



St. John Bosco Catholic School

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The Jubilee Prayer



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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen





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Registration Opens February 3rd!

Kindergarten students should be born the year 2020 to be eligible for registration. Use School Finder to locate your community school. New families can create a profile in School Engage and existing families can add a child to their account.

We need your help! Pre-enrolment for current students is now open. Sign into your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending as you move into (select what applies: Kindergarten, Junior High, or High School). The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2025 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.

Feast Day of St. John Bosco: Friday, January 31st

Began with a celebration for Div 2 classes in the gym. Followed by an afternoon performance of Rapunzel by the Alberta Opera.

Message from Chief Superintendent's Office

February is upon us, and with this month that is focused on love and kindness, Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson continues to reflect on the themes of goodness, truth, and beauty in her Chief Superintendent's Message. Read about how to explore your school's student achievement and survey results, an upcoming evening of learning for parents and guardians, and our Division's Top Employer Award. You can [read the full message here](#).

Valentine's Day

We want to extend our heartfelt wishes to each of you. May Valentine's Day be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

As we celebrate this special day, we kindly ask if you would like to treat your child's classmates to a card or individually wrapped small treat, please include all classmates. Should you have any questions, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.



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Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 10-14

Join us in sharing kindness everywhere this week and always. We are so grateful for the wonderful children in our school and the sense of community St. John Bosco brings. Wishing you all peace and joy throughout your days as we are companions on this journey in solidarity with Christ Jesus.

Police Presentations in grade 4 – 6

Following the parent presentation evening from EPS and the Zebra team at January's SAC meeting, students in grades 4-6 will now receive a tailored, age-appropriate presentation on the importance of online safety.

Drumming Residency Kindergarten to Grade 6

See your cultural fees come to life with the vibrant week long experience of drumming. Students will explore rhythm and beat with British Columbia's Malicounda Dance company. We are all excited for this experience at St. John Bosco School.

Winter Walk Day – Thursday, February 6

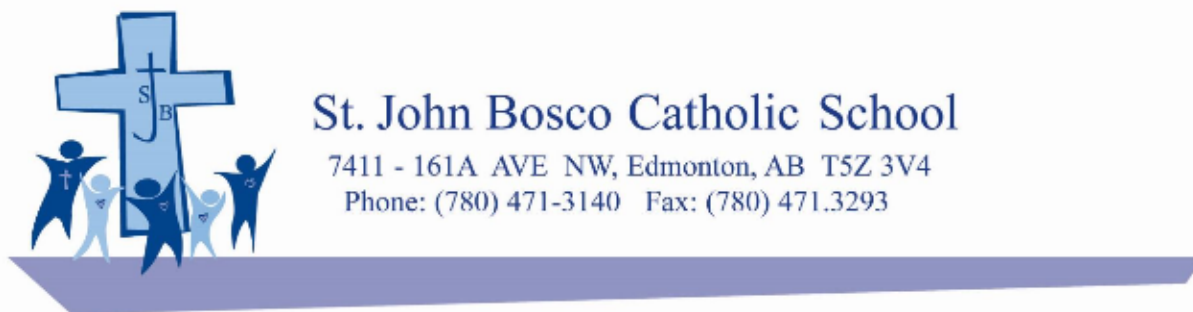
During the week of February 3- 7, the students and staff of St. John Bosco School will be participating in a province wide initiative to get outside and exercise. This initiative put forth by SHAPE Alberta is to increase fitness and embrace our cold weather climate.

For the students to enjoy walking in the winter, it is imperative that they “dress for success”. All students should bring the following items to school:

- Snow pants
- Winter coat
- Winter boots
- Warm mittens/ gloves
- Toque

Walking is great for our health, the environment, reducing traffic and building community! Winter Walk





Day celebrates our Alberta winter while promoting the year-round health benefits of walking.

ump Rope for Heart and Stroke Campaign 2025

St. John Bosco is excited to be holding our annual **Heart & Stroke Foundation JUMP Rope/ HOOPS for Heart Kick-Off**. The event will run from **Monday, February 24th to Tuesday, February 25th** in individual Phys. Ed. classes!

EVERYTHING is online! The SJB fundraising page link will take you directly there:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/81372>

From this link you can:

- Set-up your child's personal fundraising page
- Share your child's fundraising page
- Start a dialogue with your child about why they're jumping
- Learn life-long healthy habits by practicing the EASY healthy habits every day at school and at home. You can track your habits online!

Make healthy lifestyle choices! Why Jump?

- **Get moving** - Doing an activity that gets your heart rate up is great, but even something at a lower intensity, such as a leisurely walk, can help too!
- **Eat well** - Eating a heart-healthy, balanced diet is one of the most important things you can do to help lower your risk of heart disease and stroke.
- **Reduce your stress** - Physical activity can clear your mind, reduce tension and boost your energy. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate- to-vigorous aerobic physical activity per week, in bouts of 10 minutes or more.

All money raised will support the Heart & Stroke Foundation in their mission to promote children's health and fund vital heart and stroke research. **This year we are encouraging the students to get active by skipping rope AND shooting hoops!** Students at SJB will be learning about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, while giving back to their



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community. We are excited to promote the benefits of skipping and making healthy choices for our hearts here at SJB! We will be sharing some *Positive Mental Health strategies* to take care of our minds, bodies and souls. We have a school fundraising goal of \$2000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. There is information, facts, tips, etc on the website www.jumpropeforheart.ca.

If you can fundraise, we thank you and appreciate every dollar! Prizes this year will be in the form of **gift cards** to Amazon, Indigo, Toys R Us, Walmart and will be delivered straight to your home with the address you provide online! If not this year, then we hope that you and your family are showing your support by: choosing “Healthy, Just Right” foods, getting active for 1+ hours every day, decreasing non-educational games on screens and choosing water over sugary drinks!

Transportation Services Messaging

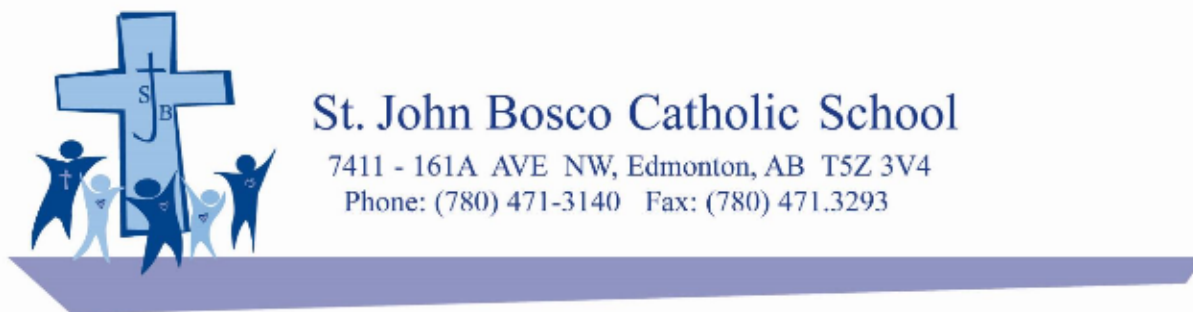
Waiting for the school bus:

1. Students are required to wait outside at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time.
2. Students are only expected to wait 10 minutes after the scheduled time before going back inside to tell a parent the bus has not arrived.
3. If a bus has not arrived, parents must call Transportation Services at 780-441-6078.
4. Parents should have a plan B in place in case the bus is significantly delayed.

Outstanding Transportation Fees: Please be advised that parents with outstanding bus service fees will receive a weekly email reminder for payment. Cancellation request forms received after the 15th will incur full monthly service fees for that month. Please cancel the bus service immediately to avoid unnecessary charges.

What to do when your yellow school bus is running late?

One of the most common questions from families is “What do I do when my yellow school bus is running late?”. The website ecsd.net/busdelays has recently been updated to clarify



our recommendations for families in the event of bus delays. Feel free to use the following text in any upcoming newsletters:

We want all families prepared in the event of bus delays. While bus drivers will complete their route, no matter how late they may be running, we recommend that families make alternate arrangements if a bus does not arrive within **20 minutes** of its scheduled time.

To help prepare for a delayed bus, families are reminded to:

- Check for delays before you head out the door via the BusPlanner Delays App or the [ECSD bus delays website](#).
- We recommend children wait with a friend or trusted adult at the bus stop.
- Have a plan in case the bus does not arrive. For example, return home or go to a neighbour's house.
- Make alternate arrangements for getting their child to school if needed.
- Dress children appropriately for the weather to withstand any delays or wait times.

Stay Notified

Our Transportation Services team uses several methods to keep families informed about bus delays:

- BusPlanner Delays App: Download the free app on Android or iPhone to receive notifications
- Division Website: Delayed routes are posted at <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>.
- Call Transportation Services at 780-441-6078.

Bus delays can happen, but being ready can make all the difference.



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Pre-Enrollment Information

The purpose of pre-enrollment is to give families the opportunity to let us know what your registration plan is for September 2025. Kindergarten students are considered new students and will be considered in the same way all new registrations are processed. All new registrations are created through the online registration system.

Parents will be asked to declare if they will continue to attend St. John Bosco School or if they are not returning, such as in the case of choice-based programs and junior high transition students in grade 6.

After parents declare their intention, you will be asked to submit it electronically for approval. Returning students will be approved and no additional steps are required of the parent.

School Council Fundraising Committee Bottle Drive

Save your empties and support SJB! All you have to do is take your refundable bottles and cans to Fort Road Bottle Depot (13440-54 street) between 9-5pm on Saturday, February 22. Let them know they are for "St. John Bosco School". Thank you in advance for your support.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

We are proud to announce that St. John Bosco will be participating in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition! **The Council & District Throw will be taking place on Sunday, March 2, 2025 @ 1:00pm at St. Cecilia Junior High.** Participants also have the potential to compete in the District Throw on March 16th at St. Joseph High School. All interested students ages 9-12 are welcome to try out for this competition.

Students will practice during recess time on Thursdays. This event will be a great opportunity for students to nurture their passion for sports. Through practice, students will work on accuracy, precision and self-discipline!

Library Books

Books are a wonderful way to expand vocabulary, knowledge, and opportunities for conversations. When your child brings home a library book to enjoy, it can be read in



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various ways: you can read to your child, read with your child, or listen to your child read. Any of these options are appropriate, depending on your child's abilities and comfort level.

Spending time reading together not only supports your child's learning but also creates special moments and memories. Enjoy this time with your child and watch their love for reading grow!

Reflecting on our ski field trip for grades 4-6 students

Thank you to all our volunteers, staff, and students for an incredible day of fun and learning at Sunridge Ski Hill on January 15, 2025. A special thank you to everyone who helped get the students ready and assisted throughout the day. It was a beautiful and memorable experience for all.



Traffic Safety Information

Let's continue to be mindful of "Your Children's Safety over Convenience".

As adults, our actions set an example for the young minds observing us. Engaging in unlawful behaviour not only imparts lessons about values but also about respecting the law and our neighbors. **For everyone's safety, please use designated crosswalks at all times to cross the street.**

Ensuring traffic safety at St John Bosco School remains a top priority for our students, staff, families, and community members. We ask all families to reflect on whether convenience should ever outweigh the safety of any child at our school or any adult in our community.

Student Drop and Go Zone

We thank you for helping us by teaching your child to have their coat, gloves and backpack ready to go to make their exit out of the car quickly and efficiently to keep the traffic flowing.

To ensure the maximum safety and arrival of our students, please do your part by:

1. Using the parent drop off zone west of the layby in front of the school for quick "drop off and go" (no parking for any duration of time as it backs up the flow of heavy traffic).
2. Giving priority to emergency vehicles, buses, daycare vans.



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3. Being mindful and respectful to our school patrollers and staff who are out there doing their best to keep everyone safe.
4. Avoiding parking in the ETS bus zones or the crosswalk area.
5. Not using the staff parking, as it is limited for staff use only and is a dangerous spot for student traffic.
6. Using designated crosswalks appropriately.

The following times and days experience very high traffic:

Before School 7:45-8:10 Monday - Friday

After School 2:40-3:00 Monday - Friday and 11:35-11:50 Thursday

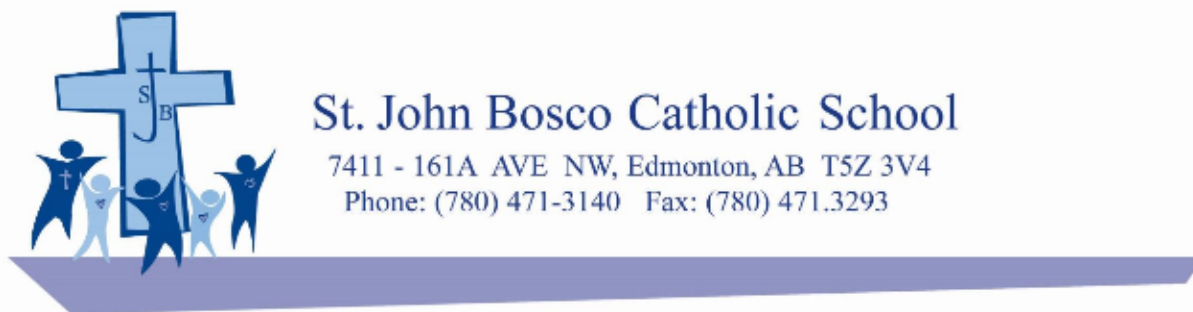


LAYBY OFF LIMITS TO ALL VEHICLES AS IT IS BUS ZONE. HEAVY FINES LEVIED.

We Care Marketplace

In St. John Bosco tradition, we will be supporting the We Care Marketplace on Sunday, February 23, 2025. Each grade will collect a certain item and we will provide them to Edmonton's most needy. Thank you for your gracious contributions to this social justice initiative. We are SJB because of the virtues of sacramentality, humanness, tradition, and community.

As we continue to teach about the importance of Social Justice Service Learning and being caring and compassionate citizens, we are encouraging and inspiring our staff, students, and their families to be a visible presence and support for our city's homeless. As such, we have been collecting items for the We Care Marketplace. We hope you will join us as this promises to be a fulfilling and rewarding experience. We will start collecting items from February 3 - 20 and will distribute to our city's homeless on Sunday, February 23rd at The Edmonton Clansmen Rugby Park parking lot from 9:45 to 11:00 AM. The address is 11060-111 Avenue. Those interested are invited to participate in the completion of this social justice service-learning project by volunteering to spend a little time on Sunday to



distribute the items collected to Edmonton's homeless and working poor at the 'We Care' Marketplace in downtown Edmonton.

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting items for Edmonton's homeless. Our goal is to collect and fill through family donations 1 large Rubbermaid bin per grade level, located at the front of our school, with a variety of items such as toiletries, socks, gloves, and granola bars, etc. We would like to invite those of you who are able, to donate the items based on your child's grade targeted collection as listed below:

Homeroom Donation Items being Collected:

Kindergarten Homerooms Granola Bars

Grade 1 Homerooms Gloves

Grade 2 Homerooms Lip balm/Chap stick

Grade 3 Homerooms Toothbrushes

Grade 4 Homerooms Toques

Grade 5 Homerooms Socks

Grade 6 Homerooms Toothpaste and single Kleenex packages

We encourage all students to bring items in, even if outside of their designated grade level donation and place it in the various bins in the front of our school. Thank you for your participation in this school wide social justice project supporting one of Edmonton's most vulnerable populations.

Demonstration of Learning and Book Fair

Save the date! Demonstration of Learning is being held on Thursday, March 13 from 1-4pm and 5-7pm. We will be using the same booking system as November. Stay tuned for more information.

The Scholastic book fair will be cashless. Students will still be able to preview the books on Thursday morning at school with their teacher, however no books will be sold at that time.



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During the Demo, families can pay for books using credit or debit. Thank you for your support in trying this for the spring fair. Students will be able to buy 'last copy' books and no back orders will be taken at this round. We appreciate you coming together with your child to purchase books. Students shall stay together with their parents during the Demo evening.



Welcome to KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten! It's an exciting time for you. Edmonton Public Library is here to support you on your school journey. We have books, resources, programs, and much more for you.

Get a Library Card
Sign up for a free library card today at your local branch or online - epl.ca/register. Children love showing off their very own library card, and it allows you to borrow more books for your family.

Get Kindergarten Ready
Preparing your child for kindergarten might feel overwhelming if you've never done it before. To help both parents and kids get ready for school, we have a webpage dedicated to preparing for Kindergarten. Visit epl.ca/kindergarten today!

Get Excited for Summer
Don't miss out on our amazing summer events and programs for kids up to 12 years old. We've had penguins, magic shows, puppetry, and much more in the past. Check out epl.ca/summerstarts to learn more.

We're delighted to be a part of your child's next step in life.





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École St. Cecilia

When: February 20th, 2025 at 8:50 AM to 11:15 AM

Where: École St. Cecilia

Who: Grade 6 Students

Experience Life as a TIGER!
Join us for an exciting opportunity to learn about all the amazing programs and options our school has to offer.
Come see what it means to be part of the St. Cecilia family!

Explore Our Programs:

French Immersion
Accelerated Math and Science (Available in both French and English)

Discover Our Options:

Music
Construction
Fashions
Computing Science
Sports Performance
Guitar
Drama
Leadership
Film & Design Studies
Art
Outdoor Education
Communication Technology

We are so excited to meet you and help you start your journey as a TIGER!

Mark Your Calendar!
February 20, 2025

See you there!

École **St Cecilia** Catholic
Junior High School



OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 25 AT 6:30 PM



English & French Immersion Programs

Accelerated Math & Science in French Immersion and English

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Accelerated Math & Science Division Program

Offered to both our English and French Immersion students!

The Accelerated Math and Science program is a math and science focus program for students in Grades 7-9 that offers students the opportunity to specialize their focus in mathematics and/or science and is specially designed for those who have a love for learning, enjoy being challenged, and love solving problems in unique or creative ways!

It is designed for students who enjoy a challenge and are capable of learning at a faster pace than that of the regular classroom. It provides students with the opportunity to complete Math 10C and Science 10 by the end of Grade 9. Course requirements are rigorous and students are commonly required to spend more time working outside of class to be successful. Here is what students can expect throughout the program:



Gr 7

- Math/Science 7
- Math/Science 8 (Approximately 50% of Grade 8 outcomes)

Gr 8

- Math/Science 8 (Remaining 50% of Grade 8 outcomes)
- Math/Science 9 (Approximately 75% of Grade 9 outcomes)

Gr 9

- Math/Science 9 (Remaining 25% of Grade 9 outcomes)
- Math 10C / Science 10

Admission to the program is based on the following criteria to ensure that École St. Cecilia's Accelerated Math and Science Program is a right fit for your child.:

- Achieve a standard of excellence on the entrance exams.
- Students will have demonstrated an overall standard of excellence in Math and/or Science in Grade 6.
- The student's past report cards will indicate not only academic ability but also strong organization and work habits.
- Require recommendation from their Grade 6 teacher providing information about:
 - Academic achievement / ability
 - Work habits / Organizational skills
 - Motivation / Effort
 - Ability to work independently

Only 33 students will be admitted to this program, in both the English program and the French Immersion program. Registration links will be available on the [Open House page of our webpage](#).

Please contact us if you have any questions - we would be happy to assist.

