



St. John Bosco Catholic School

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January 2025

Message from Administration

Happy New Year! 2024 was a year filled with new opportunities and growth for so many of us at St. John Bosco School. We are grateful for your support, kind words of encouragement, and acts of gratitude with the new admin team. Our SJB family of 650 students strong is a testament to the good works of Jesus in our halls. Moving forward we are hopeful for what 2025 has to offer. We thank God for the many blessings we have received and trust in His ways. Watching your children grow and learn each and every day is a gift as we walk the halls and explore learning at SJB. This school year, Edmonton Catholic Schools theme is People of Hope. We renew this commitment in 2025 as we look forward to what this can bring into our lives. As always, we have many exciting things planned this month and look forward to inviting you to enjoy them together with us.

From the Team,

S. Schultz, M. Prystasz, and D. Bergevin-Tran

Back to School

We are back to school on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 8:05am. We wish you and your families a blessed, safe, and healthy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Overcoming the long cold days of winter

We are going to be offering a series of experiences that involve movement this month. Students in grades 4-6 will go skiing while the primary grades will get to try curling in our school gym. Information and costs will be sent out and shared through PowerSchool.

Epiphany Celebration

On January 7, 2025, our grade 2 classes will be hosting the Epiphany celebration at 1:45pm. We invite families in grades 1-3 to attend our celebration with Father George in the gym. Epiphany reminds us that each of us has a unique role to play in creating a better world.



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May this season inspire us all to continue seeking knowledge, compassion, and understanding. Together, let's shine brightly and share our gifts with others.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Epiphany!

Rocks N' Rings Program

Students in kindergarten to Grade 3 will participate in 3 days (Tuesday, January 14 - Thursday, January 16) of curling instruction here in our St. John Bosco School gym. This pursuit will be the equivalent to skiing for grades 4-6 (on Wednesday, January 15 weather permitting). More information will be sent home through the classroom teachers.

Robotics Club

The Robotics Club is an exciting extracurricular activity for students in grades 3 and 4, meeting during lunch recess. In this club, students will explore a variety of robotics projects, learning about programming, coding, STEM, and virtual reality. They will also enhance their team-building skills by collaborating to solve challenges. We are thrilled to offer this opportunity for students to develop communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. Students will work with tools such as Cubelets, Smart Cutebots, Merge Cubes, and coding platforms. An informational meeting will be held on Friday, January 10th, during lunch recess for those interested in joining.

Open House

Do you have or do you know of neighbours who have a child born in 2020 and ready for kindergarten in September? Please share our Kindergarten Open House information to save the date for Thursday, January 23rd at 6pm.

St. John Bosco School serves the communities of Crystallina Nera East & West, McLeod Park, Cherry Grove, Mayliewan and Schnosee. Our attendance area is East to West 59A St to 82 St and from North & South 173 Ave to 153 Ave.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open for all ECSD on Monday, February 3, 2025.



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ST. JOHN BOSCO Catholic Elementary School

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 PM



St. John Bosco Feast Day

On Friday, January 31st we will celebrate our Patron Saint of our beloved school. There will be a Feast Day Celebration in the gym at 8:30am hosted by the grade 4 team. All families in grades 4-6 are welcome to attend.

In the afternoon, students will be treated to the Alberta Opera in the gym. There will be no costs to families for this event.

Read A Thon Update

Thank you to all the families for reading with their children at home and participating in this year's SJB Read A Thon. It was a successful event! The funds raised will go toward Shrove Tuesday hotcake lunch from McDonald's. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to reading.

Kindergarten Social Justice Activity Update

In November, the Kindergarten children created Christmas cards to sell to our families to support the Hope Mission Christmas Dinner. Through their efforts and the support of our



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SJB families, we were able to raise \$994. This will allow 368 people to enjoy a warm Christmas dinner at the Hope Mission. Thank you to all of the families who supported this fundraiser and the kindergarten artists for sharing their work!

Ski Fieldtrip for Grades 4-6 Students



January 15, 2025. Forms should be accurately completed to inform the hill of the requests.

Healthy Hunger: Friday, January 17

Our next healthy hunger opportunity is Carl's Jr. If you have not signed up yet, it is free and easy to do. Click on the link, which will take you directly to the website to order and pay online: <https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Next SAC meeting: Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30pm.

Save the date to attend the EPS and Zebra presentation followed by the SAC meeting.

Reading Program

Continue to share the love and joy of reading at home with us at school. Complete the reading strips and return them to the jars in the Learning Commons. Students will be entered to enjoy pizza with the principal on Friday, January 31.

SJB Leadership Team Christmas Hamper 2024

Many thanks to all those who were able to contribute to our hamper collections. This past month our Leadership Students, along with the teacher leaders, Ms. Craig and Ms. Melnyk rallied together with the whole staff to coordinate and collect items to build hampers. We are pleased to say we collected and built 7 very large hampers to use throughout our community and 2 large boxes of food bank donations. Special thanks to the S.J.B. school that contributed donating Turkeys and potatoes, and to the United Way for their contribution of \$1000, which went out towards the purchase of gift cards for those families



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who received hampers. Your support is appreciated! Our thanks go out to the leadership team!



...and creating very full Christmas Hampers...



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Bell Let's Talk Day January 24, 2025

The importance of mental health in our everyday lives must be remembered and talked about. SJB will participate in Bell Let's Talk Day in their classrooms Jan. 24, 2025. Students are encouraged to Wear Blue in support of Mental Health and talk about mental health today with a trusted adult! The theme this year is "Let's create real change." Bell will donate more towards mental health initiatives in Canada by contributing 5¢ for every applicable text, call, tweet or TikTok video using #BellLetsTalk, social media video view and use of our Facebook frame or Snapchat filter. Let's work together to help create positive change!

