

Superintendent's Message

Living Waters Catholic Schools, part of Alberta's publicly-funded education system, proudly serves over 2100 students in the communities of Edson, Whitecourt and Slave Lake.

Welcome back to all of our staff and students for the 2017-2018 school year! This is truly the most wonderful time of year as our staff and students return to the classroom to continue to build their pathway to the future. I am truly amazed how effectively and efficiently our staff and students have transitioned back into the classroom for another year of learning.



Our Central Office Staff, our Admin Teams, our Teachers and our Support Staff have been working over the summer to prepare for the school year. We have successfully completed many projects over the course of the summer, and continue to finish up on any outstanding projects, like the modular installations in Edson and Whitecourt. We are especially grateful to announce the opening of École St. Joseph School, and soon the finishing touches of the gym and two modulares will allow our staff and students access to all areas of the

school. We have made some significant purchases in the area of new technology throughout the Division to improve access, portability and availability of technology to enhance learning for our students.

Whether you are starting Kindergarten or Grade 12, you are being given the tools to succeed in our global community and the skills to achieve your potential in order to pursue your interests and passion. At Living Waters our goal is that every child who enters our doors will graduate successfully from a faith-filled, safe and caring environment prepared for future success. Our Blueprint for the Future 4.0 is our commitment and our road map for focussing on learning and what it looks like in Living Waters.

Our environments for learning are changing – maker spaces, learning commons, flexible seating, project-based learning, wellness initiatives and nutrition programs provide our students with the opportunity and conditions for them to explore, discover and create. Our Living Waters Catholic Division is focussed on the learner and meeting their needs and is committed to maximizing and leveraging the strengths and resources of the Division and the communities in which our schools exist. While daily we are focussed in on the brain development of our students, we cannot forget the importance of developing the heart. We are committed to providing social, emotional and behavior supports to build resiliency in our students so they can face the many challenges they may encounter. Our schools are inclusive, welcoming, safe and caring; the essential conditions for providing our students with opportunities for optimal learning in a faith-filled learning environment.

We hope this year offers our students the opportunity to expand and engage their skills and grow their faith which will allow them to build their pathway to the future. We'd like to thank all staff, students and families for choosing Living Waters Catholic Schools!

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3