

# EICS Board Highlights

*September 19, 2018*

## Superintendent's Report

Opening Day Mass for all EICS staff, held on August 29, provided our Division with an opportunity to begin another successful school year by strengthening our faith in each other and within our community. Through the Offertory Collection at mass \$2,541.55 was donated towards the Division's social justice project, Valeda House - a ministry of Catholic Social Services. During the 2017-18 school year, EICS raised over \$32,000 through cash and in-kind donations. All Elk Island Catholic Schools and communities are encouraged to continue their support of Valeda House through prayers, as well as financially by donating to the Sign of Hope Campaign.

As a result of the Classroom Initiative Funding grant (CIF), EICS has allocated funds to improve students' experience in the classroom based on four identified areas: hiring certified teaching staff, hiring educational assistants, enhancing supports for complex learning needs and supports for English Language Learners. Based on proposals submitted by school administrators, EICS was able to hire educational assistants, teachers and support staff. Criteria for determining which schools received funding depended on each school's demonstrated level of needs and those with the least flexibility in their current budgets.

September and October continue to be busy months with a visit from the Minister of Education on September 19th, meetings with Vegreville Town Council, and MLA meetings. In fact, the next EICS Public Board Meeting will be held in Vegreville on October 17.

## EICS Facilities Report 2018

During the summer of 2018, Elk Island Catholic Schools undertook a number of school and facility upgrades prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. From refinishing gym floors to managing the installation of school modulares, there was a tremendous amount of work done by EICS maintenance, caretaking staff, summer students, contractors and Facilities staff. Kudos to an amazing job!

[Facilities Summer Work Listing](#)

Upcoming Events - Parent Information Nights

## Parenting in Digital Age

EICS is pleased to present Christine Quong, Educational Technology Consultant with Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium, who will share her insight and tips on parenting in this ever-changing technology landscape.

*When: Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

*Time: 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.*

*Location: Archbishop Jordan Catholic School (Library)  
4001 Emerald Drive Sherwood Park*

## **The Power of Relationships: A Parental Series with Dr. Jody Carrington**

EICS is pleased to co-present with Family and Community Support Services - City of Fort Saskatchewan, Dr. Jody Carrington, as part of our Parent Information Night/Community Partner Sessions.

*The Power of Relationships: A Parental Series Strengthening the relationship between our babes, our partners and ourselves.* We will spend an evening together talking about the power of the relationship with our children and how connection— no matter what age— can be the most powerful tool we have and (sometimes) the hardest thing to do.

*Dr. Carrington will be in Fort Saskatchewan on Monday, October 15th at the Dow Centennial Centre - Shell Theatre from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This is a free event for all community members but you will need a ticket to gain entry. For tickets, please go to the Dow Centennial Centre or visit [www.shelltheatre.ca](http://www.shelltheatre.ca).*

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