



MCS Meadowlark Christian School

March

## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

What a blessing and a privilege it is to serve you as Acting Principal for the remainder of the year. I have been with Edmonton Public Schools since 2005 and have taught in almost every grade, K-9, both in the Logos Program and the Regular Program. I attend Terwillegar Community Church with my wife and four children, where we all serve in various roles in ministry.

March is here and with it comes the first day of spring, a season of new growth and new beginnings. In Romans 8:28 we read,

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

It is with that in mind that we continue our preparations for the Mission Trip to Belize. The Fiesta Fundraiser which will be held on Tuesday March 21 from 5-7:30pm in the gym.

Mark it on your calendars as it will be a night filled with entertainment, various presentations and a silent auction, to support the work to be done while the group is in Belize.

The next Professional Development day will be on Friday, March 17, 2017. Parents, this blessing of professional learning is immeasurably valuable and will allow the teachers at MCS to continue to refine the skills they use to serve the students in their classrooms everyday.

In addition, progress reports will be released through SchoolZone on Thursday, March 23, 2017. If you need any help accessing the progress reports do not hesitate to contact me at the school office.

Parents, Pre-enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year opens in SchoolZone Monday, March 13 at 9am. Make sure you visit SchoolZone as part of the registration process for next year. As well, MCS Foundation registration forms will be sent home with the youngest students on March 13.

I look forward to getting to know all of you in the coming months. If you have any questions, or comments, please feel free to contact me either by email: [Scott.Markine@epsb.ca](mailto:Scott.Markine@epsb.ca) or by phone: (780) 483-6476.

Sincerely, Scott Markine

**LEARNING** through academics **LIVING** in Christ **LEADING** by serving others **LOVING** with strength of character



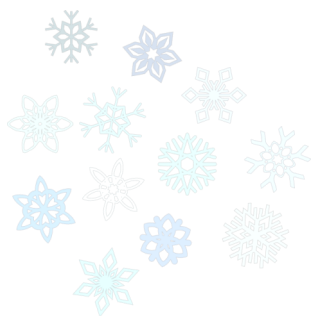
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### **Cold Weather Policy**

Students will be kept indoors at recess, at the principal's discretion, when the outside temperature is -23 degrees or colder including wind chill based on the Government of Canada website ([http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50\\_metric\\_e.html](http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html))



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Your Ward C Trustee is  
Orville Chubb

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### **Hot Lunch**

The next hot lunch will be  
Chopped Leaf on March 24.

**THE CHOPPED LEAF**

### **2017/18 Meadowlark Christian School Registration.**

PLEASE NOTE that there are **two** steps to register your child(ren) at Meadowlark Christian School.

STEP 1. Complete the online enrollment with the Edmonton Public School district through SchoolZone.

STEP 2. Complete & submit the MCS Registration form & required registration fee.

**Once both of these steps are completed, your child is considered registered for the next school year and you will receive written confirmation of your registration and method of payment for your Alternative Program Fees.**

### **Pre-enrolment 2017**

Between March 13 and April 18, parents of students currently attending district schools can select their child's preferred school for 2017-2018 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.*

**New to the District?** *Contact your preferred school to learn how to register as a new student before April 18, 2018.*

### **Kindergarten Registrations**

We are accepting kindergarten registrations for 2017-18. Forms may be printed from the website or picked up in the office.

### **Lunch Supervision**

We have a few openings available for lunch supervisors. This is a paid position with a commitment of one hour per day(12-1 pm). If you are interested in providing lunch supervision once or twice a week (or more often), please contact the office for more information or to apply.

### **SchoolZone**

SchoolZone is the delivery method of choice for providing school information to parents and students. Access to Transportation route changes monthly newsletters, Provincial Achievement test results, HLAT results, IPP's, Interim reports, Progress reports, school news, and homework are some of the many things available for viewing through SchoolZone.

**Online payment is now available through SchoolZone for field trip and bus pass fees.**

If you experience problems logging on to SchoolZone, please contact Susan in the school office, for assistance.

## Grade 9 Mission Trip 2017

### Orange Walk, Belize

Our Mission Team organizing committee has been hard at work preparing for our school's Mission Trip for 2017!

We are very excited to be going to Orange Walk, Belize from April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be serving God by providing plenty of manual labor, visiting and working in local schools and villages as well as sharing God's Word with 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 2017 will be faithful ambassadors of Christ.

There are several fundraisers planned to help fund a Mission trip like this one. In February, your child was given a sponsorship letter that will give you the opportunity to support this endeavor financially. On March 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having the Annual Fiesta and Silent Auction to raise additional funds. An information flyer with a food order form will be sent home in early March. If you have any items to donate for the auction that would be great!

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

Mission 2017  
Organizing Committee





## YOUNG WRITERS' CAMPS

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



Young Writers' Camp offers an exciting and fun opportunity to expand their writing horizons.

Students will work with top-notch published authors, learn writing techniques for specific genres, and have the opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance from experienced writers.

Grades 4, 5 & 6:

**MARCH 2-3**

**MARCH 27-28**

Grades 7, 8 & 9:

**MARCH 29-30**

• Young Writers' Camp is held at  
The Bennett Centre: 9703-94 Street

• All camps run from 9:30am - 3:30pm

• Two day camps are \$89.95

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

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



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# Elementary Cool School (1-6)

No matter what stage in life your child is at, it's never too early to develop study skills and build lifelong learning strategies. Metro's one-of-a-kind Cool School enrichment program is based on provincial curricula, and classes are taught by qualified instructors.

Whether your child has difficulty in a particular subject area, needs to review basic concepts or needs to be challenged with more advanced material, **Saturday Cool School is the answer.**

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Language Arts: Grades 1 - 2

Metro's experienced instructors use a balanced literacy approach to address the individual needs of your child. This course will improve reading comprehension as well as writing and listening skills.

### Math: Grades 1 - 2

A good understanding of math concepts provides a strong foundation for children to develop superior math skills. In this course, children practise math skills to improve comprehension and accuracy. Your child will benefit from a relaxed learning atmosphere where games facilitate the learning of grade-related math concepts.

### Language Arts: Grades 3 - 4

Students will further develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Our experienced instructors will guide students to better process information and ideas, respond individually and critically to various language arts concepts, and improve comprehension skills.

### Math: Grades 3 - 4

Building on the basic math skills developed in Grades 1 - 2, students will work on improving their comprehension and problem-solving skills while learning to communicate and reason mathematically. Through activities and assignments, students will work through grade-level concepts and gain supplementary assistance with concepts requiring greater attention.

### Language Arts: Grades 5 - 6

The aim of language arts is to enable students to understand and appreciate the English language and to use it confidently and competently for communication, personal satisfaction and learning. Through listening, speaking, reading and writing, students explore personal responses to literature, learn to communicate clearly, and manage ideas and information.

### Math: Grades 5 - 6

This program emphasizes thinking and study skills as students learn to use math confidently to solve problems, and communicate and reason mathematically. Four areas of study based on provincial curricula are addressed at each grade level: number concepts and operations, patterns and relations, shape and space, and statistics and probability.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SATURDAY COOL SCHOOL, CALL 780.428.1111 OR VISIT METROCONTINUINGEDUCATION.CA.**



## D.S. MacKenzie School

**4020 - 106 Street NW**

Term 2: Jan 21 - Mar 11 (no classes Feb 18)

Term 3: Apr 8 - Jun 3 (no classes Apr 15 and May 20)

GRADE	BLOCK 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am	BLOCK 2 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Grades 1 - 2	Language Arts	Math
Grades 3 - 4	Language Arts	Math
Grades 5 - 6	Math	Language Arts

Course Fee: \$139 per course

## Londonderry School

**7104 - 144 Avenue NW**

Term 2: Jan 21 - Mar 11 (no classes Feb 18)

Term 3: Apr 8 - Jun 3 (no classes Apr 15 and May 20)

GRADE	BLOCK 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am	BLOCK 2 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Grades 1 - 2	Language Arts	Math
Grades 3 - 4	Language Arts	Math
Grades 5 - 6	Math	Language Arts

Course Fee: \$139 per course



## JUNIOR HIGH (JH) AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SH) NON-CREDIT COURSES

# Academic Success Series

### Getting Great Marks – Power Study Skills

Get great marks! Learning can be fast, easy and fun. Learn proven study strategies, taken from exciting new research, that produce tangible results. This course focuses on the six power study skills and is designed to provide you with better marks as well as lift your confidence.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 5  
**Fee:** \$75 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
2 Tue	Mar 7 & 14	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH
2 Thu	Mar 9 & 16	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	SH

### Ace Any Exam

Would you like to get great marks consistently? You'll learn specific, proven exam-writing strategies that will help you achieve the marks you want. Topics include eight steps to test busting, home stretch tips, multiple-choice and essay exam techniques, mental preparation and causes of poor test performance.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Tue	Apr 4	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH
Thu	Apr 6	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	SH

### Increasing Your Memory & Concentration Power

Memory confidence and concentration are critical to learning well and applying your knowledge during exams. You'll learn how your brain learns, remembers and concentrates, plus easy, powerful memory and concentration tools based on the latest research. Topics include memory aides, concentration techniques and memory strategies.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Tue	Apr 11	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH/SH

Develop the performance skills needed for reaching your educational and future goals. Academic Success Series courses provide you with specific techniques and methods to improve your academic performance and help you achieve better results. Attain the successful marks you want with an Academic Success Series course!

#### Instructor Profile

#### Rod Anderson

Rod Anderson earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a bachelor of education degree from the University of Alberta. He did his graduate work (in learning theory) at San Diego State University. Rod was with Edmonton Public Schools for 30 years as a teacher, consultant and a supervisor of curriculum. Currently, he has his own company where he is a consultant for educational institutions and businesses.

### How to Build Highly Effective Habits for Great Marks & Personal Success

Shrink the gap between what you know and what you do. Would you like to be able to study, do your homework, be on time, work out, eat well and sleep well — all with ease? The key is positive habits. Explore "The Habit Loop," a system developed at Stanford University, and discover a proven strategy to get the results you want in school and in your life. Learn how to replace unhealthy habits that are keeping you stuck in negative patterns, how to break through procrastination, set and execute powerful goals and strengthen your self-discipline and willpower.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Wed	Apr 19	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH/SH

### Time & Organizational Management

Organizing yourself and your time is not just nice to do; it's a critical first step to your success in the classroom. Learn attitudes and techniques that will help you use your limited time and energy wisely to get your best marks. Topics include the six time management power tools, time wasters, procrastination, prioritizing and goal setting.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Tue	Apr 25	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH/SH

Metro's Academic Success Series courses are offered for Junior High (JH) and Senior High (SH) School Students.

### High Performance Learning: Faster, Easier, More Fun!

We are only using a fraction of our brains' capacity. The seven principles of accelerated learning will ignite your imagination, build your confidence and unleash your learning potential. This class will also explore the "ideal performance state" which is used by elite athletes. Engage all your resources with this practical, research-based course. Results are quick and tangible!

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Mon	May 1	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH/SH

### Managing Stress – Conquering Exam Anxiety

Depending on how you manage it, stress can make or break you (and your marks). Topics include 10 proven stress busters, understanding stress and anxiety, coping strategies, managing your self-talk and relaxed alertness techniques.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Wed	May 10	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH/SH

### Mental Toughness & Confidence

The limiting factor for most of us is not talent but mental toughness. For times when life is difficult, it's the key that gives you confidence, motivation and success. Learn a set of attitudes and strategies that will enable you to perform well mentally and emotionally, regardless of the circumstances.

**Instructor:** Rod Anderson  
**Site:** Metro Continuing Education  
**No. of hours:** 2.5  
**Fee:** \$41 or free to Metro high school students

DAY(S)	DATE(S)	TIME	GRADES
Mon	May 15	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	JH/SH



# Junior High Cool School

Metro's one-of-a-kind Cool School enrichment program is based on the provincial curricula and is designed to improve marks, strengthen study skills and build lifelong learning strategies.

Whether your child has difficulty in a particular subject area, wants to reinforce basic concepts or needs to be challenged with more advanced material, **Saturday Cool School is the answer.**

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**Math** Students will solve problems confidently, communicate and reason effectively, and learn to appreciate math. Number concepts and operations, patterns and relations, shape and space, and statistics and probability are addressed.

**Language Arts** Through listening, speaking, reading and writing, students will explore personal responses to literature, communicate clearly, and manage ideas and information.

**Science Students** will develop an understanding of science and technology while enhancing problem-solving and analysis skills. Scientific inquiry and concepts in life, physical and earth sciences are addressed.

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## Grade 9 PAT Prep BRAINBOOSTER! at Metro

Students will review key concepts from course materials, practice important questions and learn exam-writing strategies.

COURSE	HOURS	DATES	TIME	FEE
Language Arts 9 Part A: Written Component	(3 hrs)	Thu May 4	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	\$37
	(3 hrs)	Sat May 6	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$37
Language Arts 9 Part B: Reading Component	(3 hrs)	Thu Jun 22	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	\$37
	(3 hrs)	Sat Jun 24	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	\$37
Social Studies 9	(6 hrs)	Sat Jun 17	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$74
Math 9	(6 hrs)	Sat Jun 24	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$74
Science 9	(6 hrs)	Sun Jun 25	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$74

All PAT Prep classes are held at Metro: 7835 - 76 Ave. NW.

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Term 3: Apr 8 - Jun 3 (no classes Apr 15 and May 20)

GRADE	BLOCK 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am	BLOCK 2 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Grade 7	Language Arts	Math
	Math	Science
Grade 8	Language Arts	Math
	Math	Science
Grade 9	Math	Language Arts
	Science	Math

Course Fee: \$139 per course

## Londonderry School

**7104 - 144 Avenue NW**

Term 2: Jan 21 - Mar 11 (no classes Feb 18)

Term 3: Apr 8 - Jun 3 (no classes Apr 15 and May 20)

GRADE	BLOCK 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am	BLOCK 2 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Grade 7	Language Arts	Math
	Science	
Grade 8	Language Arts	Math
	Science	
Grade 9	Math	Language Arts
		Science

Course Fee: \$139 per course

## Grade 9 Achievement Test Schedule

DATE	TIME	COURSE
Tue May 9	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Language Arts 9 Part A
Mon Jun 26	9:00 am - 10:20 am	Social Studies 9
Tue Jun 27	9:00 am - 10:15 am	Language Arts 9 Part B
Wed Jun 28	9:00 am - 10:30 am	Mathematics 9
Thu Jun 29	9:00 am - 10:15 am	Science 9

Note: students are permitted an additional one-half hour to complete their exams.

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Teacher's Convention - no school	3 Teacher's Convention - no school	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 grade 5 & 9 immunizations	11
12	13 Pre- registration opens in SchoolZone	14	15	16	17 PD Day - no school	18
19	20 School council meeting - 7 pm	21	22	23 Progress re- port #2 posted to SchoolZone	24 Hot lunch - Chopped Leaf	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Spring Break - no school						

## Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

April 14 - Good Friday - no school  
 April 17 - Easter Monday - no school  
 April 21 - Hot lunch - Pizza 73  
 April 23 - School council meeting—7 pm  
 April 28 - PD day - no school  
 May 4 - Volunteer Appreciation between 8:30 & 2:30