



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

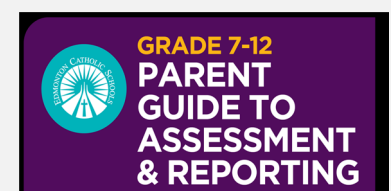
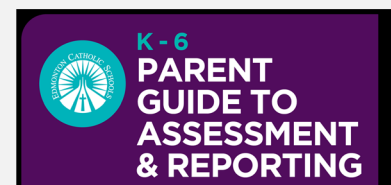
NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER | 2024

IMPORTANT DATES in NOVEMBER

05-06	Grades 1, 6, 9 Immunizations
07	Remembrance Day Ceremony
08 – 12 Remembrance Day & Fall Break– NO SCHOOL	
13	Classes Resume
14	Demonstration of Learning
28	PD Day – NO SCHOOL

Assessment and Reporting

In the past, assessment had been used solely for the purpose of calculating overall final grades. Twenty years of education research has resulted in the knowledge that it can be used to improve student learning as well. Parents play an important role in their child's education; when parents, students, and educators work together, students are successful! Follow these links for parent guides on assessment:



Administrators' Message

Dear St. Alphonsus Families,

As we enter November, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, compassion, and reflection in our Catholic faith. This month, we honor All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, remembering those who have gone before us and praying for their eternal peace. These moments invite us to cherish our loved ones and give thanks for the blessings in our lives.

In November, we will also observe Remembrance Day, a time to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have served and continue to serve our country. Through classroom discussions and a school-wide ceremony, we will come together to reflect on the values of peace, freedom, and service.

Fall break will also be here soon, giving our students a well-deserved rest and a chance to recharge. During this time, our staff will continue to reflect on ways to enhance the educational experience for each child. By carefully analyzing results from recent surveys and exams, we aim to identify areas of growth and set meaningful priorities for continuous improvement.

This month, we are excited to host Demonstration of Learning, where students will showcase their progress and share their accomplishments with you. We encourage all families to join us and celebrate the hard work of our students.

We are committed to providing a faith-filled, excellent education for every student. Thank you for your ongoing support in building a compassionate and inspiring school community.

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

Sincerely,

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson McCune
Assistant Principal

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





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Athletics

We are very proud of our Junior High Athletes who have represented our school over the last months. These students have dedicated themselves to regular practice to enhance their skill sets, developed excellent sportsmanship skills, and brought their best efforts to the games.

We are very thankful for our teacher coaches, who volunteer their own time for practices, games, and tournaments. Sports are an important part of our school culture, and they would not happen if it were not for the dedication and commitment of our teacher coaches.

The men's Soccer team and their coaches admirably represented our school and they have already wrapped up their season.

Students also participated in Cross Country Running and our athletes represented our school very well in this event. Congratulations to the runners and their coaches for a great season.

As the Fall turns to Winter, junior high athletics moves indoors with sports such as Volleyball and Basketball. Teams are already deep into the Volleyball season for both men's and lady's squads. We wish them well throughout their league play and tournaments.

We look forward to cheering on our Basketball teams in the new year. Try-outs will be held after the Volleyball season wraps up.



Demonstration of Learning



On Thursday, November 14, both Elementary and Junior High teachers will conduct Demonstration of Learning with families, reviewing student progress. This will be an opportunity for your child(ren) to show you evidence and progress of learning in their classes.

Please be sure to bring your child(ren) with you!

As in years past, an electronic scheduler will be made available for you to register. Teachers will be available on that day between 1:00-4:30 and 5:30-8:00.

Junior high meetings will take place in the large gym and elementary will be conducted in your child's homeroom.

WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather is around the corner, and we want to be sure that everyone is prepared to embrace the elements and temperatures for the many months ahead. Edmonton Catholic School's standing policy on inclement weather is to restrict outdoor activities when the temperature combined with wind chill is -20 degrees.

For our students to enjoy the winter weather, please be sure to send children to school with warm boots, a warm winter coat, mitts or gloves, and toques. All children will be expected to go outside regardless of if they dressed for the weather. If your child is too sick to go outside for recess, please keep them at home.

If you require support ensuring your child(ren) have the warm clothes they need, please e-mail:

FSLW: Danielle Novikoff

E-mail: danielle.novikoff@ecsd.net

Roots & Wings: Heather Casselman

E-mail: heather.casselman.ta@ecsd.net



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Morning Drop-Off

Morning Drop-off Reminders:

When dropping off students in the morning, please do not enter the staff parking lots, as this poses a safety risk to our students - students may be dropped off in front of the school along the field and north parking lot sidewalk.

Please do not park in the bus zone at any time during drop-off.

Parents/caregivers, please say goodbye to your child(ren) before they enter the school.

All parents entering the school need to check in at the office.

We thank you sincerely for your cooperation in our continued efforts to keep our students and staff safe.

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

Read the latest message from our Chief Superintendent! Learn how ECSD schools are fostering growth through continuous improvement, guided by our four priorities: Living our Faith, Learning Excellence, Organizational Excellence, and Embracing Diversity. Get updates on upcoming School Council discussions and the ECSD Annual Survey happening this November. [Click here](#) to read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's November 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/



PowerSchool

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.

School FEES

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.