# **Continuous Improvement Plan 2023 - 2024**



## Priority One: Strengthening our Catholic Faith

OLA community members will demonstrate knowledge of faith and commit to faith development

### **Strategies:**

- Monthly focus on Catholic social justice values through the lens of building together
- Shared bulletin board building from student works and "good deeds"
- Community involvement and service projects
- Weekly gospel reflections in each class
- Liturgical celebrations as a school community
- Building community
- Proximity to church (monthly masses, class masses, pastoral visits)
- Faith formation time during PD
- Recognizing students who receive sacraments
- Monday morning prayer
- Morning prayer with announcements
- Staff and student retreats

### **Measures:**

- Participation in community projects, possibly including environmental projects, Chalice, etc.
- Completed bulletin board in June created collaboratively
- Our School Survey
- Staff response to faith formation activities at PD days
- GIFGIC in all classrooms
- Student written prayers to start the day
- Staff retreat
- Student retreat focused on building

## **Priority Two** - Learning through Quality Teaching

## OLA will be a collaborative teaching and learning environment.

### **Strategies:**

- Teachers will work together to create a unit of learning around global themes
- Staff will explore the strategies and philosophies used in the IB PYP
- We will continue to be committed to collaborative team meetings to identify and address key issues for students

### **Measures:**

- Implement a global unit in each class
- PD project focused on global perspectives and learning
- Classroom assessments will focus on learning and understanding, rather than work and knowledge
- Our School Survey

## OLA teachers will develop methods of showcasing literacy and numeracy growth in Spaces.

## **Strategies:**

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- Collaborative time provided to develop knowledge and use of SPACES
- Provide ongoing formative feedback students and families can use to improve performance
- Collect and showcase process based evidence

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### **Measures:**

- Focus on process based assessment
- Each student will have an electronic portfolio to share learning with their family
- Staff will use collaborative PD to inform their Spaces posts
- Parents will be actively engaged with student digital portfolios

## **Priority Three** - Living Truth and Reconciliation

### OLA staff will foster reconciliation by recognizing ongoing impacts of the past.

### **Strategies:**

- Recognizing Indigenous ways of knowing as a worldview and global perspective
- Blackfoot lessons
- Elder connections and relationship building
- Classroom work with Ms Shade
- Celebrating special days such as FNMI heritage days, Orange Shirt Day, Truth & Reconciliation Day, Pow Wow
- Further deepening our understand of Metis culture

### **Measures:**

- Students will participate in regular classroom sessions with Ms Shade
- Indigenous worldviews, perspectives, and ways of knowing will be embedded into classroom lessons and activities
- Publicly acknowledge and celebrate special days connected to Indigenous culture
- Drawing on staff knowledge and experience to highlight Metis culture

## **Priority Four** - Belonging in our diverse community

## OLA will celebrate and respect all cultures and ethnicities in our community.

### Strategies:

- Look for ways to identify and share the cultural diversity of the families in the OLA community
- Connecting to the school community: parents, students, staff
- PD opportunities focused on EAL, global perspectives, and international education

## **Measures:**

- Celebration of global community
- Staff will complete PD activities connected to global growth

## OLA will create and foster a community of inclusion and belonging.

### **Strategies:**

- Look for ways to invite and accept new community members, especially new Canadian families
- Actively connecting to community supports and inviting them into our school and classrooms (welcome BBQ, Christmas activity nights)

### **Measures:**

- See an increase in families participating in volunteer opportunities such as school council
- Staff and student participation/engagement in events eg. Back to School BBQ