



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER | 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,

Our three weeks in August flew by, and we are looking forward to an excellent month of learning in September before our fall break in October.

We were so happy to come together as a community at St. Alphonsus Parish for our opening mass on August 26th. We were also excited to see so many families join us for Meet the Teacher night on August 28th!

As we move into September, we are all busy preparing for our 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 12th. We look forward to celebrating a Liturgy of the Word with Father Glenn, welcoming some guest speakers, and providing a hot dog and cupcake to each student before the end of the day. A big thank-you to the Friends of St. Alphonsus Society, Save-On Foods, and Superstore who are donating the food and some other treats for our celebration!

We also encourage you to join St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish for their 100th celebration on Sunday, September 15th.

As a school, a division, and as a province, we continue to experience record growth in enrolment. We are pleased to announce that we now have enough students for two Kindergarten classes.

In addition, we have moved our elementary lunch times to fall in line with the junior high times. All students now have the lunch break from 11:50-12:23.

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 SEPTEMBER

02	Labour Day NO SCHOOL
12	School 100 th Anniversary Liturgy – 10:30 AM
15	St. Alphonsus Parish 100 th Anniversary Celebrations
16-20	Grade 5 Field Trip to Uschool
20	Gr 1 & 2 Safety City Field Trip
30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER	
03	Full Day of School
04	½ Day of School
04	Thanksgiving Mass @ Church
05-20	Fall Break 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. [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.





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Grizzly Gear Sales



Order Grizzly Gear at:

[Grizzly Gear Website](#)

Ordering will be available until Friday, September 27th, with delivery at the end of October.

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 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.

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 Boys Soccer Team

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024 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.

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.

