific dates. Please contact the school for assistance in setting up your Edsby Account.

Interview 1: Parent-Student-Teacher Interview (November 5 & 6)

Interview 2: Student Led Conferences & Individual Interviews (March 27 & 28)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents are encouraged to participate in the School Council. Council generally meets once a month and provides valuable input into the operation of the school. School Council contributes to school programming in many ways including, but not restricted to, School Policy and Planning, Fundraising, Hot Lunch Program, and Communication. Ad Hoc committees are formed as the need arises and disbanded at completion of an activity or project. The School Council is an invaluable part of our school community.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings and work on project committees.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Individual and class pictures are scheduled to be taken on **Friday, September 21, 2018** with purchase options available.

SEVERE ALLERGIES

Maryview School is **Striving to be a Peanut Safe School**. Some students may have a **fatal** reaction if exposed to even minute amounts of peanut products. We ask that parents and students refrain from bringing any food containing nuts or nut products to the school.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

At Maryview school participation in social justice projects at both the classroom and school level is encouraged. Each year a project is selected and promoted with the students. The staff also raises funds during Casual Fridays which goes towards the annual school Social Justice project.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress reasonably and to be prepared for prevailing weather conditions. At Maryview School, we promote and enforce modest dress for all grade levels. Clothing is to be appropriate and respectful for the classroom. The following guidelines apply: short pants or skirts that have enough length so that the bottom hem is as long as the student's fingers, shirts with straps that at least cover the majority of the region between the shoulder and the neck. Students are not to come to school wearing halter-tops, cropped shirts, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts or clothing with inappropriate slogans or pictures. Baseball caps are not to be worn inside the school at any time.

SUPPLIES & VALUABLES

Personal valuables should not be brought to school. All clothing (ie: boots, mitts, coats) and school supplies should be clearly labeled with the child's first and last name. All students are to have a pair of indoor shoes that are not to be worn outside. This practice also ensures that students wear shoes all day and are prepared for fire drills, keeps the school as clean as possible, and also maintains our gymnasium floor.

A list of supplies required for the coming year are posted on our website in early June. Please see **www.maryviewschool.ca**.

TECHNOLOGY

Maryview has state of the art school with each classroom having a set of technological devices to be used for integration into all curricular programming. Digital Citizenship is also taught and reinforced across all curricula and we expect students to utilize technology safely and appropriately. Electronic devices brought from home are not permitted on the playground during recess and should not be used unless supervised by staff.

TELEPHONE

The telephone in the school office is for school business. Students are allowed to use the phone for emergencies only. Please make every effort to finalize arrangements with your children before they come to school. **NOTE:** Student cell-phones should be turned off when not being used for educational purposes and we ask that parents contact the school in the event you need to speak to your child over the course of the day.

SPIRIT DAYS

Various theme days occur throughout the year (i.e. Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Beach Day, Track and Field, etc.). These days promote school spirit and enhance enthusiasm for attending school. We strongly encourage all members of our school community to participate as is appropriate for the event.

WEBSITE / TWITTER / FACEBOOK

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