



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | May/June | 2025

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,

As we enter the final months of the school year, we are filled with gratitude and pride for all that has been accomplished together. A heartfelt **thank you to all the families who joined us for our very first Family Literacy Night**—the turnout was incredible, and it was wonderful to see students and parents engaged in the joy of reading and learning together.

We also want to thank our community for the overwhelming support of our **Multicultural Day**. The event was truly a celebration of the rich diversity within our school. It was a joy to see students and families proudly wearing cultural outfits from around the world, and the variety of delicious foods shared from different cultures made the day extra special. Thank you for making it such a memorable experience for everyone.

In athletics, our **badminton season has come to a close**, and we are proud to share that several students placed at the city finals—congratulations to all of our athletes! Our **slo-pitch team** is now well into their season and showing great team spirit and dedication.

We also held our first **Junior High Track and Field Day**, and it was a great success! Many of our students will be representing our school at the **city district meets**, and we're excited to cheer them on.

As we look ahead, we are preparing to celebrate important milestones. Our **Grade 9 students will soon be saying farewell** as they take the next step toward high school, and our **Grade 6 students will mark their "Journey to Junior High"**—both are proud moments in the lives of our students, and we look forward to recognizing them with joy and encouragement.

With **final exams approaching for our Junior High students**, it's important that everyone remains focused on their studies. These assessments help us understand the progress made over the year and support student learning moving forward.

Finally, we warmly invite you to our **Parent Appreciation Spring Concert on May 30 at 1:30 p.m.** This is our way of saying thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. We hope to see you there as we celebrate the gifts and talents of our students.

With Gratitude,

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson McCune
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES in May & June

MAY

16	Marian Liturgy
19-20	Victoria Day Weekend – NO SCHOOL
26	Jubilee Year of Hope – Division Liturgy
28	Grade 6 ELA PAT (part A)
29	Grade 9 ELA PAT (part A)
30	1:30 – Spring Concert

JUNE

02	Número Challenge
03	Track & Field Zones
09	Track & Field City Finals
11	Gr 6 "Journey to Junior High" Celebration
12	Kinder "From Little Seeds to Big Dreams" Celebration
12	Gr 6 & 9 ELA PAT (part B)
13	Gr 6 & 9 Math PAT (part A)
16	Last day of regular JH classes
17	Gr 6 & 9 Math PAT (part B)
18	Gr 6 & 9 Soc St PAT
19	Gr 6 & 9 Science PAT
20	Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration
21	National Indigenous Peoples' Day
23	Elementary & JH Fun Day
24	Gr 9 Farewell Celebration
25	Year-End Liturgy & JH Awards
25	Report Cards go Live on PS
25	LAST DAY of SCHOOL

AUGUST

11	First Day of classes 2025-2026 school year
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Bug Spray and Sunscreen

Please be advised that staff members will **not** apply sunscreen or insect repellent on students.

- For safety, these should not be shared between students, nor sprayed indoors.

Please be advised of the following Alberta Health Services recommendations:

- Please do not apply bug spray prior to children leaving for school as prolonged exposure to bug spray is not recommended for elementary-age children.
- Please send long pants and long-sleeved jackets with your child as it is much better for students to cover up when they are outside, rather than using bug spray.
- The peak eating times for mosquitoes are dawn and dusk and these times are not during school hours, so by covering up, children should be okay outside.

We are collecting finished, cardboard toilet paper rolls for a school wide project on National Indigenous Peoples' Day. Please send your rolls to school with your child!

Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

To help keep our school community healthy, we kindly ask that you keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. Staying home when sick helps prevent the spread of illness and allows children time to rest and recover.

If your child has symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, rash, vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep them home until they are feeling better.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students and staff healthy!

Social Media and Online Safety

Please note the following **age restrictions** for popular social media sites. Parental control and monitoring is key to keeping children safe from predators and bullying as they navigate our online world.

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Reporting a Student Absence

- **SchoolMessenger App** (iOS or Android)
- **PowerSchool** (click on the SchoolMessenger icon in the left hand menu)
- **Website:** go.schoolmessenger.ca
- **Phone:** 1-833-788-7662



Late Students

The Impact of Being Late: Every Minute Counts

We understand that mornings can be busy, but arriving late—especially regularly—can have a significant impact on student learning. With **184 instructional days** in the school year, even small daily delays add up quickly:

- Being **10 minutes late each day** = **31 hours lost** per year
- Being **30 minutes late each day** = **92 hours lost** per year
- Being **1 hour late each day** = **184 hours lost**, the equivalent of **more than a full month of school**

Arriving on time helps students start the day with focus, catch important instructions, and feel more connected to classroom routines. We appreciate your support in helping students arrive promptly so they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

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.

Chief Superintendent's May Message

Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on the Easter season, supporting good mental health, and the many celebrations that take place in spring.

[Click here](#) to read her May 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/

Student Cell Phones

A reminder that students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the day.

If you need to contact your child, please phone the office.



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.



As we turn to a new month, families are reminded that all school fees are past due. Payment can be made using your PowerSchool Account.