



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER | 2024

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

8:00	JH doors open for breakfast program
8:15	Supervision in the Playground starts
8:15	Elementary doors open for morning meal
8:25	First Bell
8:30	Classes Start
10:00	Elementary Recess
11:50-12:23	Lunch
2:59	Dismissal

Thursday

8:00	JH doors open for breakfast program
8:15	Elementary doors open for morning meal
8:25	First Bell
8:30	Classes Start
10:00	Elementary Recess
12:03	Dismissal



Administrators' Message

Dear St. Alphonsus Families,

September was a busy month at St. Alphonsus, and we are looking forward to our October 2-week Fall break!

We have had some exciting things happen in September:

- We welcomed the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Sandra Palazzo, Chief Superintendent Lynette Anderson, and many other dignitaries as guests to our 100th anniversary celebration. A big thank you to the Friends of St. Alphonsus Society who donated cupcakes, hotdogs, and t-shirts for all our students to wear and enjoy!
- We welcomed our new School Resource Officer – Dylan Boxall.
- We were able to hire a new teacher and reconfigure the class sizes for grades 2, 3, & 4. Our student population is now at 430, up from 395 at the beginning of the year!
- Our junior high Soccer team had a great season, making it to the quarter-finals in our division – Congratulations!
- Our junior high Boys and Girls Volleyball teams are practicing to be ready for the new season after the break. We are looking forward to some exciting games.

Our school community will be walking to St. Alphonsus Church for our Thanksgiving Mass on Friday, October 4. This will be the last day before our break. We wish all our families a restful break and a Happy Thanksgiving!

As always, our doors are open to our families for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson McCune
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES in OCTOBER

30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – NO SCHOOL
01-04	Read-In Week
02	Custodian Appreciation Day
03	Full Day of School
04	1/2 Day of School
04	Thanksgiving Mass @ Church
05 – 20 Fall Break – NO SCHOOL	
21	Classes Resume
22	Picture Re-Takes
31	Halloween
01	All Saints Day

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. [Use this link](#) for info about our new Safe Arrivals parent reporting system.

Teachers will complete attendance by 9:00 each morning and 12:50 in the afternoon.

Every Day Counts





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Picture Re-Takes

Picture Re-Take day is
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

School Fees

Please check Parent
Powerschool for school fees.

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. You can read the media
release [here](#).

These standards
departure from our current practice.
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.

Christmas Hampers

If you are finding yourself in need of a little extra help this Christmas, our FSLW will be coordinating applications with families for Holiday Food Hampers and Children's Gifts.

For more information about eligibility criteria and support with the application process, please contact our FSLW **no later than Monday, November 18, 2024**. Please remember to include your child's first and last name along with their grade in your email.

FSLW: Danielle Novikoff

Email: danielle.novikoff@ecsd.net

As September ends, Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson reflects on ECSD's growth and service, with the Division approaching 50,000 students. The Chief Superintendent's October Message highlights key moments, including Custodial and Facilities staff recognition, World Teachers' Day, and Orange Shirt Day. It also celebrates the opening of Father Michael McCaffery Catholic High School. Visit ecsd.net/October-2024-Message to read the Chief Superintendent's October Message.



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Contact St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish at: 780-474-5434

For information about Sacramental Preparation for First Communion,
Reconciliation, and Confirmation, email: dawn.nowicki@telus.net

For further Parish information visit: www.stal-stclare.caedm.ca/



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: powerschool.ecsd.net

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 in the school parking lot and on the street to ensure that our students are safe coming to and from school. Please remind your children not to walk between busses as this is very unsafe. Your cooperation is vital for keeping our students safe.

