



Newsletter

St. John Bosco Catholic School

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Administrators' Message



Easter is around the corner, and we have been busy preparing your children through several Easter activities so that they fully understand the promise that Easter brings us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Saviour! The Catholic sacrament of the Holy Eucharist or Communion becomes especially significant on Easter. You don't have Easter if you don't have the crucifixion on

Good Friday, The Eucharist is the representation of that sacrifice. For us as Catholics, the Eucharist is not just a symbol of the memory of Christ's sacrifice. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ's life in us. Easter is a special time for Christians to reflect on the great sacrifice that Jesus Christ made and because of His death and resurrection it gives us hope of eternal life. **Join us for our Easter celebration on April 5 at 1:00 pm Div 2 in the gym, Div 1 in the classroom live streamed on Teams.**

We thank all our parents for their quick responses in stating their intentions for the upcoming school year. This information allows us to better understand how we need to plan and prepare for the return of our students. **Our planning for the upcoming school year is well underway with 615 students already registered!** We are excited about all the events our students and staff are involved in including clubs, hot lunch, flex learning, field trips and even our year end Fun Day which we look forward to in June. The school is buzzing with opportunities and excitement!!

Spring is definitely in the air! At Edmonton Catholic Schools our Spring staffing cycle begins in March with the announcement of Administrative retirements, new administration designation and moves which take place in the fall of 2024-25. It is a fitting time of year as we watch everything around us blossom and grow. **With that said, I wish to congratulate our Assistant Principal, Ms. Kowalchyk, on receiving her designation as Principal.** We will all miss Ms. Kowalchyk's smile, dedication and most of all the wisdom she has in understanding that the call to leadership is a call to serve others with humbleness and steadfast perseverance, walking gently, encouraging others along the way. I have had the pleasure of witnessing firsthand her growth, both personally and professionally and the grace

she brings to leadership through her daily actions big and small. We wish her every success and know that the school that receives her will be blessed with her leadership.

I would also like to welcome our two incoming Assistant Principals, Ms. Schultz and Ms. Prystasz. As a large elementary school, I know we will be busy and so I look forward to collaborating with them as we each use our God given gifts in service to the staff, students and families of St. John Bosco School.

It is our 7th Year Anniversary of our SJB Twitter account with 432 Twitter followers. We are happy to say that the SJB Twitter account has been a super way to celebrate and share with our parents and extended community the many great events and learning happening both inside and outside of our school. **If you have not yet followed us, please do so at @StJohnBoscoYEG**

Once again, St. John Bosco School "Walk for Hope" Walk-a-thon will support the Catholic Social Services 'Sign of Hope' Campaign. This is a very important local Catholic organization that helps those in need.

On behalf of the staff and our administration team, we remain committed to providing the children of St. John Bosco School with a quality Catholic education. We believe children are at the center of our work and are grateful to be working in an outstanding learning community.

The message of Easter is one of God's perfect love and sacrifice for us; it is a message of hope for us all. God's love is greater than our sins if we genuinely seek his forgiveness.

Happy Easter to all our St. John Bosco School families!

Ms. A. Esposito-Brady
Principal

Ms. D. Kowalchuk
Assistant Principal

REFLECTION /PRAYER

Lord God, You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

A reminder that moving forward we will be posting SJB calendar and event dates directly onto our website for ease of access from wherever you are. Please click on the links below and place into your favorites list for easy access each month.

To access the school's calendar of events, click on link below: <https://stjohnbosco.ecsd.net/calendar>

For a digital copy of this newsletter, access the school's newsletters, use link below
<https://stjohnbosco.ecsd.net/newsletters->

SCHOOL WEBSITE & X ACCOUNT - @StJohnBoscoYEG

It's our 7-year anniversary and we have 432 followers!! Parents and community members are asked to use our school's website to stay up to date on the latest going on in our school. The school website is filled with information related to the school's academic and extracurricular programs, special student services and support, registration and hours of operation information, monthly newsletters and calendars highlighting school events. This is also a great tool to tell your friends and family about should they be interested in registering their children at our school. The website also allows you to email the principal directly and provide suggestions and/or inquire about school programs and/or events.

To visit our website, click on the following link, [St. John Bosco School Website](#)

Our school has a **SJB X account @StJohnBoscoYEG**. The SJB X account has been a great way to share updates, reminders and even highlight school wide events. We have had many positive comments and are happy to say that our number of followers continue to increase daily. We have begun to include video clips and picture collages of the many school events as a way of celebrating our terrific staff and the students that make the school come alive with their positive energy and amazing school spirit.

SJB SPIRITWEAR SALES - MARCH 1 TO APRIL 3, 2023

Parents are also reminded that they will have one final opportunity for this year to go online and purchase SJB Spirit wear; online ordering will run from March 1 until April 1. Grade 6 parents are encouraged to purchase as a keepsake of their child's time here at SJB before they move on to Junior High School. To purchase your SJB Spirit wear, please click on the link to which will take you to the online store at: <https://sjbspring2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NEW FAMILIES REGISTERING AT OUR SCHOOL

For information about our registration process for the upcoming 2024-25 school year, visit our school website at <https://www.ecsd.net/1024>.

To learn more about what we offer your child at St. John Bosco School, [click here](#).

For any families with Kindergarten age children entering school, click on the link to get more information about our half-day Kindergarten programming [Kindergarten](#).

For any families with children in grades 1 to 6 and are interested in registering at our school, click on the link to learn more about what we offer for our [Grades 1 to 6](#).

The registration process begins with the parents going online and completing the registration process. **Click on the link to complete an online registration form at <https://stjohnbosco.ecsd.net/register>.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, NOR PROCESSED UNLESS ALL YOUR DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN UPLOADED.

Students outside our catchment area may be accepted if there is space and program, however, transportation will be the responsibility of the parents.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FOR 2024-25

Transportation Services will begin routing for the 2024-25 school year starting in April. **The deadline for ALL transportation applications, for September 2024 is May 23, 2024.** If you would like your child's transportation to be effective September 5, 2023 – you must submit your application online prior to May 23, 2023. Applications are received throughout the year on an ongoing basis.

All CURRENT REGULAR yellow bussing students will be rolled over from this current school year to the 2024-25 school year based on the address information from this current year. (This includes half day and full day kindergarten students.)

If there are any changes to your child's transportation address for the 2024-25 school year, a Notice of Change must be submitted online in order that the corrections are made.

The students that are required to APPLY online for transportation for the 2024-25 school year are:

- New students Gr. 1-6 that require bussing and qualify based on their ~~home address~~ **(home/transportation address)**
- Kindergarten students **(providing the home/transportation address qualifies for transportation)**
- Students that are moving from their current school and are eligible for bussing to their new school for the 2024-25 school year,
- Students that have a new home address and/or secondary address (ie: daycares, day homes, etc.)

The first date of transportation is September 3, 2024 (Regular bus and curb service). The first day for Kindergarten noon hour bussing is September 6th.

SJB SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS



St. John Bosco School student supply lists will be posted to the website under School Information tab. Please click on the following link to take you to that Supply List Page where you can shop for your own school supplies.

To order click on the link: [SJB Student School Supply Lists](#)

'SCHOOL START' SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

St. John Bosco School will once again be offering the opportunity for parents to pre-order student school supplies for the upcoming school year. This is not a mandatory program; however, it is a school fundraiser, with the school receiving \$5.00 for every kit sold.

By mid-March you will be able to go online to place your order at www.schoolstart.ca . Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

To order click on the link : [SCHOOL START Supply Lists](#)



Supply kits will be delivered directly to your home. Here are the benefits for Home Delivery:

- ✓ You can pre-label your child's supplies
 - ✓ You can add supplies to your order for your child in another school
- **Please note that there will be no school pick-up option, only home delivery***** If you have any questions, please contact

School Start: info@schoolstart.ca Ph: 1-800-580-1868 Fax: 1-800-580-1890

TREASURES OF RECONCILIATION...FORGIVENESS IS A FREE GIFT



On March 6th, grade 3-6 students at St. John Bosco School participated in Lenten Reconciliation. Leading up to the day, teachers focused on confession and spent time discussing what forgiveness means. We had a total of 7 priests come out to help lead the sacrament.! Before seeing a priest, students were invited to reflect on their relationship with God in our music room. Students met with a priest in the gym and then made their way back to the music room or chapel where they could reflect further and do their penance. Our thanks to the Grade 4 team of teachers and Ms. Garcia for their coordination of a beautiful day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At St John Bosco, we prepared for Easter in many special ways. Our Holy week was filled with teachings about the stations of the cross, reconciliation and the last supper, the Seder meal.

Why are the Stations of the Cross a special Lenten prayer?

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross and the Way of Sorrow (Via Crucis in Latin), detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus at any time of the year, though it is most popular during the Lenten season. The Stations of the Cross will be set up for learning and prayer for the whole week. Thanks go out to our Kindergarten teachers for coordinating the special time.



SEDER MEAL ON HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, morning our whole school prayed and participated in the Seder meal. This beautiful retelling of the last supper is a tradition to help our children understand the remembrance of the world's salvation through his final sacrifice. It is a tradition that many classes look forward to praying together

as a class family before leaving for their Easter Break. Thanks go out to our Gr. 1 teachers for coordinating the special day.

EASTER CELEBRATION FRIDAY, APRIL 5 @ 1:00 PM

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter **celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity**. Jesus was raised from the dead, and it goes to show that He conquered sin and death.



Later this month we will celebrate the risen Savior, Jesus Christ! Grade 5 will lead the celebration, Divi 2 will be in the gym while Div 1 will follow on TEAMS.

SJB 'WALK FOR HOPE' WALKATHON (March 22 to April 1, 2024) ONLINE PLEDGES OPEN ---SEE LINK BELOW

We are happy to say that this year we will once again host our St. John Bosco School "Walk for Hope" Walk-a-thon. **The walkathon runs from (March 22 to April 1, 2024) beginning on Holy Thursday and ends on Easter Monday.**

This year, our St. John Bosco School "Walk for Hope" Walk-a-thon will support Catholic Social Services 'Sign of Hope' Campaign. This very important local Catholic organization that helps those in need. As a Catholic social services agency, they are guided by faith to care for and bring hope and offer a variety of services to people in need with humility, compassion, and respect.



We are calling on all our SJB families and the extended SJB Community to come together in unity to participate in this social justice call to action. With our participation, we express our thankfulness for our own personal blessings by giving back to those in need with grace and gratitude in our hearts.

This event will also highlight and foster active local citizenship and engagement, health, and wellness through physical activity and best of all, fun family time towards helping other families in need. Using the 3 **A's (Awareness, Acceptance and Action)** approach towards increased social justice learning, we will work as a school community to teach and foster an understanding of the need for social justice.

To participate during the week, we encourage you to walk as a family each day/evening for a minimum of 30 minutes; logging your total time over the course of the week. As you consider how much you and your family want to pledge, consider this, you could pledge \$1 per minute/kilometer, or a flat rate per week or day, the choice is yours. For example, if you choose to pledge \$1 per minute here is how that might look for your family, (30 mins. /day x \$1 each minute = \$30 per day x 7 days = \$210 in total for the week). Some families may choose to only walk 3 times per week, then the that would look as follows, (30 mins. /day x \$1 each minute = \$30 per day x 3 days = \$90 in total for the week). If families prefer, they could simply donate a total amount. Regardless of the amount, it is the

idea of social justice service through active citizenship and engagement, physical activity and quality family time that is at the heart of the **St. John Bosco School "Walk for Hope" Walk-a-thon.**

Important Information:

- **Please use the pledge form** to track your time, this will be further used by your child/ren as we complete some cross-curricular learning activities in support of this school wide social justice initiative to help raise awareness while also teaching important academic skills in math, social studies, science, and other curriculum areas of study.
- **Capture photos of your walk as a family** and email them to 1024web@ecsd.net, so that we can share the good news via twitter, our school website and school newsletter.
- **Commit** to make your walk happen **RAIN or SHINE from (March 22 to April 1, 2024)**
- **Donate** to St. John Bosco School "Walk for Hope" Walk-a-thon in support of **Catholic Social Services, 'Sign of Hope' Campaign** using the link, <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/98259>

Thank you for your participation in our SJB Walk-a-thon in support of Catholic Social Services, Sign of Hope!

SJB School Staff & Community

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Our Senior Glee Club is working hard preparing to perform at the Celebration of the Arts on April 30, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Jubilee Auditorium! We will be showcasing our singing and dancing alongside many performances from Edmonton Catholic Schools! All are welcome to watch the big performance!

GRADE 5 HANDBELL CHOIR

Our Grade 5 Handbell Choir has been ringing at lunch recess preparing a song for the Easter Celebration on April 5, 2024 at 1pm. Parents of the Grade 5 Handbell choir are welcome to attend to hear our beautiful song!

HEART & STROKE JUMP ROPE/ HOOPS FOR HEART EVENT



St. John Bosco held its annual **Heart & Stroke Foundation JUMP Rope/ HOOPS for Heart event on February 26th and 27th**. The event was fun for kids and a great social justice project that helps to support heart and stroke research. St. John Bosco School raised a total of **\$1,315 as of March 3rd, 2024** for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Your hard work has helped this incredible foundation

continue to help and support people in our community! We also learned all about heart health and ways to stay active all year long. Virtual gift cards will be emailed out to families who have donated over the next few weeks. Great job, SJB!

HOT LUNCH - HEALTHY HUNGER

SJB Hot Lunch is BACK for another school year! Our hot lunch service provider is called **Healthy Hunger**. This year for parent convenience, all hot lunches will be posted for the year for parents who choose to pre-order and pay all at once. If you are interested in volunteering on our hot lunch days, please email at **sjbhotlunch@gmail.com**. Thank you for your continued support of our hot lunch program! **To access the instructions on how to register** and use this program, **please see the additional attachment**.



If you haven't already done so, please register on the Healthy Hunger website to order a hot lunch for your child(ren) should you be interested. We will be offering the following hot lunch days for the year, please see the timelines listed in the chart.

Hot Lunch Vendor	Order Deadline	Hot Lunch Day
Panago	April 14, 2024	April 19, 2024
Pita Pit	May 19, 2024	May 24, 2024

GRADE 6 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

In May and June, Grade 6 will begin writing our Provincial Achievement Tests. As such, we wanted to send out some important reminders that will contribute to our students' overall success with these exams. Below you will find reminders that will be reviewed in class. Please review with your child at home as well. It is important that leading up to these exams our students continue to follow the attached PAT calendar and spend time nightly reviewing concepts. Just as with anything if concepts are not practiced, they are not remembered.

- Students should be going to bed on time nightly and getting enough sleep for the following day
- It is important that breakfast is eaten every morning and that students bring their lunch and snacks for the day
- A full water bottle should be packed
- All scores after grading are unofficial but will be shared with your child

The schedule for these exams and the time allotted will be as follows:

Wednesday, May 15 LA Part A 4 hours

Wednesday, June 12 LA Part B 2 hours

Thursday, June 13 Math Part A 40 minutes

Friday, June 14 Math Part B 2 hours 20 minutes

Wednesday, June 19 Social Studies 2 hours

Thursday, June 20 Science 2 hours

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out!

TERRIFIC KIDS WITH GIFTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM



We celebrated our Terrific Kids with GIFTS recognition on Friday, March 10 in the afternoon. These **presentations** honour, celebrate, and acknowledge students who have nurtured their GIFTS by sharing the virtues taught throughout the **months** of December, January, and February: **CHARITY, COURAGE and LOVE. Congratulations for sharing your gifts!**

Please note the **virtues** highlighted for each of the respective months throughout the year are **aligned with the Catholic virtues outlined monthly in student agendas** and are as follows. Listed below for your information are the Terrific Kids recipients for Term 2.

Our final celebration will be on Friday, **June 11** Div. 1 at 10:30 am and Div. 2 at 2:15 pm.

Term 2 - Terrific Kids Certificate Recipients -Charity/Courage/ Love

GR	Charity		Courage		Love	
00A	Nicholas M	Gabriella M	Andrew N	Miley M-m	Brynn K	Gianluca O
00B	Ariadne E	Johan B	Kaylee S	Tadmor S	Alina S	Krishna Q
00C	Max S	Mary A	Jasper H	Lucas H	Rarity C	Sofia K
00D	Makda B	Carter D	Christina I	Lincoln K, Annabelle D	Nicholas De V	Alusine K
1A	Ezra K	Harvey Y	Jesslyn K	Olivia A	Liam C	Jameson C
1B	Katarina M	Alden L	Carson R	Noah F	Troy E	Julianna D-S
1C	Samantha D	Willow P	Darija Z	Maria R	Castile W	Jaylyn K
1D	Luwam G	Mateo G	Gabriella M	Dylan S-De L	Oliver O'B	Connor H
2A	Ghina E	Juliana F Talia M	Celine H	Alek E	Charan S	Catherine P
2B	Mike A	Kallista A	Isabella M	Shekina P	Riley H	Isabelle S
2C	Keira R	Lucy C	Ariana M	Charlotte C	Brooke S	Kason T
2D	Eleanor I	Elleden O	Luciano L	Suri T	Mateo T	Elie S
3A	Yatse W,	Aiden R	Idriss K	Marlhyza B, Mateo H	Isabella K	Evelyn L, Kyle S
3B	Darpan D	Avery G	Tiago v	Andrej P	Deo G, Alvera M,	TJ Bustard
3C	Sebastian B	Madison A	Sophia B	Roman M, Avery S-R	Myla A, Harper B	Noah M
3D	Erick T	Erick Torre, Savannah S	Hendrix W- N, Aiden C	Vyga M	Evan K	Leeroy N

4A	Josh M	Jacob R	Adithya J		Valentina C, Mack C, Julian F	Adam G, Marc G
4B	Milana C		Myles S	Shaughnessa R	Evelyn I	
4C	Ariana F, Andrii C	Ali Jomea	Avanov O	Malakai B	Olivia K	Ava M
4D	Jaxson A		Caleb K	Miguel M	Tabor S	Kassem El H
5A	Alexa C Camila O C	Ethan Y Emmanuel A	Royce H, Olivia I	Eddie J, Tyrone Y	Jude S, TeaDora G	Sofia C, Adelynn B
5B	Eldana F Markus H	Isaac B-M	D'Angelo T, Tiago M	Aubree B-MacD	Mikal B, Sofia B	Adam B, Yinedi C
5C	Grace Z,	Hailey M, Ines L	Jackson B, Luca D L	Eli Gamerio	Joseph S, Danika M	Natasha S
6A	Kasey G, Jovanny P	Raese C	Violet M, Milan J	Jazzlyn L	Alessia D, Dominic C,	Grace Damur
6B	Ottavio A,	Gabrielle J, Layla Y	Tudor B, Emma M,	Caleb Y	Heiley G, Kali R C	Miriam V
6C	Tavius K,	Angelo S	Lucas K	Dominic T	Bella K,	Karmin

ILLUMINATING KINDNESS: GRADE 6 SHINES BRIGHT FOR KIDS KOTTAGE!



We are thrilled to share the heartwarming success of our Grade 6 students' Social Justice Service-Learning project in support of Kids Kottage. From February 5th to March 15th, our SJB community came together in a remarkable display of generosity and compassion.



Through the dedicated efforts of our Grade 6 students and the active participation of students from Kindergarten to 6, we collected an astounding amount of donations. The outpouring of support truly reflects the caring spirit that defines our community.

Our Grade 6 students took the initiative to lead this project by going on broadcast announcements to spread the message, creating eye-catching posters, and informative slides to raise awareness about the importance of supporting Kids Kottage. Their commitment to advocating for this cause played a pivotal role in mobilizing our community to contribute generously. Here's a summary of the donations received:

Books: 47 books

Clothing: 9 FULL boxes of gently used and washed clothes and shoes

Toys: 9 toys for children

Self Care: 25 items

We are immensely proud of our students for their commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Their contributions will undoubtedly bring comfort and joy to children and families in need. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project and



demonstrated the power of compassion and community spirit. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of others. The Grade 6 Team

CLASS LIST CONSTRUCTION

This is the time of year where we begin to consider and work on class lists for the upcoming school year. Student placement in classes is one of the most important things we do as a school team of professionals. Parents, we have listed below for you the process used to generate our class lists. We, as professionals who work with your children day in and day out, are very clear on the needs of our students and understand fully the impact of developing class lists that are functional, manageable and well-balanced in several categories. We consider a variety of variables in the construction of those class lists.

The following categories are considered by our learning teams which are made up of Teachers, Multi-Discipline Service Providers, Learning Coach, and Administration:

Ability: The best conditions for an effective learning community are created by placing children in an environment where there is a range of abilities. This creates strength through diversity and students can draw on the richness of positive group dynamics.

Gender Balance: It is important that the gender ratio is as balanced as possible.

Multi-Disciplinary Supports Required: Some students require additional support from a variety of multi-disciplinary staff based on developmental needs.

Independence: Some students are highly independent workers; others require more direction and support. A balanced mix is needed to create a supportive learning environment for all students. Our goal is to ultimately create independence and not dependence on others, as such we ensure that children have opportunities to make new friends each year.

Behaviour: Students exhibit a variety of behaviors. Some students require more guidance and positive role modeling than others to develop acceptable and proper behavior. Equal distribution of children who have behavioral needs among the different classrooms must be considered.

Children with Exceptional Needs: Some students may require academic challenges or academic support. Equal distribution of these students in each classroom must be considered.

English As an Additional Language Learners: Some students, as new Canadians require special services and interventions as they continue to build their language skills.

As in the past, we will **NOT** be accepting classroom requests; please understand that these decisions are made very carefully with the needs of **ALL STUDENTS** in mind! We hope this helps you to better understand the logic and rationale of student placement. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 17, AT 6:30 PM



Our next School Council Meeting is on April 17 at 6:30 pm. Parents who attend are asked to use the staff parking lot door on the east side of the school.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents following this month's school council meeting we are hosting a parent information session on **TELUS INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AT 7 PM** Presenters

from the Telus Wise family will be giving the presentation.

Keeping
Your Family
Safe Online
with
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PARENT NIGHT FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The transition from Kindergarten to Grade 1 is an exciting time for families. There are many ways that parents can prepare their child for Grade 1. If you would like some helpful information about Grade 1, we invite you to join us on **Wednesday, April 24th from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** for an informative evening specifically designed for our families of English Language Learners. We will discuss the full-day routine of Grade 1, how to promote independence in your child, using the agenda, the hot lunch program, homework expectations, literacy, resources within and out of school, as well as many other topics of interest. We will also take a walk to the Grade 1 classrooms and to the doors your child will use next year. We encourage you to bring any questions you may have about the changes from Kindergarten to Grade 1. The session will be held in the Music Room and is for **adults only**. If you have any questions about this information night for parents, please call Mrs. Garcia at (780) 471 – 3140.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

Traffic Issues, Dangers to students, Neighbourhood impact, Staff treatment

- Limited parking for parents
- Disrespectful behaviours such as parents not following rules for everyone's safety, illegal u turns, coming into layby, parking in handicapped zones, coming into staff parking lot, parking in cul de sacs and blocking neighbors driveways, dropping off in front of layby because don't want to tell their child to get out and walk half a block.
- Administration receiving lots of complaints by parents and neighbors regarding infractions committed and behaviours and responses when parents approaching those parents committing infractions.
- This is a small percentage of parents committing such infractions; however, reflects poorly on the whole school within our community. It models poor behaviour and no regard for rules and order in young children.
- Administration is dealing with matters as they come up, however, need the help of parents by taking pictures, calling and using 311 app where pics can be uploaded.
- Parents who commit infraction will be spoken to once identified.
- Neighbors who are directly impacted by such infractions and call the school have been encouraged to take pictures and call police for repeat offenders, especially when other attempts have been made to have behaviour change.
- Key issue is that parents are not working with their children to teach them about walking, and meeting up at designated points, to make their pickup and drop off process easier.



Anyone who is experiencing these challenges are asked to **contact by phone 311 to register a complaint or go online at https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/service-311-contact-centre**. **311 Edmonton also has its own APP. Please upload it so that you can take a picture on the spot and file a complaint.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS RELATED TO TRAFFIC SAFETY&LOGISTICS FOR OPTIMAL SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS

USE THE 2 CROSSWALKS AVAILABLE!

On the northwest and northeast side of the front of the school we have 2 separate crosswalks for parents to use and cross their children safely. Please use them.

STUDENT DROP & GO ZONE

To ensure the maximum safety of our students, parents please read and follow the expectations set out below for when you drop off and/or pick up your children from the school.

- **Use the parent drop off zone west of the layby in front of the school** for quick “drop and go” system of student drop off.
- **Be mindful and respectful to our school patrollers, volunteers and staff.** Do not park close to the crosswalk as it impedes their visibility.
- **Do not park in the ETS bus zones or the crosswalk area as** drop off or pick up zones.
- **Do not jaywalk.** Please teach and review the expectations with your child weekly; this will help your child understand the rules. Be sure to walk with him/ her to the crosswalks.
- **Do not use the staff car park,** as it is limited for staff use only and is a dangerous spot for student traffic.



The LAYBY is OFF LIMITS TO ALL PARENT VEHICLES IT IS A BUS ZONE. HEAVY FINES LEVIED.

TEACH CHILD TO GET OUT AND WALK AND ESTABLISH A DESIGNATED PICK-UP SPOT.

One of the key issues is that parents are not working with their children to teach them about walking, and meeting up at designated points, to make their pickup and drop off process easier. This also promotes daily walking for physical health. Children in grades Kinder and Gr. 1 are the only kids that really require parent drop off. Parents of students in grades 2-6 are encouraged to drop off and pick up with direction and training provided to their children to foster greater independence. There are amply supervisors onsite, as well as an area that is very safe.

DO NOT PARK IN NEIGHBORS' HOMES & DRIVEWAYS

We continue to have issues in this regard. Parents are asked to refrain from parking on our neighbors' driveways or blocking their access to their own homes. We are part of a larger community, and we can appreciate that there is limited parking in front of the school.

We are asking that you are mindful of actions in that you model for young impressionable children. They are learning disrespectful behavior with no regard for the law.

DO NOT PARK IN HANDICAP ZONE WITHOUT PLACARD

Refrain from parking in the handicap zone if you do not have a placard and permit to do so. It is disrespectful to those in need and teaches children that they do not have to follow rules and bylaws.

OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT

While it seems that the designated speed limit is not high enough for many drivers, the truth is that you increase your chances of having an accident for every mile above the limit that you drive. By staying at the speed limit, you provide yourself with more opportunities to avoid potential accidents because of the additional time that you have available.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

You should keep your distance from the vehicles in front of you when at all possible. The further behind you are from a vehicle, the more you can see to avoid obstacles and the more time you have to react to unexpected events. Tailgating at highway speeds is dangerous because you have so little time to get your vehicle out of the way in case something bad should occur.

KINDERGARTEN LITTLE GREEN THUMBS PROGRAM

The Kindergarten class is working with the Little Green Thumbs program to teach the children about gardening. The program is based in our science curriculum as we observe changes, see how plants grow and learn about what plants need. Our garden has also helped the children to learn about healthy eating and trying new things. For Math, we have talked about the concepts of taller and shorter as our bean stalk reached to the ceiling. The garden has helped them to learn responsibility as they water the garden and pull dry leaves. Mostly though, it has been a fun and interactive project for our youngest learners.



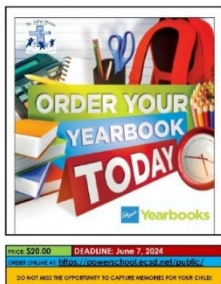
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREETHROW

The SJB Free Throw team had a great competition over the weekend. The team showed great sportsmanship, and everyone gave their best effort! Congratulations to Alejandro (third), Jude (third), Jeremy (first), Nathan (third), and Milan (second) who all won regional medals. We will wait to hear how you all place in Provincials.



GO SJB GO!

YEARBOOK INFORMATION AND ORDERS



A reminder to parents wishing to order a yearbook as a keepsake for this year are asked to log in to the parent portal and under the fees/optional tab, order how many copies you wish. The cost of a yearbook is \$20.00. June 7th is the deadline to order. Look for the icon below on parent portal site under fees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

To access the Chief Superintendent's monthly message please click on the following link: [Superintendent's Message](#)



DISTRICT SPIRITUAL MESSAGE



Each month, we are committed to sharing religious, spiritual news and information through our Archbishop Smith, as well as our District Chaplain. To view that message [click here](#)

Catholic Education November 5, 2023, [English Letter](#) from the Edmonton Archdiocese

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO PARISH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Welcome to St. Dominic Savio Parish! Please visit our website at <http://stdominicsavio.ca/> to learn more about our parish community and the ways we can serve you. Come back often to be kept up to date.

Grade 6 Student Information for Confirmation

Is your child over the age of 13 and has not yet been confirmed? Consider registering them in the RCIA Adapted for Children process.

Yesterday was the registration day. However, don't worry if you missed it. You can do so through the St. Dominic Savio Parish website stdominicsavio.sacraments@caedm.ca, or contact Michael, Pastoral Assistant, at 780-473-4259 ext 2.

ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL STUDENT GAZETTE

We are happy to say that due to an interest in writing within our school, students expressed an interest in establishing a writing club whereby students would write articles for their very own student newspaper. Led by the help of Ms. Garcia, students gathered, wrote and are now ready to publish their very own paper. Click on the link to read [SJB GAZETTE](#).