



ST. ALPHONSUS Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

NEWSLETTER | November/December | 2025

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

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

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,

As we move through the final weeks of November, our school is energized with learning, activity, and community spirit. We are looking forward to our **Demonstration of Learning on November 27**, a wonderful opportunity for students to share their growth and accomplishments. This week also marks the start of our **shortened volleyball season**, and we wish our JH girls' and boys' teams a positive and exciting experience on the court.

Following the recent labour action, we continue to focus on **robust, meaningful learning** during our instructional time. We are grateful for your patience and support as we work together to maintain stability, routine, and high-quality learning for all students.

As December approaches, our school turns its attention to the **season of Advent**, a time of anticipation, reflection, and hope. We look forward to our **first Advent liturgy on December 1**, the joy of our **Christmas Concert on December 10**, and the many classroom celebrations that help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. These moments remind us of the light we bring to one another and the spirit of community that makes St. Alphonsus such a special place.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. As we head into the last weeks of the 2025 calendar year, we wish all of our families peace, joy, and blessing.

Joan Woodlock
Principal

Michele Wilson-McCune
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES in NOVEMBER

27	1 – 8 Demonstration of Learning
28	Staff PD Day – NO SCHOOL
30	1st Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

01	Advent Liturgy
07	2nd Sunday of Advent
08	Advent liturgy
10	1:30 Christmas Concert
14	3rd Sunday of Advent
15	Advent Liturgy
18	Full Day of School
19	1/2 Day of School

December 20 – January 4 Christmas Break No School

25	Christmas Day
JANUARY	
01	New Year's Day
05	Classes Resume

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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PARKING & BUSSES

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.

Bus Lanes

Please do not stop in the bus lane before and after school. We now have six busses which drop off in a very short time. Your cooperation will help our morning to run smoothly.

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.

Demonstration of Learning – You're Invited – November 27!

We warmly invite all families to join us for our upcoming Demonstration of Learning. This is a special time when students share how their learning has grown, much like the hopeful garden we are tending together at St. Alphonsus this year.

What to expect:

- **Elementary (K-6):** Students will guide you through a "show what I know" experience. They will share samples of their work, explain their thinking, and talk about how their learning has grown.

- **Junior High (7-9):** Students will participate in a short interview-style conversation with their families and teacher. They will walk you through key pieces of learning, reflect on their progress, and share their next steps.

This celebration is meant to be relaxed, student-led, and focused on growth. We hope you enjoy seeing the wonderful learning taking root in our classrooms.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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For further Parish information visit: 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

If you are having difficulty accessing your account or have forgotten your credential, please contact the school office.

School Fees

Please check PowerSchool for school fees. Contact the office if you need assistance accessing your account.