



# ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER | 2025

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday

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|-------------|--|
| 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

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|-------|--|
| 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,

September was a month filled with growth, learning, and community spirit here at St. Alphonsus. Our girls' and boys' soccer teams enjoyed a great season, and we were proud to see our students represent our school so well at the Division cross-country meet. In addition, our students prepared meaningful drawings in recognition of **Truth and Reconciliation Day / Orange Shirt Day**, reminding us of the importance of listening, learning, and honoring every child.

As we move into October, we look forward to celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass on October 4**, giving thanks for the many blessings in our school and community. Later this month, we will enjoy a well-deserved **Fall Break**, and we hope all families have the chance to rest, recharge, and spend quality time together. After the break, our focus will turn to the beginning of the **girls' and boys' volleyball seasons**, another opportunity for our students to grow in teamwork and perseverance.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our school a place where faith, learning, and hope flourish.

Joan Woodlock  
Principal

Michele Wilson-McCune  
Assistant Principal

## Grizzly Gear

Use [this link](#) to access the online store to purchase Grizzly Gear! Orders are due by Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.



## IMPORTANT DATES in OCTOBER

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 30 | Truth & Reconciliation Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b> |
| 03 | Full Day of School                            |
| 04 | ½ Day of School                               |
| 04 | Thanksgiving Mass @ Church                    |

## 04-19 Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

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| 20 | Classes Resume   |
| 21 | Picture Re-Takes |
| 31 | Halloween        |
| 01 | All Saints' day  |

## 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 Re-Takes!!

**Picture Re-Take day is  
Tuesday, October 21**

## School Fees

**Please check Parent  
Powerschool for school  
fees.**

## 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.

## Holiday Hampers

If you are finding yourself in need of a little extra help this Christmas, our FSLW (Michelle) and our Roots & Wings (Heather) will be coordinating applications with families for Holiday Food Hampers and Children's Gifts.

To apply on-line, please use this link: [Holiday Hamper Form](#)

If you would prefer a paper form, please visit the front office.

To apply in person, please come to the school on **Tuesday, October 21**, between 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact:

[michelle.degagne@ecsd.net](mailto:michelle.degagne@ecsd.net) or Heather at 780-868-4633

## SUPERINTENDENT'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

*OCTOBER 1 BRINGS A NEW MONTH AND A NEW MESSAGE FROM CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT LYNNETTE ANDERSON. YOU CAN FIND HER MONTHLY MESSAGES AT [ECSD.NET/CHIEF-SUPERINTENDENTS-MESSAGE](https://ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-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](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.

