



# ST. ALPHONSUS

## Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | September | 2025

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday

8:00	JH doors open for breakfast program
8:10	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 & JH Recess
3:06	Dismissal

Thursday

8:00	JH doors open for breakfast program
8:10	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,

It is hard to believe that we are already four weeks into our new school year! As a year-round school, we are blessed with the opportunity to settle into routines and dive into learning early, and we are proud of the energy and enthusiasm our students have shown so far.

This year we continue to celebrate the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, which aligns beautifully with our school theme of *growing, nurturing, and recognizing the difference one small act can make*. Just as a seed grows with care, we are reminded that small gestures of kindness, effort, and faith can grow into something much greater, bringing hope to others and to our world.

We began our year with a joyful **School Opening Mass** in the last week of August, where we also celebrated a belated **Feast Day of St. Alphonsus**. It was a wonderful way to come together in prayer and community at the start of our journey this year.

We are also excited to welcome our new **girls' and boys' soccer teams** to the field this fall, offering students another opportunity to grow in teamwork, dedication, and school spirit. In addition, we look forward to seeing many families at our **Meet the Staff Night on September 3**, a valuable chance to connect with the educators who guide and support your children every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our school a place of learning, faith, and community. May we move forward in this new month with hope, joy, and trust in God's guidance.

Joan Woodlock  
Principal

Michele Wilson-McCune  
Assistant Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES in SEPTEMBER

01	Labour Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
03	Meet the Staff @ 5:30
05	Picture Day
29	Orange Shirt Day
29-03	K-2 Dental Visits
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### OCTOBER

01	Gr 4 Bible Presentation
02	Custodian Appreciation Day
02	<b>FULL DAY</b>
03	<b>SHORT DAY</b>
03	Thanksgiving Mass
04-19	Fall Break – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### 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.





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## Picture Day!!



**Friday, September 5, 2025**

## 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.

## After School Programs

We are excited that many of our after-school programs are starting up this month. Please watch for letters home about the following programs:

**YONA** (Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta – Sistema)

**CAM** (Centre for Arts and Music – Rock & Roll Society)

**BGCBigs Mentors**

**BGCBigs Out of School Programming**

**JH Girls' & Boys' Soccer Teams**

**JH Cross Country Team**

## TIPS FOR SUPPORTING LEARNERS AT HOME

PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A QUIET, REGULAR PLACE TO WORK, HELP ORGANIZING THEIR SPACE AND MATERIALS, BE WILLING TO EXPLORE QUESTIONS WITH THEM, AND CHECK POWERSCHOOL REGULARLY.



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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](mailto:dawn.nowicki@telus.net)

For further Parish information visit: [www.stal-stclare.caedm.ca/](http://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: [www.powerschool.ecsd.net/public](http://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.

