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*For we are what he
has made us, created
in Christ Jesus for
good works, which
God prepared
beforehand to be our
way of life.
(Ephesians 2:10)*

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February 23, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the February 23, 2022, regular Public Meeting of the Board, the Edmonton Catholic School Division Board of Trustees approved the closure of the Junior High Program (Grade 7, 8, and 9) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary/Junior High School effective June 30, 2022.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who contributed to the public participation process in making this decision. Thank you to the families and community stakeholders who attended the Information Session, shared their thoughts in Table Talks, and took the time to provide feedback in writing, and over the phone.

The decision to close a school is always very challenging and complex. We understand this information is difficult to receive and that you will have many questions regarding the next steps for your child's education, particularly if they are in the junior high program. The mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and prepares them to live fully and serve God in one another. Our commitment is to help our junior high families transition to a new school community so that their children can continue to experience this beautiful mission.

ECSD will be working with the designated Catholic schools regarding the registration of junior high students for the upcoming school year and planning for a positive transition.

The Division will provide more information on the transition process in the coming weeks. Please note you will also soon receive a message regarding pre-enrolment for the next school year when our Intention Screen opens. If you have questions before then, please feel free to reach out to your Principal, Duncan Buchanan at duncan.buchanan@ecsd.net or 780-433-1062.

Yours truly,
Sandra Palazzo
Chair, Board of Trustees

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