



St. John Bosco Catholic School

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November 2024

Message from Administration

Thank you for the generous donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. The total donation amount was over \$700. We continue to participate in Social Justice initiatives both at the classroom level and schoolwide. We are grateful for your generosity and ability to share your gifts with others.

October 19th was Catholic Education Sunday, and we appreciate all our staff at St. John Bosco School. We are blessed by them daily with their many talents and the abundance of kindness they show to the students each and every day. We are who we are because of the people that make this community one that is inclusive, welcoming, and diverse.

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Please remember to adjust your clocks 1 hour back.

This month we remember our military service personnel as we strive to appreciate their devotion to peace in our nation and around the world. The service will be led by the grade 3 classrooms in the gymnasium. All Division 1 families are invited in person to join us.

Please note: there is a fall break happening this year from Friday, November 8 to Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The building and the office will be closed.

Demonstration of Learning happens in the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 28. Interview times are available to book online between 1-4:30pm and 5-7pm. Your child has been learning and growing this semester and we want to give them a chance to showcase to you what they have been working on. We will also have a Scholastic Book Fair happening on the day of Demo. Students will get a preview with their teachers beforehand.

There is no Christmas concert this year as we will have a Spring Concert.

From the Team,

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



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Student Prayer Corner

Dear God,

Help me to practice in all my academics so that I can improve. Thank you, God, for a great loving family and friends. Help my family to be a loving family and a happy one. Bless our teachers with respect, love and support. Help our government officials to help change the world. Help them to make good decisions. Please help the poor people on the streets. Help those who are struggling with the war in Palestine and Israel. Help them to stop bombing each other. As we return to school, help us to get a great education.

With faith we ask this; Amen.

Ronin S.

Student Leadership Team

The St. John Bosco Student Leadership Team is excited to spread our hope 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 meetings! 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 spread hope to those in need, 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 2025, 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.



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Physical Education and Wellness: By June 2025, 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! Our Social Justice initiatives have started! Donations for the Edmonton Food Bank have begun, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due on Nov. 13th, and toque donations for Day of the Poor through Sacred Heart Parish are encouraged. A special congratulations to Eli (6B), Grace (6C), Everly (5B), and Charis (5C) for being the Leadership students selected to attend this year's Leadership Symposium in November to learn more about wellness to share with our team and school!

Ms. Craig and Ms. Melnyk

Congratulations Leadership Team 2024-2025



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<u>Gr.4s</u>	<u>Gr. 5s</u>	<u>Gr.6s</u>
Avery S.	Everly	Grace
Makenna	Charis	Eli
Avery G.	Jenevieve	Edward
Myla	Moyo	Olivia
Alvera	Ava	Hailey
Sofia	Giuliana	Declan
Andi	Aliya H.	Natasha
Odette	Debrah	Kinley
Chesca	Ariana	Edward
Briana	Charlotte	Violeta
Elise	DeAnna	Aliya S.
Harper		
Malhyza		
Jaynil		
Madison		
Elisa		
Samantha		



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Indigenous Veterans Day- November 7

Indigenous Veterans Day is observed in Canada on November 8, as we do not have school that day, we will observe it on November 7th. This day is in recognition of Indigenous contributions to military service, particularly in the First World War, Second World War and the Korean War. Many Indigenous people also currently continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces in Canada and on operations around the world. They continue to uphold the proud legacy of service of past generations. Wearing a beaded poppy is about respect: lest we forget, the service and sacrifices of Indigenous and non-Indigenous soldiers, their shared values and their shared history. The beaded poppy is a source of pride and resilience. It is also an opportunity to have conversations about reconciliation. While beaded poppies honour all veterans, they draw attention to the unique plight of Indigenous people who went to war.



Metis Week and Rock your Mocs Week- November 12-15

In addition to recognizing Louis Riel Day on November 16, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has declared the week surrounding November 16 as “Métis Week.” The week is devoted to commemorating the sacrifices of the Métis who continue to strive toward rights and recognition as a distinct nation.

Rock Your Mocs is an annual week-long campaign that promotes cultural pride by encouraging Indigenous peoples to share their stories through posting photos of their moccasins. It's an opportunity for our community to learn about the diversity of Indigenous peoples and support local Indigenous communities. Feel free to wear Moccasins to school this week. Join the celebration on social media using **#RockYourMocs** and **#IndigenousECSD!**



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Home Reading Program – Pizza with the Principal

We are very excited to celebrate our ongoing monthly “Pizza with The Principal” Home Reading Program. We are happy that the monthly winners will be having a pizza lunch with Mrs. Schultz. It has been a wonderful experience to witness the excitement from all our St.



John Bosco students as they enter their names into a monthly draw for **PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL!** Over the past few years, our SJB Home Reading Program has proven to be a GREAT SUCCESS and we look forward to continuing to watch the enthusiastic attitude and love for reading. Congratulations to all the students whose names have been drawn for October. They enjoyed their pizza on November 1st.

Scholastic Book Fair – November 28th in the gym

St. John Bosco School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair on **Thursday, November 28th. 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 hosting 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 27th. 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.

Message from St. Dominic Savio Parish

Archbishop Richard Smith will celebrate the Confirmation Mass and Liturgy on June 21, 2025 at 1:00pm.

FYI: Registration for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation is now closed.

Classes will commence with Orientation Day on Sunday November 3, 2024 at 2PM in St. Dominic Savio church.

Classes will be held on Saturdays, 9am -11am.



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CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace, for it is by this sacrament that the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are the true witnesses of Jesus Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed to those around us. (CCC. 1285).

Young people aged 12 or older are invited to Register and prepare to celebrate Confirmation.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
For Grade 6 and above who have received First Holy Communion (Holy Eucharist).

Visit parish website to Register or call the Parish Office.

Registration fee: \$50

REGISTRATION CLOSES: FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

CONFIRMATION DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025
(Holy Mass presided by Archbishop Richard Smith)



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Operation Christmas Child runs September 20th – November 13th

Help us build a tower of boxes to give others "HOPE" during the Christmas season. There is a long-standing tradition of Social Justice Service Learning here at St. John Bosco School. **Students received Operation Christmas Child boxes, and we are asking that as a family you participate by filling the box with various items.** Bring your filled boxes to St John Bosco School as we are tallying and creating our tower in the foyer for all students to see our generosity. **We are already at 30 boxes – woohoo!!!** In advance, we thank all of you for contributing! The last day to bring in completed boxes will be **Nov. 13** and we will be delivering the completed boxes to the church depot.

Ideas on what to pack can be found below:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/pack-a-shoebox/>

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Decks of standard playing cards (other card games such as UNO are allowed)
- Food or candy: Including gum, no chocolate or fruit snacks (due to customs regulations)
- Used items (due to customs regulations)
- Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)
- Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break - Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoebox).
- Items that can scare or harm a child - War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.

Shoebox Labels: Complete the label to show what age group your box is suitable for.

MAKE YOUR MINIMUM \$10 DONATION- Please donate a minimum of \$10 for each shoebox you prepare to help cover project costs--including shipping. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$15 or more.



Healthy Hunger Lunch for November

On Friday, November 22 we will have our second hot lunch from Mucho Burrito

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>. Please book your child(ren)'s food before November 17th. This is an optional opportunity at SJB.



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Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 7th

The Grade 3 classes will be leading the Remembrance Day Ceremony at **8:30 A.M. on Thursday, November 7th**. Grades 1-3 students will participate in the gym and Grades 4-6 students will participate in their classrooms via livestream. Remembrance Day is an important day to remember the many people who gave their lives in the name of freedom and peace. We are grateful for their sacrifices and for all the freedoms we have in Canada. Parents of Grades 1 to 3 students are invited to join us 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 November 7th.**

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>

Volleyball Teams – Boys and Girls

St. John Bosco School is excited to announce that volleyball tryouts have taken place and we have selected our boys' and girls' volleyball team members. Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams will be practicing Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the gym. Both teams will be participating in one tournament over the next few months, the tournament will take place on a Thursday afternoon. If your child has made the team, further information regarding tournaments will be sent home closer to the tournament date. We look forward to another exciting year with our St. John Bosco Volleyball teams. Our congratulations to all the students who are participating and to the coaches, Ms. Pereira, Ms. Vaduva, Ms. Migadel, and Ms. Puznak.



GIRLS TEAM

Ailiana A.	Joud H.	Emilia O.
Loudonya B.	Dareen H.	Khalia R.
Emily C.	Odette H.	Patricia S.
Hla E.	Mila J.	Mia W.



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TeaDora G.

Camila O.

BOYS TEAM

Adam B.

Jude S.

Adre A.

Royce H.

Apollo D.

Gabriel S.

Jaiden L.

Adam G.

Julian F.

Marcus T.

Nathaniel G.

Andrii C.

Tyrone Y.

Mason H.

St. John Bosco School Fundraising Society Message

Hi St John Bosco Families!

This season, fundraising for St John Bosco School Fundraising Society is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free team funding app.

The fundraising society will earn cash back on every purchase our parents make all year long!

All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless. The team code below can be shared with anyone, and their online purchases will automatically contribute to our school!

We will use these funds for field trip subsidies, technology and other fun school activities. All for our kids!

Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:



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<https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=X6R6D6>

Or enter this code: X6R6D6

Any questions, just ask!

SJBS Parent Fundraising Society

Want to learn more? Check out this 2 minute video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80

Get Your Christmas Cards and Share the Holiday Spirit

Our kindergarten students have created beautiful, unique Christmas cards, and now you can purchase a pack of five for just \$10! Not only will you be sharing the joy of their artwork, but for every \$2.70 raised, we'll be donating towards a Christmas meal for someone in need through Hope Mission.

Sales will run from November 1 to November 15—don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to give back while preparing for the holidays. Cards can be purchased through PowerSchool and will be delivered by November 29. Thank you for supporting our young artists and making a difference this season!

No Stone Left Alone Ceremony – Monday, November 4th

On November 4th, St. John Bosco students will participate in the No Stone Left Alone ceremony through a live stream event. This important initiative honours our veterans by recognizing the sacrifices they made for our freedoms in Canada. By creating poppies and engaging in purposeful activities in preparation for this event, the students will reflect on the significance of the contributions made by our Veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as the values of courage and resilience that they embody. Having our students participate in this event virtually will provide them with an opportunity to show respect towards the sacrifices made by our veterans, as well as to foster a spirit of gratitude for the sacrifices that they have made.



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For SJB families and community members who are also interested in participating in the live stream, it will be available at the following link on November 4th, accessible from any device: <https://www.nostoneleftalone.ca/> Additionally, visitors to the website can make a donation to support this meaningful cause.

Terrific Kids Recognition Program

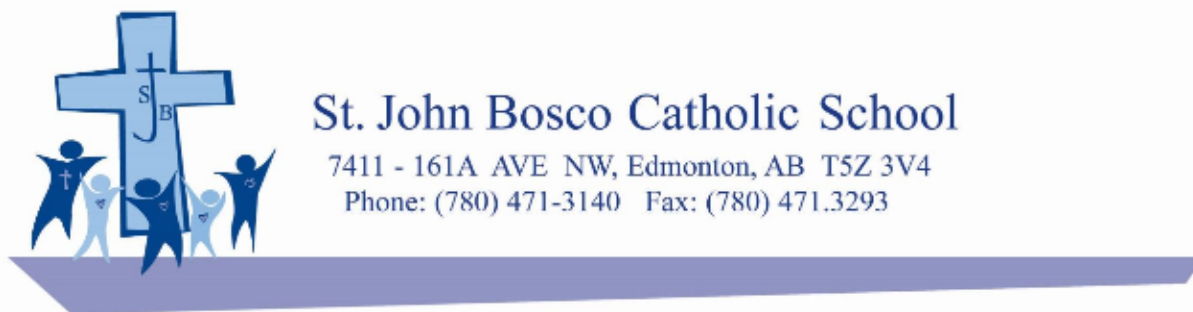


At St. John Bosco School, we encourage and continue to invite students to share their God-given gifts in service towards others and reflect on how they are sharing their gifts and the message of HOPE. We teach, encourage and recognize positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship.

In our daily conversations, actions and reflection we focus on Catholic virtues which are highlighted in the school agendas at the beginning of each month. In the agenda, each week at the top right-hand corner there are Faith in Action pieces that we shed light on in our goals as a school in how we can each put our Faith in Action to bring our Catholic virtues to stronger impact in all that we say and do.

Our Catholic Virtues, Faith in Action are also embedded in our goal of being a Terrific Kid. "Terrific" is an acronym for: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, Capable. As a staff, we teach students Terrific Kids character traits and how practicing good character can help one achieve goals, develop character, self-esteem and perseverance.

Once we have learned, practiced, reflected on the character traits, we then take the time to individually recognize students in being a Terrific Kid three times a year. **Your child will receive a letter and you will receive an email a few days prior to the assembly if they will be recognized to give you an opportunity to coordinate time to be present at this event.**



Here are the dates for the 2024-2025 Terrific Kids Recognition

Term 1 - Terrific Kids Presentation

Wednesday December 4 11:30-12:10 (Div 2) & 12:50-1:30 (Div 1)

*Kindergarten Friday December 6 am (10:30am) and pm (2:10pm)

We want to Thank Mr. Daniel O' Keefe who volunteers his time each term to ensure that our students are honored and recognized for their efforts by preparing certificates, bumper stickers (magnets), pencils and treats which are donated by the Kiwanis Club of South Edmonton. Thank you, Mr. Daniel O' Keefe!

SJB Broadcast Team



We are happy to hear and see that our morning broadcast is well underway.

We have a dynamic team of students who help keep us in the loop as to all that is going on in our magnificent school. We are happy to see that from time-to-time guest anchors participate in various forms as they help to highlight special events and recognize important days. Thank you to all the helping hands that make our Broadcast a huge Daily Communication success.

Supervision Before School

Staff are outside for supervision Monday -Friday 7:50-8:05

When students arrive at school they are to meet and line up with their classmates at their designated doors. Should your child be coming late, we encourage you to motivate them to



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move quickly to their designated doors. The school playground is not available for students before school without your supervision.

End of Day Routines

Students exit the building via their designated door. Please ensure if there is a change in routine that you write a note in the child's agenda book, so the staff know how to adjust bus schedules and pick ups. The school playground is not available for students after school without your supervision.

Traffic Safety Information

Safety is everyone's responsibility:

1. Use the parent drop off zone west of the layby in front of the school for quick "drop and go".
2. Be mindful and respectful to our school patrollers and staff who are out there doing their best to keep everyone safe.
3. Keep crosswalk areas clear.
4. Use designated crosswalks.
6. Staff parking lot is limited for staff use only.



Inclement Weather Procedures

The cold weather is coming, and staff and students have noticed. It is time to plan for and start wearing those warmer jackets, hats, mittens and boots. Staff and students continue to go outside for recess and sometimes physical education classes unless it is too cold. Edmonton Catholic Schools follows the Government of Canada Weather Forecast site for weather updates. Staff and students do not go outside if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder. With that in mind, we ask that you please send your child to school dressed for the weather.



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Bus Safety

During school assemblies, broadcast and classroom conversations we have been learning about Bus Safety. We will all be riding the bus at some point this year and the safety guidelines apply to us all.



- **Stay seated facing forward** while you are at your seat and the bus is moving.
- Treat others with respect by keeping your **hands and feet to yourself and speak quietly and politely.**
- Your feet and backpack are on the floor in front of you.
- Keep the aisles free and clear.
- Keep all food and drinks in your backpack.
- **Listen to instructions given by the bus driver** to ensure safety for everyone.

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



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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 Wednesday, November 13, 2024.** We ask that all items are brought to school **by Friday, 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 19th 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, Ms Craig, and Ms Melnyk

Hamper Sizes

**Each grade level group will be collecting food for a hamper size that corresponds to what is brought in and those classes' size.



Medium Family (4-5 people)

Large Family (6-7 people)

XL Family (8+ people)



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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/pkg	3 cans/pkg	5 cans/pkg	7 cans/pkg
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



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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