



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 2019-20 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 Jenna Humeniuk (Grade 6), Erin LaFrance (Grade 3 and French), Megan Mopas (Grade 5/6), Suely Da Silva Fernandes (Educational Assistant), Selamawit Ghede (Educational Assistant), Robyn Pelach (Educational Assistant), and Tayt Garbutt (EBS). We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Joanne Vares (Grade 1). Join us in welcoming our new staff members.

As noted last spring, we also have a unique situation this year in that Mr. Sullivan will be sharing the principal role with Mr. Mark Sylvestre. This co-principalship is intended to serve as part of a transition model where Mr. Sullivan will be leaving St. Dominic mid-year to open a new school in south Edmonton; Mr. Sylvestre will then take on the sole principal role.

Our theme for this year is “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”. This theme is based on and supported by a wonderful book by author Kadir Nelson called “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”. Kadir’s book inspires us all to love one another 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 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”, indeed a new school year!

If you ever have a question or a concern, please contact us at the school. It is going to be a fantastic year!

Mr. Mark Sylvestre – Principal
Mr. Dean Sullivan – Principal

**Parent Council
Annual General
Meeting
October 9, 2019,
6:00 PM**

All Parents Welcome!

School Hours

GRADES 1 TO 6

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
12:44 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 8:15 – 11:16 am
PM	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11:55 – 2:56 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.



Pickup After School and Bussing

Please note that if you are picking up your child after school, and they are regularly scheduled to take a bus, please ensure that you let the office know of this change before you pickup your child. Not doing so often creates confusion and worry for both bus and school staff in that when your child does not show up for his or her bus, we do not know of their whereabouts.

St. Dominic School Staff

Our total student enrollment to date is 537 students and increase of almost two classrooms. 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
Music Teacher	Sheena Newbury
Learning Coach	Stacey Chornoluk
Principal	Dean Sullivan
Principal	Mark Sylvestre
Administrative Secretary	Rose Wandyka
Administrative Clerk	Shazia Carol
Emotional Behaviour Specialist (EBS)	Tayt Garbutt
Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)	Kathleen Gauthier
Educational Assistants	Neena Chadha Kathy Foster Melanie Nesselbeck Suely DaSilva Fernandes Sherry Wrishko Salamawit Ghede Tanya Campese Roxanne Johanneson Robyn Pelach Kathy Profit-Will Lutchmee Koolaput Deborah Werklund
Early Learning Facilitator	Sheryl Sampert
Early Learning Facilitator	Daniela Mateias
Head Custodian	Emmanuel Abebe
Senior Custodian	David Joseph
Karen Truong	Light Duty Custodian

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	Lacey Kelly
Grade 2B	Roman Tarnawsky
Grade 2C	Jessica Tremblay
Grade 3A	Adriana Lepore
Grade 3B	Erin LaFrance
Grade 3C	Livia Paradis
Grade 4A	Jodi Mills
Grade 4B	Melissa Mitchell
Grade 4C	Sheena Newbury
Grade 5A	Karen Sacobie
Grade 5B	Sherry Taylor
Grade 6A	Jenna Humeniuk
Grade 6B	Carly Stryzlec
Learning Coach	Stacey Chornoluk
Music	Sheena Newbury
French	Erin LaFrance

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!



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 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!



School Calendar – 2019-20

(Please see our website and links in the St. Dominic Weekly News for regular updates)

School Calendar 2019-2020



July 2019							August 2019							September 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					
October 2019							November 2019							December 2019						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
January 2020							February 2020							March 2020						
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April 2020							May 2020							June 2020						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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First Day of Operation
August 29, 2019
 First Day of Instruction
September 3, 2019
 Last Day of Instruction
June 26, 2020
 Last Day of Operation
June 29, 2020

Labour Day ----- Sept 2
 Thanksgiving Day ----- Oct 14
 Remembrance Day ----- Nov 11
 Christmas Vacation ----- Dec 23 - Jan 3
 Faith Development Day ----- Feb 4
 Family Day ----- Feb 17
 Teachers' Convention ----- Feb 27-28
 Spring Break ----- Mar 23-27
 Good Friday ----- Apr 10
 Easter Monday ----- Apr 13
 Victoria Day ----- May 18

MONTH	Operational # of Days	Instructional # of Days
August	2	0
September	20	20
October	22	22
November	20	20
December	15	15
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	17	17
April	20	20
May	20	20
June	21	20
Total	196	190

- Non instructional Days
- Non-Operational Days
- Cancellation of early dismissal
- Early Dismissal

