



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | APRIL | 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,

April is a month filled with hope, renewal, and joyful anticipation. As we continue through the Lenten season, we look forward to celebrating the **Resurrection of Christ on April 20**, a powerful reminder of God's love and the promise of new life. In this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, we are especially mindful of the ways we can carry that message of hope into our classrooms, our homes, and our world.

There are many exciting things happening in our school this month! Our **Junior High badminton team** is practicing and competing with energy and enthusiasm—we are proud of their teamwork and commitment. Meanwhile, Some of our **Junior High band students** will soon head to **band camp**, where they'll grow in skill and confidence while building strong bonds through music.

We are also excited to host a **Family Literacy Night on April 23**, a special event that brings families together to celebrate the joy of reading and storytelling, and on **April 22, we will recognize Earth Day**, encouraging students to reflect on their role as stewards of God's creation. Through classroom activities and school initiatives, we will explore ways to care for the environment and appreciate the beauty of the world around us.

Looking ahead, we are already preparing for our **Multicultural Day in early May**—a highlight of our school year. This special event is a celebration of the many cultures that make up our school community. Through food, music, art, and storytelling, we will learn from one another and celebrate the beauty of diversity.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. May this month be filled with hope, growth, and the joy of Easter.

Sincerely,

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson McCune
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES in February & March

April	
07-08	Band Camp
07-10	Dental Fluoride Services on Site
10	Parent Drop-in Event (Leisure pass sign-ups)
18	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
21	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
22	Earth Day
23	Family Literacy Night
24	Easter Mass @ St. Alphonsus
Look Ahead to May	
02	St. Alphonsus Multi-Cultural Day

NEW!!!

Reporting Student Absences

ecsd.net/reportingabsences

OR

1-833-788-7662 and follow the prompts. This number will only work if you call from a number listed in your child's PowerSchool. Call the office for assistance.



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Free City of Edmonton Passes - Interested?

Families considered to be low income are eligible to receive free leisure passes. What does this include?

These passes include memberships for the entire family to City of Edmonton sites (recreation centres, the Edmonton Zoo, Fort Edmonton Park, outdoor pools, and more). Access to recreation centres include a variety of activities such as swimming, workout facilities, childminding services, indoor playgrounds and more.

But did you know?

Pass holders ALSO get public transit passes for a reduced cost and also get access to 75% off registered programs for kids AND adults in the family. Registered programs include activities such as swimming lessons, music lessons, art classes, summer camps etc.

We will be hosting a group application session April 10th!

April 10th between 2 pm and 6 pm You are free to drop in and get support with an application into the program. This date has been picked because it will allow families to register in April and receive their passes in June; just in time for summer break! During this event, we will be available to support you in applying for this pass and exploring registered program options.

Any questions can be answered by our school's Roots & Wings worker Miss Heather at 780-868-4633

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

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, vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep them home until they are feeling better.

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



St. Alphonsus is having a Family Literacy Night for Kindergarten to Grade 6!

Please join us on **April 23 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm** for tons of fun. There will be a variety of fun and engaging games and activities for students to do with their parents/guardians that promote learning and literacy.

There will be snacks, and all students who participate in the activities will leave with a free book! Hope to see you there!

Reporting a Student Absence

Edmonton Catholic Schools utilizes the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival system to simplify reporting absences for families. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these options:

- **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

Using SchoolMessenger is quick, convenient, and helps keep your school informed and your child safe. For full instructions and more information, visit ecsd.net/reportingabsences.



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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.

Chief Superintendent's April Message

Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on our Lenten journey and the many ways that students develop their gifts and talents in Edmonton Catholic Schools.

[Click here](#) to read her April 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.



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

F E E S

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.