



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
8:25	First Bell
8:30	Classes Start
10:00	Elementary Recess
11:50-12:23	JH Lunch
12:00-12:32	Elementary 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,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope this message finds you and your family well-rested, recharged, and ready to embark on another exciting journey of learning and growth. It is a privilege to lead such a dedicated and caring community, and we are thrilled to welcome both our returning families and those new to our school.

At St. Alphonsus, we are committed to providing an enriching and supportive environment where each student can thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. Our dedicated faculty and staff have been working diligently to prepare for the new school year, ensuring that our curriculum is engaging and that our classrooms are safe and welcoming.

This year, we have many exciting plans and initiatives aimed at enhancing our students' educational experience. We are particularly focused on strengthening our faith-based programs, fostering a sense of community, and encouraging a love of life-long learning.

We encourage you to stay involved in your child's education and to participate in the various events and activities we have planned throughout the year. Your support and involvement are crucial to the success of our school community.

Please feel free to reach out to any member of our staff with questions or concerns. We are here to support you and your children every step of the way.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Together, let's make this a wonderful and memorable school year!

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson-McCune
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES in AUGUST

08	Office Open
09	Office Open @ Noon
12	First day of Classes
13	Kinder Staggered Entry
14	Kinder Staggered Entry
15	All Kinder Start Full Day of School
16	½ Day of School
20	School Opening Mass @ St. Alphonsus Parish
21	School Photos
22	Full Day of School
23	½ Day of School
28	Meet the Teacher – 6:30
30	No School

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 12.

- We will open our front doors to families at 8:15 AM.
- Class lists and teachers will be posted outside and in the front lobby for families to see.

Kindergarten students will have staggered entry on August 13 & 14. The first full day for Kindergarten will be Thursday, August 15.

Cell Phones and Social Media



On September 1, 2024, Alberta Education will implement 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 are not a huge 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.

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 13, 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.

