



St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School

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Prayer for the Start of a New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months. We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in your name. Amen.

“Welcome Back Everyone!”

Welcome to the 2018/19 school year! If you can believe it another school year is upon us! Although the leaves have begun to turn colour, the beautiful blue sky, with occasional bouts of warm weather, tell us that summer is not yet through with us - indeed we have been blessed!

We hope that everyone had a great summer. The kids and staff were so excited to see each other. We would like to formally welcome all of our new families to the St. Dominic School family! Additionally, we would like to welcome all of our new staff members to our school. These include Carly Strzelec (Grade 2), Jessica James (Grade 2/3), Lacey Kelly (Grade 6), Celena Wilson (Educational Assistant), and Victoria Claussen (BCBA Specialist). Please say “Hello” to our new staff members when you see them in the hallways!

Our theme for this year is “One World - Love the World”. This theme is based on and supported by a wonderful book by author Todd Parr called “Love the World”. Todd’s book inspires us all to love one another and embrace and celebrate our differences. A wonderful message that supports our ‘One World’ yearly school theme that embraces the notion that within the St. Dominic Catholic context we are blessed to have such incredible cultural diversity how we are all capable of embracing our differences, one small act at a time! .

As we start a new school year untouched and unmarred, unblemished and flawless, unscratched and unscarred, may we try to do better and accomplish much more while being kinder and wiser than in the year gone before. Let us wipe our slates clean and start over again, for God gives this privilege to all who are sincere, who will humbly admit they have failed in some way, but are willing to try and improve these “new days”. By asking God’s help in all that we do and counting on Our Lord to refresh and renew our Courage and Faith when things go wrong, and when the way seems dark and the road rough and long.

If you ever have a question or a concern, please feel free to phone the school – Better yet, stop by for a visit - our doors are always open. It is going to be a fantastic year!

Mr. Dean Sullivan – Principal
Mrs. Nicki Yakoweshen - Assistant Principal

**Parent Council – Annual General Meeting
October 3, 2018 – 6:00 PM**

St. Dominic School 50th Anniversary Celebration!

St. Dominic Catholic School invites current staff, students and families to join us on September 27th at 10:30 AM in the school gym for a celebration of St. Dominic School’s 50th birthday!



School Hours

GRADES 1 TO 6

Note: There will be a 5 minute activity/snack break every afternoon except on Thursday.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday		Thursday	
8:25 am	Entry Bell	8:25 am	Entry Bell
8:30 am	Instruction Begins	8:30 am	Instruction Begins
10:15-10:30 am	Morning Recess	10:15-10:30 am	Morning Recess
12:00-12:40 pm	Lunch Break	12:00 pm	Early Dismissal
12:45 pm	Instruction Begins		
3:00 pm	Dismissal		

KINDERGARTEN

AM	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:25 – 11:26 am
PM	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00 – 3:01 pm

100 VOICES

AM	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20 – 11:21 am
PM	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00 - 3:01 pm

Picking Up Children At School & Late To School

In order to ensure security and safety of all our students at St. Dominic, we ask that you kindly report to the office when picking up your child during the middle of the day. For example, if your child is leaving early due to an appointment, stop by the office to advise the office staff. You will then be asked to 'sign out' your child. Additionally, if you arrive late with your child in the morning, please ensure that you check in with the office.

Home Contact Information

A gentle reminder that if you have recently changed any of your home contact information, please provide updates to the office as soon as possible. This includes e-mail address so that you may receive important school communications. Additionally, if student emergency contact information has changed, please update this information as well.



St. Dominic School 50th Anniversary

This will be an extra exciting year for the St. Dominic School Community. On September 27th, our school will be celebrating 50 years as a school in this community (1968-2018). We will be celebrating on two levels. First, at 10:30-11:30 we will be having a celebration in our gymnasium. Current students, staff and various district officials will be in attendance. Parents are welcome to attend this celebration. Then from 3:30 – 5:30 we will have an Alumni Open House. Due to space considerations, this open house is only for students and staff who have attended or work at St. Dominic School during the past 50 years. If you know someone who used to teach or was a student here, please let them know that we would love to have them stop by!

St. Dominic School Staff

Our total student enrollment to date is 500 students. As students continue to register, minor class changes may occur in order to accommodate the needs of our school and the needs of our students.

It should be noted that the enrollment fluctuates somewhat at all grade levels during the month of September. Our funding is based on the enrollment count on September 30. Staffing is therefore not finalized until the final enrollment count.

Position	Staff Member Name
100 Voices AM/PM	Lesley Gouveia
100 Voices AM/PM	Michelle Zydek
Kindergarten	Andrea Sinclair/Lisa Babington
Grade 1A	Nicole Brown
Grade 1B	Janice Francis
Grade 1C	Joanne Vares
Grade 2A	Carly Strzelec
Grade 2B	Jessica Trombley
Grade 2/3	Jessica James
Grade 3A	Livia Paradis
Grade 3B	Adriana Lepore
Grade 4A	Jodi Mills
Grade 4B	Melissa Mitchell
Grade 5A	Karen Sacobie
Grade 5B	Sherry Taylor
Grade 5/6	Roman Tarnawsky
Grade 6A	Stacey Chornoluk
Grade 6B	Lacey Kelly
Learning Coach	Patricia Aguilar-Dydak
Music	Sheena Newbury
French	Lisa Babington

At this time, we are very pleased to extend a special welcome to the teaching staff at St. Dominic School as well as the large number of wonderful support and custodial staff that help to serve our kids! We are blessed to have you everyone!



Position	Staff Member Name
Music Teacher	Sheena Newbury
Learning Coach	Patricia Aguilar-Dydak
Principal	Dean Sullivan
Assistant Principal	Nicki Yakoweshen
Administrative Secretary	Rose Wandyka
Administrative Clerk	Shazia Carol
Media Resource/EA	Kathy Profit Will
Board Certified Behaviour Analyst	Victoria Clauson
Family School Liaison Worker	Kathleen Gauthier
Educational Assistants	Neena Chadha Kathy Foster Melanie Nesselbeck Pam St. Arnaud Sherry Wrishko Sherill Flett Tanya Campese Roxanne Johanneson Celena Wilson
Early Learning Facilitator	Sheryl Sampert
Early Learning Facilitator	Daniela Mateias
Head Custodian	Emmanuel Abebe
Senior Custodian	David Joseph
Karen Truong	Light Duty Custodian

Weekly Newsletters/Communications

For those who do not already know, Edmonton Catholic Schools has a communication system called Swift (formerly Synervoice). This system is designed for quick, paperless messaging to our schools. It is important to note that all school communications (i.e. Weekly Newsletter) will take place via Swift so no paper copies will be sent home.

With this in mind in order for you to receive Swift messages it is important that the school has an updated e-mail address AND up-to-date phone numbers. Thanks!



Student Agenda Books – Lates and Communication

Each student from Grade 1-6 receives a student agenda. The first few pages of the agenda contain very important information for students and parents about a number of topics ranging from the school discipline policy to field trips to administration of medication to students, etc. Please take the time to read through this section.

The agenda is to be signed and returned to class each day. Should you have questions about any of the items, or have suggestions to make it more meaningful to parents and students, please feel free to let us know.

Please Note: Students are to bring their agenda to the office for a **late stamp** when they come to school late. This stamp is not intended to be punitive and is only intended to inform a teacher that a child who is late has checked in with the office. This important so that a home is not accidentally notified of an absence.

Security – ‘Visitor Access Policy’

In an effort to ensure the safety of our students and staff, entry in and out of the building for individuals who are not staff or students is closely monitored. With this in mind, St. Dominic school has a ‘Visitor Access Policy’.

- ✓ **We are asking that all visitors please enter our building through the front door only.**
 - Once you have entered the building, if you are here to pick up your child at the end of the day, please wait in the front seating area.
 - If you are here early to pick up your child, after checking in with the office we are asking that you please wait in our front seating area. We will call your child down to the office for you.
 - Visitors, unless special circumstances arise, will not be granted access to the classroom area of the school.
 - If you are granted access as a visitor, we will ask you to sign in at the front desk and to wear a visitor pass/nametag. You will then need to sign out when you leave.

Once again, these policies are in place to help ensure the safety and security of our entire school community.

Parking/Student Drop-Off – Student Safety

Please note that for the safety of staff, students and community members in general, we would ask that you NOT park in the school parking lot OR drop off OR pickup students in the parking lot.

You are welcome do drop-off/pickup your child in the designated area that is on 144 Avenue immediately in front of the school. Thank you!



Inclusive Education Notice



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Learning Services – Innovation Genesis Center 10537 – 44 Street, Edmonton, AB, T6A 1W1 [780.638.6810](tel:780.638.6810)

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPPORT Notification Letter

2018 – 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year, members of the Inclusive Education Multi-Disciplinary Team (Edmonton Catholic School District and/or Alberta Health Services staff) will be visiting your child's school regularly. This team may include:

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Mental Health Therapist
- Family School Liaison Worker
- Psychologist
- Emotional Behavioural Specialist
- Therapeutic Assistant in Speech-Language, Occupational Therapy, or Behavioural Therapy

Inclusive Education MDT staff will visit classrooms and work alongside teaching staff to plan and support all learners. The school will contact you, followed by a call from a member of this Team, if any follow-up is required for your child/youth. Informed consent must be provided if specific assessments and/or services are required for your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Inclusive Education
Learning Services – Innovation
Multi-Disciplinary Team

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