



**February**

## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

Advertising is all around us; few of us can go through a day without seeing or hearing a message that will hopefully result in us doing something or purchasing a product. I believe the best form of advertising to be word of mouth. People sharing a great experience or great service they've received with their friends and family. I hope that as many parents start to think about school registration for next year, you will do word of mouth advertising about Meadowlark Christian School with them.

MCS is a school where the goal of staff members, the MCS Foundation, and our parent community is to provide our students an environment focused on **Learning** and academic success, while **Living** our lives in Christ, **Leading** in service to others and **Loving** with strength of character. This has been and is our ongoing commitment and resolution; these four L's shape and guide the great relationships and culture that exists in this very special school community.

We plan to increase the amount of Kindergarten spaces available for next year and we are also going to be offering two classes in grade 7. Last year we did not have enough space to accept all the registrations for people who wanted their children in this great school. I hope that this year we will have fewer disappointments and a growing enrollment. While I wish we had unlimited room to accept new registrants in all of our grade levels, the sad reality is that at most other grade levels we are full or have very little room to add new students. A call to the Meadowlark Christian School office at 780-483-6476, will have your specific enrollment questions answered.

Our District is changing how parents of students already in an Edmonton Public school register their children for next year. Instead of the past method of students bringing home their paper "passport" where parents needed to sign and return to the school, this year registration will be online in SchoolZone. Parents can choose a school for next year on SchoolZone starting March 23 through to April 15. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration for next year, please call us at the school. Further information about the registration process can be found on the Edmonton Public website: [www.epsb.ca/schools/openhouse/](http://www.epsb.ca/schools/openhouse/).

Darren Oskoboiny  
Principal

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## **2014 Income Tax Receipts**

2014 Income Tax receipts for Alternative Program Fees and all other donations will be issued by February 28, 2015.

To insure that there is no delay in receiving your receipt, if you have changed your mailing address within the last 6 months, please confirm your address with the school office. If you have any questions regarding tax receipts please contact Sandra Di Cesare at the school (780) 483-6476 or Sandra.Dicesare@epsb.ca

## **Hot Lunch**

The next hot lunch is Extreme Pita on February 19.



## **Pre-enroll on SchoolZone in 2015**

We're improving the way we ask parents to pre-enroll for 2015-2016. In previous years, parents indicated their child's preferred school on a paper passport. In the spring of 2015, we're moving the process online. Between **March 23 and April 15, 2015**, parents of students currently attending district schools can select their child's preferred school for 2015-2016 on SchoolZone. You can even use the mobile version of SchoolZone to complete the process directly from your smartphone!

**Questions?** Talk to the principal at your child's current school.

**Have you moved?** Update your child's current address with the school office before pre-enrolling on SchoolZone.

**MCS paper re-registration forms will be sent home with students on March 23.** Please complete one per family and return with registration fee before April 10, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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### HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Edmonton Public Schools' International Student Program works with Canada Homestay Network (CHN) to provide supportive homestay services to international students studying in our schools.

Can you provide a safe, welcoming and caring home environment for an international student between the ages of 15 and 18?

Homestay families are provided with orientation and support and receive a generous allowance as compensation for providing accommodations and three daily meals to an international student.

For more information and to complete a host family application, please visit the CHN website at: [www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca](http://www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca)

For questions, please contact  
Ghisl Fraser at (780) 320-6479 ext. 2036  
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 The Canada Homestay Network  
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### **Information for parents about the 2015 Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey**

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar Survey provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu. Please contact Meadowlark Christian School, 780-483-6476, if you would like to receive the parent survey in a language other than English.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2015, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Sincerely,

Darren Oskoboiny  
Principal

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## Grade 9 Mission Trip 2015

Orange Walk, Belize

Our Mission Team organizing committee has been hard at work preparing for our school's Mission Trip for 2015!

We are very excited to be going to Orange Walk, Belize from April 10<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be serving God by providing plenty of manual labor, visiting and working in local schools as well as sharing God's Word to the people in the surrounding area.

Please pray that the preparations will go smoothly and that the trip will be what God wants it to be. We are all very excited to see where God leads us on this trip and we know that Team 2015 will be faithful ambassadors of Christ.

There are several fundraisers planned to help fund a Mission trip like this one. In February, your child will be coming home with a sponsorship letter that will give you the opportunity to support this endeavor financially. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be having the Annual Fiesta and Silent Auction to raise additional funds.

Also, check out the Mission Trip display in the main hallway when you drop by the school.

Mission 2015  
Organizing Committee

# Young Writers' Camps

**Teachers' Convention: February 26 - 27**

**Spring Break: March 30 - April 2**

***In partnership with YouthWrite®, a camp for kids who love to write...just about anything!©***

For students who have a passion for writing and are keen on developing their skills, Young Writers' Camp offers an exciting and fun opportunity to expand their writing horizons.

Students will spend two days with top notch published authors and illustrators, learn writing techniques for specific genres, ask questions and receive guidance from experienced writers, and have time to practice their new skills.

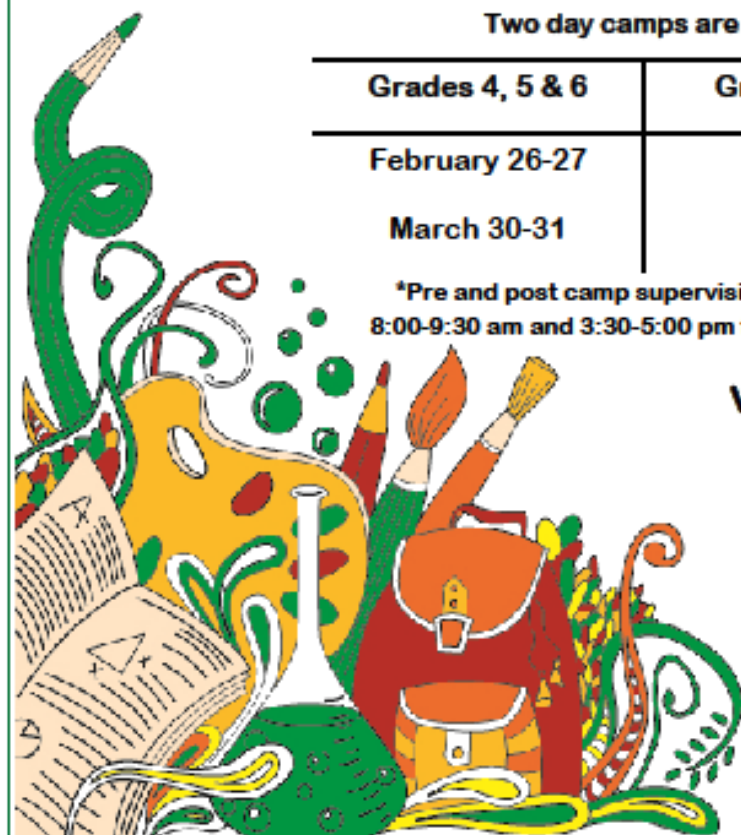
Young Writers' Camp is held at  
The Bennett Centre: 9703-94 Street  
All camps run from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Two day camps are \$89.95

Grades 4, 5 & 6	Grades 7, 8 & 9
February 26-27	April 1-2
March 30-31	

\*Pre and post camp supervision is available from  
8:00-9:30 am and 3:30-5:00 pm for an additional cost.

Visit [bennettcentre.epsb.ca](http://bennettcentre.epsb.ca)  
for more details and  
registration information.





# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDE

The High School Program Guide is provided to Grade 9 students to help them make informed decisions about their high school career.

As a parent or guardian, we encourage you to review the guide with your child to learn more about the choices they'll make as they begin planning for high school.

- transitioning to high school
- core courses
- diploma requirements
- awards and scholarships
- post-secondary options

The High School Program Guide is also available online at [epsb.ca](http://epsb.ca) under **Schools**.

[epsb.ca](http://epsb.ca)



# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PD Day - no school	3	4	5	6 Interim report #2	7
8	9 Immunizations gr. 5 & 9	10	11	12 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 2:45-6:45 pm	13	14
15	16 Family Day - no school	17	18	19 Hot Lunch - Extreme Pita	20	21
22	23 Parent Council meeting - 7 pm	24	25	26 <div>Teacher's Convention - no school</div>	27	28

## Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

March 12 - Open House - 6:30 –8:00 pm  
 March 16 - Parent Council Meeting - 7 pm  
 March 19 - Hot Lunch-Panago  
 March 19 - Progress Report #2  
 March 20 - PD Day - no school  
 March 30-April 2 - Spring Break - no school  
 April 3 - Good Friday  
 April 6 - Easter Monday - no school