



Newsletter

St. John Bosco Catholic School

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Administrators' Message

November 5, 2023, is Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta. Catholic Education Sunday is a day of hope and a reminder to all Catholics of the enduring strength that our Faith provides us in an ever-changing cultural landscape. In an increasingly secular society, where religious values are less prevalent, Catholic Parents seek a genuine Catholic and publicly funded Education for their children. It is a significant moment in the Catholic calendar, dedicated to acknowledging the value of Catholic Education, fostering a sense of community and seeking spiritual guidance and blessings for the journey ahead. For additional information on the importance and theme of Catholic Education Sunday, please refer to the specific section within this newsletter.

This year marks the Division's 135th anniversary. It was November 2, 1888, that the journey of Edmonton Catholic Schools began with an act of profound dedication as three sisters from the order of the Faithful Companions of Jesus embarked on a mission that would forever change the landscape of education in Edmonton. Their selfless commitment and passion for teaching began with 23 eager students at St. Joachim, the very first Catholic school in our city. From those humble beginnings, our Division has flourished into an incredible family of 95 schools and more than 47,000 students.

On November 2, 2023 Edmonton Catholic School will kick off and celebrate throughout the school year its 135th anniversary. Throughout the year, the Division has planned a series of events and activities. These celebrations are designed to bring our school community together. Whether you're a student, family member, teacher, alumni, or part of our proud Catholic community, we invite you to celebrate. We invite you all to join us in celebrating this achievement and the gift of publicly funded Catholic education in our province. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect home, school, and parish as partners in the creation of a vibrant, engaging, Christ-centred learning experience for our children and youth. To learn more about our 135th anniversary and how our schools are celebrating, visit <https://www.ecsd.net/ecsd-135>. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.

November is also a time to honor all those who given their life to military service so that we may live in a democratic society free to share our opinions and values openly and safely with one another. To commemorate the fallen, the students and staff of St. John Bosco School will be paying our respects during our Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 8th. Also, this year the annual No Stone Left Alone tradition continues within the classrooms where they will participate using live stream. Additional details can be found within the NSLA section of this newsletter.

Our Demonstration of Learning takes place on November 23, 2023. We use an online booking system for parents to book their preferred timeslot. Our goal is to give your child the opportunity to demonstrate their learning, as well you can book a time should you have any questions about your child's progress. For more details on the booking system and time frames available please watch Swift Email communications, where you will receive a booking link to register for your time slot. As done in the past, we will once again be hosting a Scholastic Book

Fair during our Demo afternoon and evening. For details of the event, please refer to the specific section within this newsletter.

And finally, **a reminder to our parents regarding our November break** which for students begins on Thursday, as the Division holds its annual Faith Development Day for all staff. On Friday November 10th staff will begin their November break until November 14th. School resumes for all students on November 15th.

Information regarding our Christmas Concerts is also located on the last page of this newsletter. Please read carefully.

We look forward to seeing you later in the month as you celebrate your children's learning and development during this first term!

Ms. A. Esposito-Brady
Principal

Ms. D. Kowalchuk
Assistant Principal

REFLECTION/PRAYER

In November, we take this time to focus our thoughts on community and recognize at a deep level that we are really making God's kingdom a reality to all we meet. We are thankful for our Catholic Education and celebrate together at our local churches on Sunday November 5th. This year as we celebrate our 135th year of Edmonton Catholic Schools we are thankful for the opportunity to learn our faith each and everyday in our schools. Come together and pray with your children that we are all walking together in our Faith journey.



Prayer of Remembrance



Loving God, hear our prayers, prayers for our continued work in Catholic Education, prayers of thanksgiving for the courage of those who have been peacemakers; prayers of hope for those who were at war and those in war in the present and prayers of remembrance for those who served and died in the wars before. Kindly hear our prayers and lead us closer to your heart. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

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->

STUDENT ILLNESSES/ DAILY HEALTH AWARENESS

Parents play a key role in keeping not only their child well but also all children at our school healthy. We ask that when your child is not well, that you keep them at home so they can rest and give their body time to deal with symptoms.



We have learned a great deal the past 3 years, and things will never be the same, especially our standard of care related to student illness and attendance at school or other public places where germs can spread quickly.

Parents are reminded that students who are ill are to remain at home to ensure that germs, whichever type of germs they may be are not spread to others. Today more than ever, staff and parents have excellent information and tools to help stop the transmission of germs. The importance of being at home and resting to get well at home is essential in considering and protecting the general school population; this has always been and will continue to be very important for all.

Any students who are manifesting signs and symptoms of being unwell will be sent to the office and their parents called for pickup.

We are encouraging parents to support their children in wearing a mask as increased protection from RSV, Influenza and Covid. While we cannot mandate, it is our strong recommendation based on the number of illnesses we are seeing. Students are familiar with the rationale behind such practices, and many have chosen to come with masks on.

ENTERING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE IN PS PARENT PORTAL

To report your child's absence, please log in to the Parent PowerSchool Portal and enter their absence directly,; use each tab for your children to report each respective child that will be absent from school.

Click Here To Report Student

ABSENCE

***Attendance must be entered prior to 8:00 am to avoid an Unexcused Absence call for the morning and by 11:30 am for the afternoon. ***

A reminder that **when entering your child's attendance and they are absent all day** - please be sure to go in and **enter the absence for both the morning & the afternoon.**

Use the instructions below to keep your child's attendance up-to-date and avoid attendance calls from the school.

Parents are asked to log into the parent PowerSchool portal and follow the steps indicated in the instructions below: [Instructions for Entering Your Child's Absence in PowerSchool](#).

This is quick and easy and will remove the need for you to call in the absence.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

To see a listing of all school fees please go online to the Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>. There on the left side bar you will see a complete listing of all fees.

ECSD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INFORMATION



ALL TRANSPORTATION MATTERS THIS YEAR ARE DONE DIRECTLY THROUGH OUR ECSD TRANSPORTATION OFFICE. Please visit their website at <https://www.ecsd.net/transportation>.

Edmonton Catholic Schools is improving student safety on our yellow school buses with a new bus pass and scanner system. All students riding a regular school bus are issued a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) bus pass, which students use to scan when entering and exiting the school bus. No personal information is stored on the bus pass itself as the card cannot hold any data. The process is quick and easy and allows our transportation staff to identify whether a student is on the bus, missed the bus, or got off at the wrong stop. It is important for students to always carry their bus passes and scan on and off every time they enter and exit the bus. Your child will receive one bus pass that will be used for the entire school year, replacing the monthly pass. RFID bus passes are not applicable to Kindergarten Noon Hour and Curb Services Routes. Our website has more information about the new [Bus Pass Scanner System](#) and a [video](#) explaining the process.

Should you require more detailed information regarding bussing, please contact the District Transportation office at (780) 441-6078. Students requiring ETS bus passes are to inform the Transportation department in advance to ensure that ETS bus passes are available.

Bus Planner Information

Transportation Services uses a routing software suite called Bus Planner. Bus Planner has various components that our Division will utilize to ensure the most efficient and safe transportation system. The suite includes Bus Planner Web, the portal to access routes, seating plans, transported students, delays and other vital details. <https://busplannerweb.ecsd.net/>

Bus Delay Notifications - When Transportation Services sends a delay notification, emails go to the affected schools, delays show on the alerts website, and the Bus Planner Delays App immediately after posting.

- Alerts: <https://busplannerweb.ecsd.net/Alerts>

Bus Planner Delays App: <https://www.ecsd.net/page/34228/transportation-services-bus-delay-notifications>

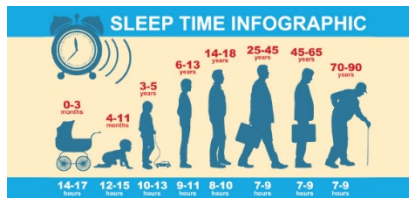
FALL BACK TIME- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

SUNDAY, Nov 5, 2023 - Daylight Saving Time Ends MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 5, 2023, **2:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour **1:00 am** local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.



REGULAR BEDTIME IS IMPORTANT



One topic that we hear mentioned frequently by parents is bedtime. At school we see what happens when students do not get enough sleep. Students have a hard time keeping up when they are tired. Children need a regular bedtime and a regular bedtime routine. Bedtime should be based on the child's need for sleep and sleeping patterns.

It is good to have a planned routine for getting ready for bed and getting into bed. This may include bathing, brushing teeth, drinking a glass of water, saying good night, reading, or listening to music. Soothing, quiet activities may make the transition to sleeping easier. If your child has a difficult time falling asleep or has nightmares, your involvement in the "soothing" activities may need to be more extensive. Reading with your child may provide additional assurance to your child at bedtime. For younger children, a favorite toy or a night-light may be comforting too.



Bedtime is a special time to be with a child. A good night's sleep helps everyone have a better day! We hope these ideas are helpful to you and your children.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

The winter chill is upon us. Parents are reminded to ensure that children are dressed for brisk Alberta weather, which we all know can be very temperamental.

It is key that kids dress in layers when there is rainy weather in the forecast, as kids will not have indoor recess for light drizzle/ rain. Kids would only be indoors if it was a hard rainfall. During this pandemic, getting outside and experiencing fresh air has never been more important.



Parents are reminded that on days those temperatures hit -21 degrees, we will have all the doors open in the morning and children are free to come in and proceed directly to their homeroom area.

Supervisors will always be on hand within the building supervising students and directing them to their homeroom classrooms if we were to move indoors in the early morning due to inclement weather. Furthermore, as always, children would have indoor recess within in their homerooms. Teachers will review expected behaviors during these scenarios.

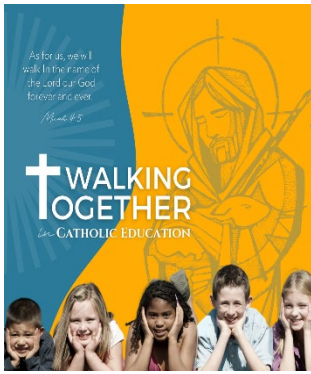
A reminder that kids are not to be at school if ill. If ill, they will not be kept inside and that request will result in a call home to pick up the child, as a child who is too sick to go outdoors for recess should not be in school.

CANCELLATION OF YELLOW BUSES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



Please be advised that the following Radio and TV Stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. Every effort is made to announce such cancellations no later than 6:30 am. Additionally, parents can refer to the Bus Planner App that is available.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY



Catholic Education Sunday: Catholic Education in Alberta will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 5, 2023**

For additional information on the importance and theme of Catholic Education Sunday, please click the link below:

https://youtu.be/LQj6yc3PCzU?si=wxfWAuxAIEKD_AMW

<https://youtu.be/bi1oHXmVtu8>

NOVEMBER BREAK NO SCHOOL November 9-14, 2023

In November we have a district wide November break for schools which means there is no school for students on November 9 – 14. Students return to school on November 15th. We encourage all our families to take time with their children to go out to the various Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the city on Saturday November 11 to pay their respects to those who have served past and present and to those who have lost their lives in service.

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 8:30 AM.



Remembrance Day is a day for all Canadians to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country. It is a day where every individual, young and old is encouraged to pause, give thanks, and remember.

We will celebrate as a school community on Wednesday, November 8th. The observance will be led by our Grade 5 staff and students. Division 2 will be in the gym, while the Division 1 classes will participate using live stream in their homeroom. Parents of students in grades 4-6 are welcome to attend the

celebration in the gym.

If your child is a member of Scouts Canada or Girl Guides, they are welcome to wear their uniform to school on Wednesday, November 8th for the Remembrance Day Observance.

We will be collecting poppy donations at the school, alternatively you may donate online to the National Poppy Trust Fund at <https://legion.ca/donations>.

As well we will be collecting food for the Veterans Food Bank, please bring a nonperishable item to help our Veterans in need.

<https://veteransassociation.ca/give-food>



NO STONE LEFT ALONE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

What freedoms are you most thankful for? As Canadians, we are blessed. What does Remembrance Day mean to you? What does the simple red poppy mean to you? Why do you wear a poppy? Why do we remember?

'No Stone Left Alone' Organization and Memorial Foundation's goal is to inspire a new generation of young Canadians by helping them to recognize and respect the sacrifices and service of all our Canadian Armed Forces, past and present.



St. John Bosco School will be participating in No Stone Left Alone virtually. Students will have the opportunity to watch the live broadcast of the ceremony at Beechmount cemetery on **Monday, November 6th, at 10:30 a.m.**

The No Stone Left Alone experience allows children to take part in the day's commemorative ceremonies to honour, recognize and respect the sacrifices and service of all our Canadian Armed Forces. This year, students from St. John Bosco School will be there in spirit. They will create a symbolic poppy to commemorate the ceremony and honour all those who served and continue to serve.

Participation in the No Stone Left Alone experience increases their knowledge of the role Canadian soldiers played in historic world wars and peacekeeping missions. It also raises awareness of the sacrifices our military made and continue to make today while giving them a better understanding and appreciation for remembrance, peace, and respect - strengthening Canadian pride.

St. John Bosco will tune in to the live stream and continue to discuss ways that they can honour those who fought and gave up their lives for our peace and freedom. Visit this page for more information: <http://www.nostoneleftalone.ca/no-stone-left-alone-experience/>

No Stone Left Alone has also launched a new student-led initiative for fundraising to spread awareness and engage families and communities in a discussion about what their children can do to honour our fallen military. Any donation is appreciated. This movement to create ongoing, generational remembrance is growing. Please see the link below to donate directly on the website.

<https://www.nostoneleftalone.ca/donate>

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
Mucho Burrito	November 19, 2023	November 24, 2023
Carl's Jr.	January 14, 2024	January 19, 2024
Panago	April 14, 2024	April 19, 2024
Pita Pit	May 19, 2024	May 24, 2024

SJB SCHOOL PLAN FOR CONTINUOUS GROWTH



All school jurisdictions in the Province of Alberta have made a shift in the way that they plan and report to their stakeholders through the Assurance Framework.

In this framework, all education stakeholders accept responsibility for building capacity of the education system — in classrooms, schools, school authorities and in government. Ensuring continuous improvement throughout the system necessitates a collective approach that recognizes diversity within Alberta, relies on evidence to make decisions, and is responsive to the needs of students in their local contexts.

As part of our commitment to assuring our stakeholders that St. John Bosco School is providing a quality Catholic educational experience for our students, we have developed a plan for continuous growth which can be found on our website as part of the assurance dashboard. This dashboard provides you with a comprehensive tool to explore the ways in which we measure the success of our work in the goals and priorities that have been established in our SJB School Plan for Continuous Growth.

The St. John Bosco School Plan for Continuous Growth is developed with the Alberta Education Ministerial Order in mind and aligns closely with our ECSD Plan for Continuous Growth.

As part of our plan for continuous growth, St. John Bosco School seeks to create a working document that reflects the fluid nature of our work towards achieving optimal learning in our students within Christ-Centered and inclusive environment that embraces and celebrates diversity.

The document is responsive to feedback provided through various surveys completed by parents and students during the course of the past year as well as a variety of data collected related to student's academic performance. Furthermore, the document outlines our targeted goals and the specific strategies and actions we are incorporating to reach the goals established based on both feedback and data retrieved from various sources.

Our School Plan for Continuous Growth will be reviewed at our November School Council meeting and can be accessed on our school's website assurance dashboard. Please take a few minutes to review the plan for the year by clicking on the link.

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING/REPORT CARDS



Sound assessment practices are based on the principle that assessment of the academic performance of our students is an on-going process through the collection and grading of student work that is both formative and summative. Teachers assess student growth and development in various subject areas through classroom participation, oral and written work, collaborative projects, test results, quality of assignments produced,

homework completion and notebook maintenance.

As done in the past prior to online reporting through the Parent Portal, teachers we will share your child's progress through a variety of means such as student work sent home, student portfolios, home/school conferences, and demonstration of learning, to name a few.

Report Cards:

Student progress will be formally reported to parents two times a year in the form of a summary report card in both January and June.

September -January **Report Card on January 31**

February- June **Report Card on June 26**

Parents will be able to go into the PowerSchool Parent Portal and see their child's summary report card for the term. **Parents can choose to view in digital format or print a hardcopy as they wish.** Should you have any questions related to your child's progress, we encourage you to reach out to their teacher.

Demonstration of Learning:

Demonstration of Learning: **November 23, 2023**

Demonstration of Learning: **March 14, 2024**

DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Our Demonstration of Learning takes place on November 23 from 1-4:30 and 5-7 pm . Our goal is to give your child the opportunity to demonstrate their learning, as well you can book a time should you have any questions about your child's progress.

We use an **online booking system for our Demonstration of Learning.** Please watch your swift email communications on the Demonstration of Learning which will include details, as well as the online booking link. **Important Note:**

- **Online bookings begin Nov. 13 and close Nov. 22**
- This is **not an interview style evening;** it is a student-led demonstration of their learning throughout the term.
- A reminder that all **children are to remain with their parents and are not to be left unattended in any part of the school.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- NOVEMBER 23, 2023, IN THE GYM



St. John Bosco School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on **Thursday, November 23. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. in the gym.** We are absolutely thrilled to be able to host the Book Fair once again as this has been a longstanding tradition of our school. Students will be able to preview the books on Wednesday, November 22. Payment can be made with cash, debit, or credit card. Money raised from sales at the Book Fair will go to the purchase of books for our school. All students who make a purchase at the Book Fair will be entered into a draw to win a gift certificate to spend at the Fair. Our Book Fair is a great place to do Christmas shopping and we cannot wait to see you there!!

PRINCIPAL'S BRADY BUNCH PIZZA LUNCH FOR READERS

Special congratulations and shout out to all of our dedicated and avid readers at SJB. Ms. Esposito-Brady loves her time with the students best of all and is especially proud of our many enthusiastic readers who read daily at home! **Please ensure that you encourage your child to do at least 15 to 30 mins. of nightly reading if they are Division 1. Division 2 students should be enjoying at least 30 to 40 mins. of independent reading at home.** Reading non-fiction textbooks counts, but we also encourage children to read fiction, as it helps to develop one's imagination! Looking forward to more reading and pizza shared with students. **Don't forget to track your minutes and bring back your reading strips so we can have you place them in your homeroom jar, which we draw each month!**

MONTHLY RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn for **October's** Brady Bunch Pizza Lunch. They enjoyed a free pizza lunch with Ms. Esposito-Brady and Kindergarten students shared a snack.

OOA: Gianluca O.	1A: Nash K.	2A: Eshanth K.	3A: Cara R.	4A: Everly D.	5A: Alexa C.	6A: Elizabeth S.
OOB: Benjamin N.	1B: Arlo F.	2B: Joury S.	3B: Elise Y.	4B: Hoseie M.	5B: Rhema K.	6B: Sofia C.
OOC: Gelila P.	1C: Aiden P.	2C: Mikiyas M.	3C: Ayansa Y.	4C: Avi O.	5C: Natasha S.	6C: Michael P.
OOD: Alisa N.	1D: Dylan S.-D.	2D: Olivia H.	3D: Dominik K.	4D: Nevaeh B.-M..		

SCHOOL COUNCIL (SC) MEETING – NOVEMBER 29, AT 6:30 PM

The School Council, the Parent Fundraising Society and room representatives 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. We are still seeking a casino coordinator, please consider this very important role!



Your School Council Needs you!

PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENINGS FOR 2023-24

Parents are invited to participate in various evenings being held this year. for topic, dates and times, see the chart below. Please note that additional input directly from parents will be sought to add to this list of scheduled sessions. We need your input and look forward to your presence at the school council meetings.

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTERS
SEPTEMBER 21 @ 6:30 pm	SJB SC AGM	Malorie C and Admin Team
SEPTEMBER 27 @ 6:30 pm	Kinder MDT Night for Parents @ 6:30 pm	Ms. Ferretti and MDT Team
SEPTEMBER 27 @ 6:30 pm	EAL Information Night for Parents @ 6:30 pm	Ms. Garcia and Admin Team
October 18 @ 6:30 pm	Literacy Night 1/2 for K & Gr. 1 Parents	Ms. Garcia and Admin Team
February 7 @ 6:30 pm	Literacy Night 2/2 for K & Gr. 1 Parents	Ms. Garcia and Admin Team
April 24 @ 6:30 pm	EAL Night for Kinder Parents @ 6:30 pm	Ms. Garcia and Admin Team

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

We have gathered a number of websites on various topics and themes that we have heard from parents that may be of interest. Parents are encouraged to see the list below and click on the links provided. As you peruse the sites you will find a number of articles, tips and strategies on many themes.

IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIP BUILDING IN CHILDREN

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/newborns/development/understanding-development/relationships-development>

<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/modules/module1/handout5.pdf>

<https://www.thepathway2success.com/10-ways-to-build-relationships-with-kids/>

FOSTERING EMPATHY IN CHILDREN

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/key-strategies-teach-children-empathy>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/smart-parenting-smarter-kids/201905/how-children-develop-empathy>

<https://parentingscience.com/teaching-empathy-tips/>

<https://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/resources-for-families/5-tips-cultivating-empathy>

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/resilience/>

<https://www.psycom.net/build-resilience-children>

EMPOWERING CHILDREN

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/empower-children-struggle>

<https://childrenfirstcanada.org/blog/how-to-help-empower-your-kids/>

<https://masandpas.com/9-ways-to-empower-your-kids/>

<https://empoweredparents.co/decision-making-games/>

FAMILY COUNSELING & MORE

<https://www.familycentre.org/counselling>

<https://www.cssalberta.ca/Our-Services/Family-Support>

HANDBELL CHOIR, SENIOR GLEE CLUB, & JUNIOR CHOIR



There has always been a strong musical tradition at St. John Bosco School and this year is no different!!! Our Grade 6 Handbell Choir has started ringing and are enjoying preparing a song for the Christmas Concert. The Senior Glee Club, which includes students in Grades 4, 5, & 6, practice after school on Mondays. They will be performing at the Christmas Concert and at another special performance in



April. Grades 1, 2, and 3 students were invited to join Junior Choir and there are approximately 100 members this year!!! Look for them to perform at the Christmas Concert as well. In January, Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to join Handbell Choir. Music touches the soul of every person, and it will be wonderful to see and hear the many amazing musical talents of our SJB students!!!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The St. John Bosco Student Leadership Team is excited to spread our light and enthusiasm to make this year an amazing one for our SJB community! Thank you to the interest, dedication, and positive spirit from the student leaders during our first meeting! We are very appreciative of the support from the SJB staff and administration. The SJB Leadership Team is about leadership, wellness, and social justice. A leader is a positive role model that inspires change and action in themselves and those around them. Leadership focuses this year will include Social Justice leaders, Physical Education and Wellness leaders, Recess Activity Leaders, and Broadcast Announcement Leaders.

The mission of the Leadership Team is to let our light shine forth by sharing our passions, talents and ideas to build school spirit, model compassion, spread joy and help others in and around our community. Our vision is to see all St. John Bosco School students grow as healthy and helpful leaders in our community.

Social Justice: By June 2024, the students of St. John Bosco will experience kind acts towards each other on a daily basis and practice ways to help individuals in need around and outside of the school community through Social Justice initiatives.

Physical Education and Wellness: By June 2024, the students of St. John Bosco will work on being leaders by practicing self-regulation techniques, problem solving strategies, fueling our bodies with physical activity, healthy foods/drinks and mindful moments.

The Students Leaders will:



Listen and act
Encourage each other
Always show a positive attitude
Dream big and make a difference
Empower others by leading by example
Reflect and continue to grow

Serve our community

We look forward to continuing this journey at St. John Bosco School, doing what we can to bring out the leader in ourselves and to help each student be the best they can be. Stay tuned for further updates throughout the year! A special congratulations to Kali R. (6B), Logan B.(5A), Emily C.(5C), and Aliya H.(4C) for being the Leadership students selected to attend this years Leadership Symposium Oct. 16th to learn more about mental health and share it with our team and school. Our thanks go out to Ms. Craig, Ms. Donaghey, Ms. Kowalchyk, and Ms. Melnyk.

Aliya H.	Camila O.	Kali R.
Avanov O.	David M.	Kasey G.
Danijela Z.	Emily C.	Sofia C.
Emilia O.	Eugeneca E.	Violet M.
Everly D.	Freda A.	Rhema K.
Hayden H.	Gia P.	Sofia B.
Jenica M.	Hailey C.	Taylor B.
Josh B.	Hailey M.	TeaDora G.
Milana C.	Hana K.	Eddie J.
Peyton H.	Isabelle B.	Philip T.
Olivia I.	Kinley E.	Mikal B.
Rhema K.	Logan B.	Natasha S.

SJB SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL TEAM



Our Grade 6 patrol team is a dedicated group of young leaders who have undergone hands-on training to ensure the safety of our community members at our crosswalk. These students take their responsibilities seriously and have been equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to manage pedestrian traffic efficiently. Through their training, they have learned the importance of patience, communication, and attentiveness, ensuring that everyone, from fellow students to parents and other community members, can safely cross the road. Their commitment to safety and their role as leaders in our community is truly commendable, and they exemplify the values of responsibility and care that we hold dear in our school. Elecia Grange from AMA came out on September 29, 2023, to train our patrollers. We are continuing to build on our skills in the coming weeks. A BIG THANK YOU to all our Patrollers!

When driving towards the crosswalk please slow down and watch for our Grade 6 student patrollers, who are out daily. If you need to stop, please allow a safe stopping distance from the crosswalk. When stopping for a pedestrian at a crosswalk, drivers should stop their vehicles far enough back (about two to three car lengths) so traffic in other lanes will be able to see the pedestrian and have time to stop.

Please refer to the City of Edmonton website for more information:
https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/pedestrian-crosswalks

When walking across the crosswalk please wait for the patrollers to say "proceed." This is the signal that patrollers are trained to use when it is safe to cross. If cars have not stopped, patrollers will not say "proceed." Students have been instructed to look for a safe gap in traffic. If there are any concerns, please do not contact the patrollers, see staff that are outside supervising. Patrollers are working diligently to ensure a safe crossing for all and continue to work on their skills year-round!

Patrol Team

6A

Manuela A.
Grace D.
Alessia D.
Kasey G.
Sydney L.
Audrey T.

6B

Meron A.
Logan B.
Tudor B.
Sofia C.
Zaidan F.
Gabrielle J.
Kali R.
Nathan T.
Thomas W.
Caleb Y.

6C

Jessie B.
Lorenzo F.
Lucas K.
Bella K.
Ariana M.
Jett W.

KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER FOR THE STOLLERY

The Kindergarten students will be raising money for the Stollery this Christmas season by creating and selling Christmas cards. Kindergarten families will be able to purchase their child's cards and other SJB families will be able to purchase a random assortment of Kindergarten created cards. The cards will sell for \$6 per bundle of 5 cards. The cards will be available on PowerSchool from November 1- November 17. Thank you for helping us to support the Stollery.

TRAFFIC SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CROSS WALKS SAFETY <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yAV-oOwDV4>

“Your Children’s Safety over Convenience”

Traffic Safety at St John Bosco School continues to be a priority for the staff, parents, and community members of our school. Parents are reminded that bylaw officers and City Police continue to be present at the front of our school looking for people committing traffic infractions.



We ask all parents to consider closely if convenience is more important than the life of any one child in our school and/or adult from our surrounding community.

Our actions as adults demonstrate our values to the young lives watching us. Demonstrating unlawful behavior teaches children lessons about values and more importantly about respect for the law and one's neighbors. Administration will not tolerate disrespectful conduct and measurables will be taken if any staff at the school are intimidated, threatened or abused verbally. Be sure to consider your own actions and take responsibility for your behaviours as opposed to taking out anger on staff, neighbors or parent volunteers.

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.

1. 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.
2. Be mindful and respectful to our school patrollers, parent volunteers and staff. Do not park close to the crosswalk as it impedes their visibility.
3. Do not park in the ETS bus zones or the crosswalk area as drop off or pick up zones.
4. 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.
5. Do not Jay walk.
6. Do not use the staff parking, as it is limited for staff use only and is a dangerous spot for student traffic.

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

PARKING AT NEIGHBORS' HOMES & DRIVEWAYS

As you may have noticed we have had some Bylaw officers become a regular part of our community. 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 as such we ask that you are mindful of actions in that we model for young impressionable children and also because some actions are illegal as they break established parking bylaws.

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 to complete a form.**

HANDBELL CHOIR, SENIOR GLEE CLUB, & JUNIOR CHOIR



There has always been a strong musical tradition at St. John Bosco School and this year is no different!!! Our Grade 6 Handbell Choir started ringing on October 17th and are preparing a song for our Advent Celebration. The Oil Kings Choir is in full swing preparing to sing O Canada on December 6th! In January, Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to join Handbell Choir, Grades 4, 5

and 6 students will be starting up Glee Club, and Grades 1, 2, and 3 students will be invited to join Junior Choir. Music touches the soul of every person, and it will be wonderful to see and hear the many amazing musical talents of our SJB students!!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RUNS SEPT. 22 - NOV. 15th



Our last few weeks!

Continue to Help us build a tower of boxes to help others by sharing our "LIGHT". This is our 7th year in working towards supporting the Samaritan's purse, Operation Christmas child Program.

Through our work we model and teach children the importance of service towards others who are in need. This year our goal is to bring in and build a tower that surpassed our numbers before the pandemic. Bring your boxes to St John Bosco, we are tallying and creating our tower in the foyer for all students to see the generosity of our school. So far, we have collected over **40 boxes** with only a few weeks left. It is very exciting seeing our tower grow each day on announcements.

In advance, we thank all of you for contributing to this most worthy social justice program. **The last day to bring in boxes is Wednesday, Nov 15th.**

MAKE YOUR MINIMUM \$10 DONATION- Please donate a minimum of \$10 for each shoebox you prepare to help cover project costs--including shipping. Please make one combined donation for multiple shoeboxes. Simply make your donation online or place your cheque or cash donation in an envelope inside your shoebox, on top of the items. If you make an online donation, you do not need to include the donation receipt in the shoebox. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$15 or more.

ADVENT SEASON COLLECTIONS FOR THE EDMONTON FOOD BANK

The Advent Season, which begins on Dec 3 is a time to give freely and willingly to those less fortunate than we are. Here at SJB School during the Advent season we encourage our families to donate **non-perishable food items** for the Edmonton Food Bank. Please drop your donations in 1 of the 4 areas we will have the box located around the school:

1. inside the grades 3 & 4 entrance
2. inside by the Grade 5 & 6 washrooms
3. the front entrance by the music room
4. the grade 1 hallway by the washrooms



St. John Bosco school will be collecting from Dec 3 to Dec. 18th. **Some most needed items include beans with or without pork, canned fish or meat, baby formula, peanut butter, soup, canned fruit, or vegetables, as well as pasta and pasta sauce.**

You may also choose to submit an online monetary donation. Please visit <https://www.edmontonsfoodbank.com/donate-now/> Students are asked to drop their donations in one of the four boxes dispersed around the school.

SJB CHRISTMAS HAMPER SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM



The St. John Bosco School parent community has always been supportive and generous in helping those in need. As a continuation of our ongoing Catholic Social Teachings specifically in the way of Social Justice service learning, the SJB Student Leadership Team will be leading a school wide Christmas Hamper social justice project to help support families in need within our community during the Christmas season. Each grade level team of teachers will be coordinating and working with their students and their families for the sponsorship of a family based

on the list provided below.

Gift cards towards the purchase of a protein of that family's choice, will be supplied by the school based on various donations received on behalf of local businesses. If you are able to donate a gift card toward the purchase of a protein, please contact the school and we will have the planning team follow up with you. The greater the total items we receive the more families we will be able to prepare a hamper for. Additional items donated will allow for a greater number of hampers to be prepared.

The Leadership Team will then organize and pack each of the hampers so that they are ready to be delivered to the families. Our goal is to feed families within our SJB community and/or St. Dominic Savio Parish community. **We will begin collecting food hampers on Monday, November 27, 2023.** We ask that all items are brought to school **by Tuesday, December 13, 2023.** This will allow the Leadership Team to sort and organize the hampers during their meetings on the following Wednesdays.

Hampers will be distributed by December 20 for am or pm for pick up.

Please see hamper sizes and items to be collected below. Your support is greatly appreciated, The Student Leadership Team, Miss Craig, Miss Melnyk, and Miss Donaghey.

Hamper Sizes

****Each class will be collecting food for a hamper size that corresponds to what is brought in and that class's size.**
Medium Family (4-5 people)
Large Family (6-7 people)
XL Family (8+ people)

Christmas Hamper Collection List

Food Item Suggestions	Small Family (2-3 people)	Medium Family (4-5 people)	Large Family (6-7 people)	XL Family (8+ people)
Gift Card for a Grocery Store	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
Dried Lentils	1 Box	1 Box	2 Boxes	3 Boxes
Canned chickpeas or kidney beans	1 Can	2 Cans	3 Cans	4 Cans
Potatoes/ Instant Potato mix	5 lbs./ 1 box	10 lbs./ 2 boxes	10 lbs./ 2 boxes	15 lbs./ 3 boxes
Cereal	1 box	2 boxes	2 boxes	3 boxes
Vegetables (canned)	2 cans	4 cans	5 cans	7 cans
Fruit (canned)	1 can	2 cans	3 cans	4 cans
Soup (canned/dehydrated)	2 cans/pkgs	3 cans/pkgs	5 cans/pkgs	7 cans/pkgs
Macaroni & Cheese	2 boxes	3 boxes	4 boxes	5 boxes
<u>Real</u> Fruit Juice	2 litres	3 litres	4 litres	5 litres
Baked Beans	1 can	2 cans	3 cans	4 cans
Chili or Stew	1 can	2 cans	3 cans	4 cans
Canned Fish	1 can	2 cans	3 cans	4 cans
Canned Meat (turkey, ham)	1 can	2 cans	3 cans	4 cans
Instant Coffee	1 box	1 box	1 box	2 boxes
Tea	1 box	1 box	1 box	2 boxes
Peanut Butter	1 jar	1 jar	1 large jar	1 large jar
Jam	1 jar	1 jar	1 large jar	1 large jar
Christmas Pastry/ Dessert	1 box	1 box	1 box	1 box
Christmas Chocolates	1 box	1 box	2 boxes	2 boxes
Cookies	1 box	1 box	2 boxes	3 boxes
Crackers	1 box	2 boxes	3 boxes	4 boxes
Rice	1 pkg	1 pkg	2 pkgs	2 pkgs
Pasta	1 pkg	1 pkg	2 pkgs	2 pkgs
Pasta Sauce	1 jar	1 jar	2 jars	2 jars



St. John Bosco Catholic School

Christmas Concerts 2023

Information

Food Bank Donations are requested!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All Performers are to arrive by 6:00 pm; use front door & proceed to homeroom.
 - All students are asked to wear their 'Sunday best'.
 - Doors open for parents at 6:05 pm.
- Due to limited seating & fire capacity, only 2 spots per family only parents attend evening performances
 - Matinees are being offered for grandparents & additional family members

Christmas Concert Schedules

Grade 1-3 students perform on December 19 at 6:30 PM

Grade 4-6 students perform on December 20 at 6:30 PM

Grade K- AM Classes perform on December 21 at 9:00 AM

Grade K- PM Classes perform on December 21 at 1:00 PM

Morning & Afternoon Matinee Performances

Grade 1-3 students perform on December 18 at 9:00 AM

Grade 4-6 students perform on December 18 at 1:00 PM

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.