



Newsletter

St. John Bosco Catholic School

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January 2023

Administrators' Message



Happy 2024 to all our staff, students and families!

At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank God for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him; to serve Him and love Him afresh. The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew. God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before.

As with any new beginnings, the New Year affords us a spirit of hope. With hope comes new perspectives, rejuvenation and new life, allowing us to embrace fresh opportunities each day. With that in mind and with Semester 1 ending at the end of this month, I would like to this opportunity to congratulate our wonderful staff on their hard work and dedication throughout the first school semester. Parents can look forward to viewing their child's digital January Summary Report Card online through the parent portal at 3 pm on January 31, 2024.

For our school community, January is the time of year that we begin receiving calls regarding registrations for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. St. John Bosco School serves the communities of Mayliewan, Schnosee Crystallina Nera East & West, Ozerna/ Cherry Grove, Matt Berry/McLeod Park. Our attendance area is East to West 59A St to 82 St and from North & South 194 Ave to 153 Ave. **We will be hosting an Open House on January 25th at 6 pm.** If you are interested in attending our open house, click on the link [Register for Open House.](#)

The open house is intended for any new parents of kindergarten children, as well as any families from grades 1 to 6 looking for a new school for their children. At the open house, guests will learn about academic programming and extra-curricular activities, but they will also have a chance to hear from staff as we feature some of the diverse programming available for students during our tour portion of the evening. With a wealth of resources at our disposal, we are happy to open our doors and share our gifts and collaborative style as a school family with families interested in joining our school community.

If you are interested in registering your child, **click on the link to complete an online registration form** at <https://www.ecsd.net/register> which will be active effective February 1, 2024 for next year's registration process.

St. John Bosco School is focused on strong academic rigor coupled with an environment that is Christ-centred where our Catholic values permeate all that we do. **For more details as to what new families require to register, please look for the specific *Registration Information Section* in this newsletter.**

On behalf of the staff, 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 where our partnership with our school council and a great parent body is second to none. We look forward to the remainder of the scholastic year with renewed dedication and commitment.

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Wishing you and your family the very best in 2024!

Ms. A. Esposito-Brady
Principal

Ms. D. Kowalchuk
Assistant Principal

REFLECTION/PRAYER

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. - Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

New Year Reflection for the Year Ahead

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,

and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

- Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

A reminder that we post 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>

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

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION-JANUARY 25 at 6pm



ST. JOHN BOSCO
Catholic Elementary School
OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, January 25
at 6:00 PM

'Universal Design for Learning'

- Incorporating multiple & flexible options for student expression & engagement
- Utilizing multiple technologies & diverse learning spaces for student needs & choice

'Inquiry-Based Learning'

- Utilizing (S.T.E.A.M.) Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math to guide student inquiry, dialogue & critical thinking
- Accessing our Learning Commons/ Makerspaces to foster creative thinking and innovation in our students

Creating Opportunities for Students

- Calling students to action through social justice service learning

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Transforming Learning for Students Through
Inquiry, Engagement & Action

At St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School community our motto, **"Celebrating God and Youth"** speaks to our school's philosophy. Our liturgical celebrations, living our core values and our dedicated staff are just a few of the many ways in which we ensure that your children are surrounded by an environment that is focused on learning and respect for one another.

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Parents from other areas that are wishing to register their children are free to do so and will be considered provided there is space and programming for their child. St. John Bosco School has an inquiry-based school environment that is inclusive and permeates our Catholic faith.

On January 25, 2024, at 6 pm we will be hosting our annual Open House. To attend our Open House, click on the link to register your participation. [Register for Open House](#)

For any current families with kindergarten age children entering school, or for anyone who has family, or friends interested in registering at our school, we ask that you relay this information

about our open house and ask them to call us at the school or visit our school's website on the link provided below.

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

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGISTERING A CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN

Entering Kindergarten is an exciting time for both, you and your child and it is an important first step in their Catholic education journey. We have both morning and afternoon classes. We want the transition to our school to be as smooth as possible for our families. To that end, we have included information for you below.



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Our Kindergarten Program includes the following:

- Certified Teacher
- Early Learning Educational Assistants
- Faith-Based & Inclusive Learning Environment
- Reggio Inspired Programming
- Engaged & Inquiry-Based Learning Environment
- Learning through Discovery & Play
- Integration of the Fine Arts
- Rich oral language opportunities
- Faith based instruction permeates all subject matter.



The Multi-Disciplinary Team – Supporting Inclusive Programming.

In Early Learning, all our programs are inclusive and are serviced by our Early Learning Team that includes Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Phys-Ed Specialist, Behavior Specialists, Family School Liaison Workers, Fine Art Specialists and Early Learning Consultants. Please click on link to see a listing of all our school's service providers for a variety of services that our students receive based on interventions they require.

We look forward to seeing you at our open house and encourage you to attend to learn more about our school and all that it has to offer your child. For your convenience, we will assist you in gathering all the necessary documents and help with the completion of online forms to complete the application process.

Applications for Registration Packages will only be considered when all the specified documents/forms are attached as part of your application. **To prepare for the online application to register process, please see below and gather your documents in advance.**

ELIGIBILITY:

- To qualify for kindergarten, your child must be **5 years of age by December 31, 2024.**

DOCUMENTATION:

- You will be required to provide a copy of:
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency to verify home address (utility bill) and if applicable, childcare provider

- confirmation.
- Complete and sign an ECSD Student Registration Form
- Sign the Early Learning forms attached to the Registration Application Package you receive.

TRANSPORTATION:

Determine if you qualify for transportation based on your address and complete the necessary forms which can be found on our Division's Transportation website at <https://www.ecsd.net/transportation>.

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REGISTRATION: If you are looking to register your child in Kindergarten, click on the link to complete your online registration form at <https://www.ecsd.net/register>.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGISTERING CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6



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Our Mission:

To prepare our students to live in and contribute to a changing world and engage in active faith-filled, lifelong learning; St. John Bosco School provides an interactive and collaborative inquiry-based learning environment that promotes higher level critical thinking utilizing real-world tools.

We Offer:

- 'Universal Design for Learning' that incorporates best practices for multiple & flexible options for student expression & engagement such as, multiple technologies & diverse learning spaces for student needs & choice.
- Inquiry-based learning that offers student engagement & Multi-age Instruction for Project-based Learning.
- (S.T.E.A.M.) **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt & **M**ath focused Learning Commons/Makerspaces that includes a Wind Tunnel, Magnet Wall, Lego Wall, Light Labs, Robotics, Dash & Dot Coding Robots, Cubelets® Robot Blocks Osmos, Tagoo Blocks, & more hands-on learning tools for optimal inquiry-based learning.
- Learning & Tech Coaches to coordinate flexible approaches to learning, customized for individual student needs.
- Multiple Disciplinary Team (MDT) of Service Providers (OT, SLP, PT, FSLW, EBS, RCSD).
- Full wireless capabilities with smartboards, FM systems, netbooks, chrome books, iPads, laptops and more.
- Junior ATB Financial Literacy Program
- French as a Second Language Instruction.
- Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) for Struggling Readers, SIOP Program for (ELL) English Language Learners.

- Google Classroom
- Robotics
- Mathletics Program
- Discovery Education
- Kagan Collaborative Strategies
- Transportation for catchment students
- 'Munch a Lunch' Hot Lunch Program
- Before & After School Care Facilities: Gold Star, Kinder Kollege Daycare, Tots 2 Kids, & Numerous Day Homes.
- **We also offer a MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF PERSONNEL providing services to students.** Please click on link to see a listing of all our school's service providers for a variety of services that our students receive based on interventions they require. [SJB Multidisciplinary Team List](#)

Extracurricular Activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJB Student-Led Broadcast Team • Environmental Education & Engagement Club • Jr. & Sr. Technology Club • Social Justice Service Learning • Student Leadership Team • Running Club • Volleyball Team • Floor Hockey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer Teams • Music Ministry • Sr. & Jr. Glee Club • Hand Bell • Ukulele & Recorder Instruction • Orff Instruction • Annual School Wide Performances • Other community performance venues |
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REGISTRATION: If you are looking to register your child in Grades 1-6, click on the link to complete your online registration form at <https://www.ecsd.net/register>.

SCHOOL COUNCIL (SC) MEETING – JANUARY 31, AT 6:30 PM

SJB School Council and the SJB Parent Fundraising Society are committed to collaborating and supporting the school towards enhancing student programming. The role these groups play is invaluable as they work closely with the school, staff, and administration.



Our next School Council Meeting will be held on January 31, at 6:30 pm. We look forward to discussions on traffic safety issues along the east side of the school and the neighboring Cul de sac areas that are being impacted. Please bring your ideas and suggestions of how we can get parents involved to help.

PROVINCIAL EXAMINATION RESULTS – 2022-23

Achievement test results are just one of the many forms of data collection used by teachers to assess students' academic ability. Many variables affect student performance on tests and as such we believe that the best way to assess children academically is by using a variety of assessment tools. Staff will be working collaboratively to analyze the achievement test data and to establish goals to target areas for growth. Listed below for your information are last year's achievement test results as compared with the District and the Alberta.



GRADE	TEST	LEVEL	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	PROVINCE
6	LANGUAGE ARTS	ACCEPTABLE	93.1	90.5	90.4
		EXCELLENCE	55.2	26.1	21.9
		BELOW ACCEPTABLE STANDARD	6.9	9.5	9.6
6	MATH	ACCEPTABLE	89.7	73.5	76.9
		EXCELLENCE	35.6	15.0	18.8
		BELOW ACCEPTABLE STANDARD	10.3	26.5	23.1
6	SCIENCE	ACCEPTABLE	88.4	83.6	79.9
		EXCELLENCE	54.7	29.0	27.0
		BELOW ACCEPTABLE STANDARD	11.6	16.4	20.1
6	SOCIAL	ACCEPTABLE	89.5	80.4	79.1
		EXCELLENCE	54.7	23.4	22.1
		BELOW ACCEPTABLE STANDARD	10.5	19.6	20.9

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
Carl's Jr.	January 14, 2024	January 19, 2024
Panago	April 14, 2024	April 19, 2024
Pita Pit	May 19, 2024	May 24, 2024

TERRIFIC KIDS WITH GIFTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

As a staff, we continue to invite students to share their God-given gifts in service towards others and reflect on how they are sharing their gifts and the message of LIGHT. Those students demonstrating strengths in the highlighted virtue will be recognized. **This term the virtues we focused on were Hospitality, Gratitude and Peace.** The following students were recognized as our Terrific Kids virtues of Hospitality Gratitude Peace for term 1



GR	Hospitality		Gratitude:		Peace:	
00A	Afeni P	Sadie K	Ella L	Haset M	Matteo C	Ashton M
00B	Emily F-T	Finley G	Nina A	Jude H	Leia K	Benjamin N
00C	Frankie C	Gelila Y	Dobli S	Iverson M	Lily K	Cody R
00D	Adalyn J	Alisa N	Ayelle B	Ariana B-J	Aithan A	Valerian K
1A	Blakely K	Emery P	Gune W	Wyatt S	Avery M	Nash K
1B	Gia F	Cyraiah W	Branden H	Grey W-N	Alina S	P'Lehsay L
1C	Julianne D	Benjamin I	Jonathan G	Lana A	Jane K	Mateo C
1D	Abel T	Elena J	Jayden K	David K	Aliyana A	Oliver W
2A	Theo M	Holly D, Shreya S	Eshanth K	Oliver H	Zuzanna Z Delina T	Amelia M
2B	Aiden D	Olivia J	Amelia B	Jaida N	Sophia A	Caitlin H
2C	Antonio M	Mia P	Matea J	Anaya R Lucas De O	Martin T	Deborah S
2D	Alice K	Oswyn M	Luke S	Evangelina V Olivia H	Faith A, Owen A	Eva R
3A	Kohen S	Lincoln Y	Mariama L	Julia B	Samantha B	Michael N
3B	Odette H	Sophia S	Tyler W	Archer M	Makenna P	Elise Y
3C	Elisa C		Briana S	Izabella W	Hannah A	Bernice C
3D	Dominik K	Khloe C	Sofia S	Eunice P	Jaynil G	Karamveer Ch
4A	Bhenj D	Mila J	Everly D	Emilia O C Viktoria S		Amaris D, Khalia R Zayn S, Bobby S
4B	Joaquin M S	Jenica M	Hoseie M,	Charlotte M	Arian C	Declan M, Alliana A
4C	Aliya H-M	Jenevieve J	Maxwell H	Hayden H, Rajveer G	Brandon N	Ethan S
4D	Antonia S, Gabriel S	Oliver I, Danijela Z	Ioana B, Ade L,	Moyosoluwa O	Nevaeh B-M	Mason H, De-Anna G
5A	Hailey C, David M	James C	Eugeneca E, Ethan K	Sophia S	Sophia S-R	Madison R Logan B
5B	Taymoor K Luca R	Bethney K	Senay M Rhema K	Hanna D L	Ethan S Isabelle B	Chase R
5C	Joud H	Hla E H Emily C	Freda A, Evan B	Sage Nasr	Dariusz N	Brody R Hailey Y
6A	Munashe K	Manuela A	Kevin N	Adriana T	Kevoy T	Dana M Sydney L
6B	Santiago F	Nathan K Brielle S	Sofia C	Nathan T	Meron A	Logan B Addison S
6C	Lorenzo F	Mihai B	Ariana M	Sharon E	Sofia P	Michael P

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

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 parking,** 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.

PARKING AT 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 while 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.

Slow Down

Even if the snow and ice are patchy, there is no reason to drive fast. The faster you drive, the more likely you will lose control of your vehicle when hitting a slick spot. You'll want to be reasonable and drive the minimum speed if possible, but during winter weather conditions you can drive slower. Just remember to let others go by, especially on the highway.

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.

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 so that you can on the spot take a picture and file a complaint.**

EPIPHANY – THE FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS- JANUARY 9, 2024, 1:45 pm

Epiphany, also known as the Feast of the Three Kings, is celebrated 12 days after Christmas. We remember the three Wise Men who visited Jesus. Epiphany means 'revelation' and the visit of the Wise Men was an important time when Jesus was 'revealed' to be very important - our Messiah! Some Churches also remember Jesus' Baptism on this day. Epiphany is celebrated in a variety of ways all around the world.

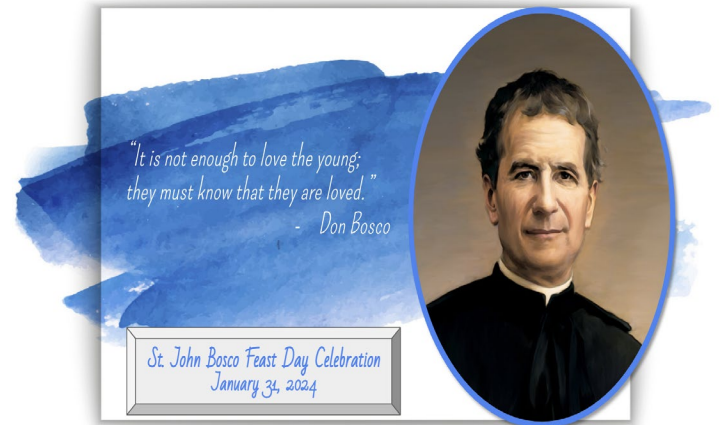


At St. John Bosco, we will celebrate the Epiphany on Tuesday, January 9th at 1:45 PM. Division 1 will be in the gym, while the Division 2 classes will participate using a live stream in their homeroom. Parents of students in grades 1-3 are welcome to join us in the gym.

ST. JOHN BOSCO FEAST DAY JANUARY 31ST 8:30 AM

On January 31st, at 8:30 AM we honor the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. John Bosco, a day that holds profound significance for our school community. Division 2 will be in the gym for this celebration. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend.

This year marks a remarkable milestone as we joyously celebrate 20 years of educational excellence and dedication to shaping young minds. St. John Bosco's Feast Day is not just a date on the calendar; it encapsulates the very essence of our school's values. His unwavering commitment to education, tireless advocacy for the youth, and compassionate mentorship serve as guiding lights, inspiring us to emulate his virtues in our everyday lives.



Throughout the years, our school has remained steadfast in its commitment to nurturing academic excellence, fostering a vibrant community spirit, and instilling values that go beyond the classroom. The journey of 20 years stands as a testament to the dedication of our educators, the support of our parents, and the resilience of our exceptional students. On this Feast Day and our 20th anniversary, we come together to celebrate not just a number of years but a legacy of unwavering dedication to educational enrichment, character development, and the formation of future leaders. Together, we continue to cultivate an environment where each child is empowered to reach their full potential, guided by these principles embraced by St. John Bosco himself. We invite the entire St. John Bosco Elementary School community to join us in commemorating these dual celebrations.

GRADE 5 HANDBELL CHOIR

As Senior Glee Club continues singing and dancing into the new year, the Grade 5 Handbell Choir will start ringing their bells in January! There will be an information meeting on Monday, January 15th at lunch recess. Rehearsals will begin Monday, January 22nd at lunch recess from 12:32-12:52 P.M. from

January until the end of April 5. Students who join Handbell Choir are expected to commit to attending all rehearsals from January until April 5, unless absent from school. The Grade 5 Handbell Choir will be learning a song to perform at the Easter Celebration.

INTRAMURALS



To help promote physical health and mental wellness in our students, intramural games for students from grades 1 to 6 have been taking place in the gymnasium during lunch recesses. Intramurals are available to students who are interested in getting active during their school day. Students have been playing a variety of games during Intramurals, such as Skittles, Dodgeball, and Basketball. Intramurals will continue for the first two weeks of December and will start back up again in the month of February.

To participate, students will go to the gym at lunch recess on the day that their homeroom is scheduled for Intramurals. Students will be notified on Broadcast which homeroom classes are scheduled for Intramurals at lunch recess that day. The Broadcast announcement will also include the game that will be played, so students can choose if they would like to play the game or if they would like to go outside for recess. Our thanks go out to Ms. Corcoran, Ms. Hart, Ms. Brownlee and Ms. Strlchuk for coordinating and supporting the Intramurals towards keeping our students active during the school day!

ROBOTICS CLUB

The Robotics Club is an extracurricular activity offered to students in grades 3 to 6 at lunch recess. Students will explore and work on a variety of Robotic projects and learn more about programming, coding, S.T.E.M and virtual reality activities. Students will also work on team-building skills as they work together to complete challenges. We are very excited for this new club to start and to have students actively practice the competencies of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. We can't wait to explore a variety of tools such as Cubelets, Smart Cutebots, Merge Cubes, and Coding. We will be having an information meeting at lunch recess on Wednesday, January 10th for those students interested in joining this club.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GR. 1 PROJECT- WRAPPED IN LOVE



The Grade 1 students, led by their teachers, along with the help of the SJB community are "wrapping others in love" by donating warm jackets for infants, children and adults this winter season. Thank you to everyone who joined them to make this social justice project a success. A total of 157 jackets were donated. 21 infant jackets (newborn to 24 months) were donated to Basically Babies, which is an organization that assists families in extreme need. 136 jackets were donated to Mustard Seed, which is a non-profit organization that cares for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17

SJB STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM-CHRISTMAS HAMPERS2023

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. Melynk rallied together with the whole staff to coordinate and collect items to build hampers. We are pleased to say we collected and built 13 hampers to use throughout our community. Special thanks to parents who contributed, as well as Costco for donating Turkeys and to the United Way for their contribution of 1000, which went out towards the purchase of gift cards for those families who received hampers. Your support is appreciated! Our thanks go out to the leadership team! **Keep scrolling to see a visual journal of our hamper journey!**





Preparing

Posters...



and organizing donations...

**and Preparing
Boxes...**



**and creating full
hampers...**

...to Feed Families in need over Christmas Break.



****We made 13 Hampers for Families, 1 for Veterans, and donated 4 large boxes of extras to the Food Bank this Christmas season! Great showing of charity to those that need it most S.J.B.! :)**

WE CARE MARKETPLACE SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

St. John Bosco School continues to teach about the importance of Social Justice Service Learning as part of being caring and compassionate citizens. Social Justice is an important part of our religious studies and teaches children early on the importance of taking care of our brothers and sisters.

St. Teresa of Avila a Carmelite nun from an early age understood fully the power of engagement through our daily actions towards helping one's brothers and sisters in Christ. To that end, we hope to encourage and inspire our staff, students, and their families to be a visible presence and support for our city's homeless, who need our good works. **Praying for them is just not enough when we can really do something tangible for them.** We hope you will join us as this promises to be a fulfilling and rewarding experience.

We will start collecting items from January 8-Feb. 20th and will distribute out to our city's homeless on February 25th at Clansman Park parking lot from 9:45 to 11:00 AM. The address is 110th St. and 111th Ave.

Those interested are invited to participate in the completion of this social justice service-learning project by volunteering to spend a little time on Sundays to distribute the items collected to Edmonton's homeless and working poor at the 'We Care' Marketplace in downtown Edmonton.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,



No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting items for Edmonton's homeless. Our goal is to collect and fill through family donations 1 large Rubbermaid bin per homeroom with a variety of items such as toiletries, socks, gloves, and granola bars, etc.

We would like to invite those of you who are able, to donate the items based on your child's homeroom targeted collection as listed below:

Homeroom	Donation Items being Collected
Kindergarten Homerooms	Granola Bars
Grade 1 Homerooms	Gloves
Grade 2 Homerooms	Lip balm/Chap stick
Grade 3 Homerooms	Toothbrushes
Grade 4 Homerooms	Toques
Grade 5 Homerooms	Socks
Grade 6 Homerooms	Toothpaste and single Kleenex packages
SJB Staff	Various Items

VOLLEYBALL TEAMS- Boys and Girls

We're thrilled to announce and celebrate an incredible achievement by our Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Teams! On December 7th, at the J.J. Bowlen Volleyball Tournament, our teams showcased their remarkable talent, dedication, and sportsmanship as they won **FIRST PLACE!** The coaches couldn't be prouder of the exceptional performance displayed by each and every team member.

The journey to this big win was marked by countless hours of rigorous training, refining skills not only at practice but several recess periods, and fostering a spirit of unity within the team. Your hard work, discipline, and passion for the sport shone brightly on the court. It's a testament to your determination, resilience in the face of competition, and the ability to rise to the occasion when it matters most.

Your coaches express their heartfelt congratulations to every member of the Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Teams. Your achievement not only brings glory to our school but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes within our community. Let's celebrate this incredible milestone together, cherishing the memories created on that court and carrying forward the spirit of excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship in all our future endeavors. Once again, congratulations on this phenomenal victory! Your coaches and the entire school stand proudly behind you.

With immense pride and gratitude, we appreciate the work of our coaches, Ms. Vaduva, Ms. Pereira, Ms. Puznak, Ms. Migadel

GIRLS TEAM

London A.

Natalia J.

Khalia R.

Hanaa A.

Jazzlyn K.

Brielle S.

Ella F.

Dana M.

Miriam V.

Sabrin G.

Camila O.

Layla Y.

Emerson H.

Sofia P.

BOYS TEAM

Meron A.

Mason H.

Angelo S.

Andre A.

Milan J.

Caleb Y.

Tudor B.

Myles S.

Tyrone Y.

Lorenzo F.

Jude S.

Adam G.

Andrew S.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2023

Thank you to our musical directors, Ms. Veroba-Dagg, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Conroy-Mandryk and Ms. Donaghey for making beautiful memories for our families as they watched their children sing with joy as the lead up to Christmas. Once again, through the collective efforts of all SJB Staff we were pleased to host 5 concerts this year. With 2 matinee performances, a Division 1 Performance, Division 2 Performance and 2 Kindergarten Performances, all parents had the opportunity to enjoy the sites and sounds of their children singing to express the joy of the season. Special thanks goes out to our Concerts committee members who assisted in all of the coordination of events, logistics and equipment in preparation for the concerts. Special thanks to Mr. Bains, Mr. Arnek and Ms. Kowalchuk for the coordination and equipment attainment and delivery. As well, appreciation goes out to all of our staff for their support and contributions in making the concerts a great success during rehearsal, and on the evenings. Below are just some of the pictures we are happy to share.







JJ BOWLEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024



JJB is our school's feeder junior high school. **The vast majority of our Grade 6 students attend J.J. Bowlen School for Junior High.** As you think ahead to the next chapter in your child's schooling, please mark your calendar as the **JJB Open House is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, February 15, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** The morning of February 15 all grade 6 students will be visiting JJB school and taking part in their student orientation day dedicated to showing them the various programs available at their feeder school.

Should you want additional information, please call the school. Principal, Daniela Stabile who will also be coming out to meet and visit the grade 6 students a number of times and will continue to do so in the coming months to provide information about the school and the many programs it offers. She looks forward to providing additional information so that students and their parents are informed as they prepare to enter junior high.

CARDINAL LEGER JHS – OPEN HOUSE

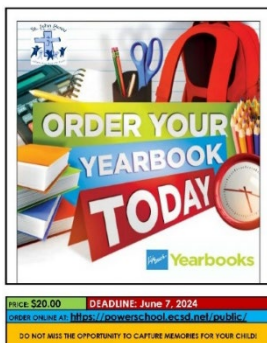
Cardinal Ledger will be hosting its annual open house on February 8 at 6:30 pm. They offer the Enhanced Academic Program and the Italian Language and Culture Program for any student that may be interested.



SOCCER TRYOUTS

SJB's soccer season begins in January! The students who have returned their consent forms prior to the Christmas break will be trying out for the co-ed team on January 8th and 9th after school. The co-ed team will be practicing on Mondays in the following weeks in preparation for a tournament on February 15th at St. Nicolas Junior High School. We can't wait to start the season!

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.**

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](#).

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.