

A Message from Superintendent...

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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 2018-2019 school year! It truly amazes me how effectively and efficiently our staff and students are able to transition back into the classroom for another year of learning. As we begin the new school year, let us keep in mind that our students and learning are our core business!



We all have a role to play in supporting all students in our care. Our responsibility, no matter what, is to nurture, equip and encourage our students to achieve their potential each and every day. This becomes possible when everyone takes on the collective responsibility to do their job and to do it well. Our Central Office staff, our Admin teams, our teachers and our support staff have been working over the summer to prepare for a great school year ahead.

We all have been entrusted to give students in our care the tools to succeed in our global community and the skills to achieve their potential in order to pursue their 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 is our commitment to and our road map for focussing on what matters most – ‘learning’. It is our strategic plan that will ensure that we are focussed on student success and continuous improvement as we build pathways to the future. Our path to improvement will take us on a journey to building coherence and increasing our collective efficacy in our roles so we can better serve the students in our care. Providing quality leadership, quality teaching and optimal learning for our students will require a keen focus on aligning our instruction and assessment with the Alberta Program of Studies, and the identification of clear benchmarks across the division will be our indicators of success.

Our Living Waters Catholic School Division is focussed on the learner and meeting their needs. It 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 academic development of our students, we cannot forget the importance of developing the heart. 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.

It is expected that our students will be given the opportunity to develop and engage their skills and the faith that will allow them to build their pathway to the future. I'd like to thank all staff, students and families for choosing Living Waters Catholic Schools!

We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)