



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

8:00	JH doors open for breakfast program
8:15	Elementary doors open for morning meal
8:20	First Bell
8:25	Classes Start
10:15	Elementary Recess
11:54-12:15	JH Lunch & Elementary Recess
12:15-12:35	Elementary Lunch
3:06	Dismissal

Thursday

8:00	JH doors open for breakfast program
8:15	Elementary doors open for morning meal
8:20	First Bell
8:25	Classes Start
10:15	Elementary Recess
12:02	Dismissal



Administrators' Message

Dear St. Alphonsus Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at St. Alphonsus! We hope your summer was filled with rest, joy, and time with loved ones. As we gather again, we are excited to see our hallways and classrooms come alive with the voices, laughter, and energy of our students.

This year, we continue to embrace the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, carrying forward our commitment to nurture faith, inspire learning, and build a strong, caring community. The start of a school year is always a time of possibility—a time to set goals, form new friendships, and approach each day with curiosity and determination.

We are blessed with a dedicated staff who are eager to welcome students back, and we extend a warm greeting to our new families and staff members joining us for the first time. Together, we will create a school environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to learn.

Please take a moment to review the **Important August Dates** section in this newsletter, which includes information about supply drop-offs, the first day of school, and upcoming school events. Staying connected and informed will help set our students up for a smooth and confident start.

I look forward to working together to make this school year one of growth, joy, and faith-filled learning for all. Thank you for your trust and partnership in the important work of educating our children.

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson-McCune
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES in AUGUST

07	Office Open
08	Office Open @ Noon
11	First day of Classes
12	Kinder Staggered Entry
13	Kinder Staggered Entry
14	All Kinder Start
	Full Day of School
15	½ Day of School
21	Full Day of School
22	½ Day of School
29	No School

Local Media @ St. Al's

We are excited to welcome students back on Monday, August 11. To help capture the excitement and energy of the first day of school, we have invited local media to film outside the school as students and families arrive. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase our amazing students, dedicated staff, and the vibrant start to a new school year. Filming will take place outdoors only. If you have any questions or concerns about media presence on the first day, please feel free to contact me at: joan.woodlock@ecsd.net
See you Monday!

Attendance

Part of success at school is student regular and punctual attendance. If your child will be absent, please be sure to notify the office as soon as possible to avoid having phone calls sent out.

Attendance will be completed by 8:50 each morning and 12:50 in the afternoon.



First Day of School



We are excited to welcome our grades 1-9 students back to classes on August 11.

- Class lists and teachers will be posted outside the front door at 8:00 AM for families to see.
- We will open our front doors to families at 8:20 AM.

Kindergarten students will have staggered entry on August 12 & 13. The first full day for Kindergarten will be Thursday, August 14.

Cell Phones and Social Media



On September 1, 2024, Alberta Education implemented new standards restricting the use of personal mobile devices in schools and access to social media on school networks.

At St. Alphonsus we ask all students to keep their cell phones in their locker or locked behind their teacher's desk during the day.

JH Locks & Lockers

This year all junior high students will be provided a school owned lock for their locker. The replacement fee will be \$9.50.

e4c School Nutrition Program

This year e4c will be providing elementary students a morning meal. The e4c school nutrition program is designed to address food insecurity in a child's life by providing essential nutritional support while they are at school. By offering a morning meal, we aim to ensure that all students start their day with the nutrition they need to succeed academically and behaviourally. This program will begin on Tuesday, August 12, 2024.

What does this mean for families?

The morning meal will be served to *elementary* students from 8:15 AM to 8:40 AM. This program is universally accessible to all elementary students, who are encouraged to participate whenever they feel hungry or need additional nutritional support. Permission for students who accessed the program last year will automatically roll over. New students will be provided a permission form to ensure we are meeting all dietary needs.

Elementary students will be able to come in the front doors at 8:15 AM. They will collect their morning meal in the front lobby and take it to eat in their classroom. Students will still have a designated lunchtime to enjoy lunch and snacks brought from home. Please ensure your child brings a healthy lunch to school every day.

Junior High Students

We will continue to open our front doors for junior high students who want to access our JH Breakfast Program at the concession at 8:00 AM.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the many people and business partners in our Edmonton community who continue to make donations to support the food programs offered at St. Alphonsus School!



Parents are reminded to ensure they have their credentials to Powerschool to access a broad array of student information. Parents are able to pay school fees, track attendance, and review their child's academic progress through this application. Please be sure to visit: www.powerschool.ecsd.net/public

If you are having difficulty accessing your account or have forgotten your credential, please contact the school office.

PARKING

Safety over Convenience

Parents are asked to obey all signs both in the school parking lot and on the street to ensure that our students are safe coming to and from school. Your cooperation is vital for keeping our students safe.

