



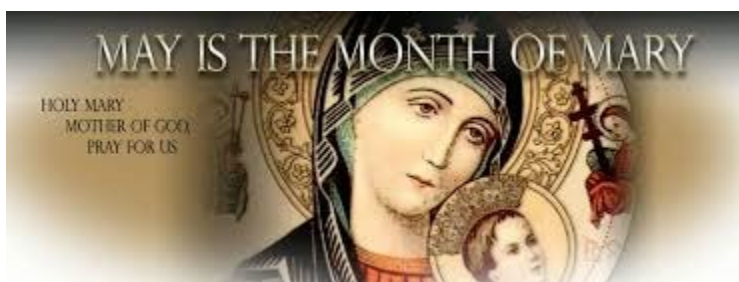
Newsletter

St. John Bosco Catholic School

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May 2024

Administrators' Message



Throughout the month of May, we celebrate Mary, the mother of God, our model of perfect discipleship, who guides and inspires us by her example of how to love Jesus and care for one another. On Sunday, May 12th, we also celebrate Mother's Day, a day to express our deep personal gratitude to our mothers. We are

truly grateful to these women who bring love, joy, happiness and caring into the world. May God bless each of our mothers! We dedicate the month of May to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to all mothers. For all mothers, Mary's love for her son Jesus will forever be our model. Mary's faith in God leads us on the road to salvation. Mary's pilgrimage of faith and hope is a model for all people whose journey towards God passes through the difficulties of life. While God chose Mary especially and filled her with His grace, Mary still experienced firsthand and understood both, uncertainty, and pain. As Christians, we turn to her as inspiration and guidance as she brings us closer to Jesus, the light of our lives. Pope John Paul II stated, "From the moment God looked at her with love, Mary became a sign of hope, faith and love." We encourage the St. John Bosco School community to pray the Hail Mary during this month.

Catholics across the globe give thanks for the gift that is Catholic education through the celebration of World Catholic Education Day. This year, **World Catholic Education Day is on May 9th**. Catholic education has served nations for centuries through teaching students in their faith. Throughout Canada, provinces, territories, and dioceses dedicate special days or weeks to celebrate Catholic education. In keeping with these celebrations, World Catholic Education Day is a time for Catholics around the world to take a moment to pause, reflect and pray on the gift that is Catholic education. Each year as a province we celebrate Education Week. **This year, Catholic Education week is from May 5-10th and the theme is 'Courage to Lead'**

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*Courage
to Lead*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
MAY 5 - 10 2024



"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous. Do
not be afraid; do not be
discouraged, for the Lord your
God will be with you wherever
you go."

JOSHUA 1:9



WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We thank all those families who spent the Easter long weekend walking with their families in support of our brothers and sisters 2nd annual SJB Walk for Hope Walkathon. This year, our St. John Bosco School "Walk for Hope" Walk-a-thon supported Catholic Social Services 'Sign of Hope' Campaign. This very important local Catholic organization that helps those in need. This year our school started the Walk of Hope with the students at school as part of our final moments together in community of holy week.

On Monday May 20th, we recognize Victoria Day (NO SCHOOL this day) as an honor to our English Royal heritage. When Queen Victoria died in 1901, Canada's parliament officially named the holiday **Victoria Day**. This holiday was observed in Canada as early as 1845 commemorating the Queen's birthday. A reminder we will have an extra-long weekend that weekend with the Friday, May 17th will also be a holiday and no school for students and staff.

As we move into the final two months of the scholastic year, the warm weather, as well as many outdoor sports programs, often make it difficult for children to stay focused on their studies. We encourage all parents to help their children to understand the importance of proper rest, nutrition, hydration and completion of homework and assignments.

We give thanks for all our blessings and pray that Mary, our heavenly patron, will continue to assist us as we strive to fulfill our mission to the students and parents that we serve. May God's blessing be on each of you during this special month.

Ms. A. Esposito-Brady
Principal

Ms. D. Kowalchuk
Assistant Principal

REFLECTION- Mothers' Day

During the month of May we focus our prayers on Mary and her love for all of us and her love for God. She was so unapologetic in her YES to God and we remind ourselves of this YES that she so willingly said and knew that God's plan for her was steadfast and true. Take time this month and pause in prayer and reflect for our Mother Mary and all mothers. This is the month when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Savior Jesus Christ.



WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the precious gift of Catholic Education.

As we celebrate Catholic Education Week, give us the grace to carry out our daily tasks with a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn more about you.

Help us to walk confidently in your footsteps so we can courageously lead others to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



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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>

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

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.

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>.



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.

If you are looking for a school for your child in Kindergarten, click on the link to complete our online registration, click on the link <https://stjohnbosco.ecsd.net/register>

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 with an environment that is focused on learning and respect for one another.

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

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. If you are not able to make it to our open house, please proceed to St. John Bosco School Website and click on register here.

For your convenience, we will provide a registration package at the open house and will assist you in gathering all the necessary documents and 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. **For parents who wish to see if their child qualifies for kindergarten, please read below:**

ELIGIBILITY:

- To qualify for kindergarten, your child must be **5 years of age by December 31, 2023.**

DOCUMENTATION:

You will be required to upload the following documents as part of the online registration process:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency to verify home address (utility bill) and if applicable, childcare provider confirmation.
- Provide a copy of the Parents Alberta Driver's License
- Information for Sacramental Preparation (Baptismal Certificate, Communion, Confirmation)

COMPLETE YOUR CHILD(REN)'S REGISTRATION ONLINE

- Complete the online registration form using the following link: <https://stjohnbosco.ecsd.net/register>.
- Ensure that you are clicking on the 2024-2025 registration document.
 - Complete fully each section as prompted.
 - Upload all documents from Step 1 above.
 - Ensure that all emails for both mother and father are current and updated, as that is the only form of communication our staff will use at this stage in the registration process.
 - Sign off and click submit at the end of the form.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Go to <https://www.ecsd.net/page/6833/locate-a-school> to determine if you qualify for transportation based on your address and distance from the school.
- For additional information and forms to apply related to Transportation, click on the link below, <https://www.ecsd.net/page/1263/transportation>

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

For more information and for your convenience, the following link will connect you to our **school's website** <https://www.ecsd.net/1024>.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF 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
- Athletics Program
- Discovery Education
- Kagan Collaborative Strategies
- Transportation for catchment students

- 'Healthy Hunger 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 student.** 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 • Go Green Environment Club • Social Justice Service Learning • Student Leadership Team • Running Club • Volleyball Team • Floor Hockey • Soccer Teams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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If you are looking for a new school for your child in Grades 1-6, click on the link below to complete our online registration form at <https://stjohnbosco.ecsd.net/register>.

Additional information of the registration process and what you will require is listed below:

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- Child's Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency to verify home address (utility bill) and if applicable, childcare provider confirmation.
- Provide a copy of the Parents Alberta Driver's License
- Information for Sacramental Preparation (Baptismal Certificate, Communion, Confirmation)

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 - Complete fully each section as prompted.
 - Upload all documents from Step 1 above.
 - Ensure that all emails for both mother and father are current and updated, as that is the only form of communication our staff will use at this stage in the registration process.
 - Sign off and click submit at the end of the form.

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HOT LUNCH - HEALTHY HUNGER

Our last hot lunch for the year is this month. 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, click on the link below:**

<https://healthyhunger.ca/parent-help> If you haven't already done so, please register on the Healthy Hunger website to order hot lunch for your child(ren) should you be interested.



Click on the link below, which will take you directly to the website to pay order and pay online: <https://healthyhunger.ca/> **Please note that hot lunch is not available to kindergarten children due to their half-day program and dismissal times. HOT LUNCH DAYS SCHEDULED FOR THE SCHOOL:**

Hot Lunch Vendor
Pita Pit

Order Deadline
May 19, 2024

Hot Lunch Day
May 24, 2024

SJB SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS



St. John Bosco School student supply lists were be posted to the website under School Information on March 13th. Please click on the following link to take you to that Supply List Page where you can shop for your own grade 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. **Beginning March 13th, 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

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

Traffic Issues, Dangers to students, Neighborhood 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 pick up 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 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 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.

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 NEIGHBOURS' 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.

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.

GRADE 6 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

In 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

As indicated by the Alberta Government, Grade 6 students **will not be writing a Math or Language Arts Provincial Achievement exam**. However, **St John Bosco students will be participating in Field Testing for both** Language Arts Part A and B, as well as Math Part A and B. These Field-Testing marks will include all material covered through the year and will be reflected on your child's summary report in June. This is a great opportunity to learn the digital tools that students using in future learning in junior high on the Chromebook.

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

Wednesday, May 15 LA Part A Field Test 4 hours
Wednesday, June 12 LA Part B Field Test 2 hours
Thursday, June 13 Math Part A Field Test 40 minutes
Friday, June 14 Math Part B Field Test 2 hours 20 minutes
Wednesday, June 19 Social Studies 2 hours
Thursday, June 20 Science 2 hours

GRADE 6 PARENTS 'SAVE THE DATE'



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 supports 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 challenge or academic support. Equal distribution of these students in each classroom must be considered.

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

As is 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.

GRADE 2 SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION

We will be collecting pop tabs for the "Tabs for Tots" program through the Edmonton Elks until **May 31st**. We are asking students to bring in any remaining pop tabs that they have collected. Through the "Tabs for Tots" program, the pop tabs will be sold to scrap metal companies in Alberta and the funds will be utilized to purchase equipment for pediatric wards, neonatal units, delivery rooms and children's wards in hospitals across Alberta and B.C. **Please help our grade 2 students take initiative with this Social Justice project and make a difference one pop tab at a time.**



LUMEN CHRISTI STUDENT FAITH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Edmonton Catholic School District Board of Trustees hosted their annual Lumen Christi Student Faith Leadership Awards on April 10, 2024. The award recognizes students who serve as excellent Catholic role models for their peers and work to spread God's love. Our St. John Bosco recipient, of the Lumen Christi Faith Leadership Award, was Kasey Garcia. Kasey exuberates positivity, is a role model, problem solver, and is involved in many activities and leadership roles within our school community. She is so deserving of this award and we wish her much success and continued faith filled service in her years to come. **Congratulations Kasey!** Keep shining

your
light!



FLOOR HOCKEY NEWS

At the beginning of April, we held floor hockey tryouts for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. We had a huge turnout and want to thank all the students that tried out for our teams this year. Our floor hockey team of avid hockey players are excited to participate in the St. Dominic Heart and Hustle Floor Hockey Tournament! We have been practicing since the beginning of April and we are eager to put our skills and sportsmanship to the test on the afternoon of Thursday, May 9th. Please come and cheer our Boy's and Girl's Teams on! Congratulations to the following students that made the team:



Girls

Soliana A.	Hanaa A.	Alexa C.	Ella F.	Juliana F.	Kasey G..
Sabrin G.	Jazzlyn L.	Dana M.	Sehana M.	Camilo O.	Layla Y.

Boys

.Alejandro A.	Adam B.	Logan B.	Dominic C.	Zaidan F.	Lorenzo F.
Julian F.	Adam G.	Jad K.	Michael P.	Marcus T.	Nathan T.

DANCE-A-THON MAY 21-24

It is time to DANCE at SJB! We are happy to announce, as part of our continued work and school goal of building school wide "Health and Wellness" in our students, we will be hosting a Dance-a-Thon. We encourage all of the students to participate to build their endurance and ability to express themselves through dance. On Friday, May 24, all students will be participating in a whole school dance. This is also **Fancy Dress day** so have your child ready for a Ball!

The Dance-a-Thon will run from Tuesday, May 21 through Friday, May 24, 2024. The Dance-a-Thon's goal is to promote dancing as a fun and exciting physical activity that promotes health and wellness through pledges supporting individual students' dancing efforts. The proceeds from this activity will be used for technology.



ST JOHN BOSCO STUDENT ART CLUB

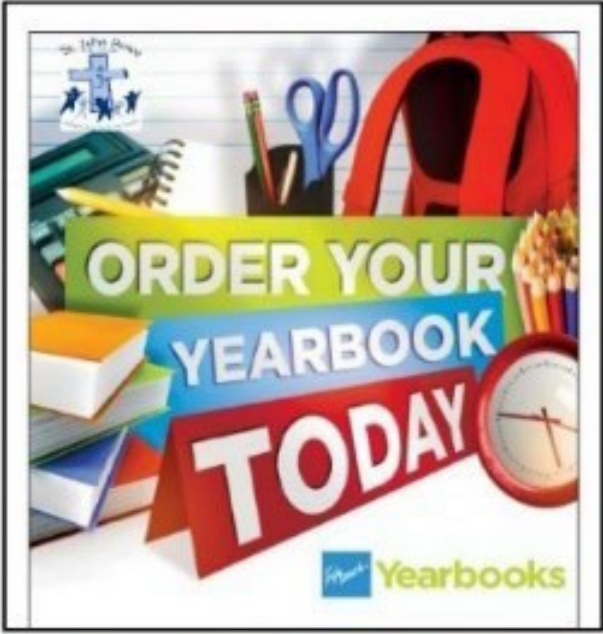
This year's SJB Art Club has now come to an end. The grade 2 and 3 art club experimented using different art styles and materials to create masterpieces. Students had an opportunity to work with a variety of materials including q-tips, yarn, and pom-poms, and to try their hand at pointillism, origami, and scratch art. The Grade 4 to 6 students used different art materials to explore realism in art and create artistic expression. The students used a variety of materials including chalk, watercolor, and sharpie.

During art club, students were interested and self-motivated to complete each art piece. We hope this experience has helped to foster their enjoyment of art. Participants had a blast and didn't want it to come to an end, but we look forward to seeing their continued creativity throughout the school in their various class art projects.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE BY JUNE 7, 2024- GO TO PARENT PORTAL TO ORDER

Don't be disappointed, get your yearbook order in as a keepsake of your child's time here at SJB.. This is especially important for our grade 6 students her are moving on to junior high and to our families moving out of the community.



A colorful poster for yearbook orders. The background features school supplies: a blue cross-shaped eraser, a green spiral notebook, a yellow pencil, a blue pen, a pair of blue scissors, a red backpack, a stack of books, and a round analog clock. Overlaid on the supplies are three banners: a green one with 'ORDER YOUR', a blue one with 'YEARBOOK', and a large red one with 'TODAY' in white letters. The 'PowerSchool' logo is in the bottom right of the poster area.

PRICE: \$20.00	DEADLINE: June 7, 2024
ORDER ONLINE AT: https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/	
DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE MEMORIES FOR YOUR CHILD!	

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



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

DISTRICT SPIRITUAL MESSAGE



ECSD is committed to sharing religious, spiritual news and information for all stakeholders.

For such information, please visit our District's website and click on Catholic Identity. For your convenience the following link will take you to our Faith Alive page, which features a variety of Catholic faith learning resources. To access that information please click on the following link: <https://www.ecsd.net/page/16775/faith-alive>

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO PARISH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

For parish sacramental preparation information, please click on the links below for the most current parish information.

For additional information, please contact the pastoral assistant as noted below.

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GRADE 5 SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

Grade 5 classes dedicated their efforts for social justice to ensure every child starts their day with a nutritious breakfast at St Francis of Assisi School. Thank you for all your donations of cereal and granola bars. Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of students who may otherwise face breakfast challenges.

By participating in this project, we reinforced the values of generosity, empathy, and community spirit. Your support will not only nourish the bodies of our fellow students but also foster a strong sense of togetherness within our school family.

The staff at St John Bosco, purchased bins to seal the cereal for our neighboring school and delivered to St Francis of Assisi as part of our Grace for the Heart and Soul afternoon.

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 and the Grade 6 teaching team, students gathered, wrote and are now ready to publish their very own paper. Click on the link to read [SJB GAZETTE.](#)