

# School Newsletter

September  
Part II



## Office news:



We will be issuing new schedules to students on Tuesday that will begin on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Again, we thank you for your patience during this time.



Please note: Our STAFF PD DAY is on Thursday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 *not Friday September 21* as previously posted. The change is reflected on the September calendar in this newsletter.

As a reminder, **our school doors do not open to students before 8**. Due to safety, students cannot be in the school before that time unless they are part of the Junior Girls Volleyball Team, as they have appropriate supervision.

Also, as a reminder, please do not use the staff parking lot to drop or pick up your children.



Please take a look at our *St. Hilda Student Parent Handbook* found on our website, [www.sthilda.ecsd.net](http://www.sthilda.ecsd.net) under the section "School Information".

In the handbook you'll find useful information about:

- Electronics Policy/Cellphone use
- Student Conduct Policy
- Report Card & Parent Teacher Interview dates

We make every effort to keep our website as up-to-date as possible for your convenience. There you will find much more information about our school & our community!

ST. HILDA  
Catholic Junior High

## **School Advisory Council (SAC) News:**

Welcome back students and staff, we are very pleased to announce our new SAC for the 2018/2019 school year

Linda Kinnee – Chair

Joe Goslin - Vice Chair

Leanne Devlin – Treasurer

Cherlynn Marcinyshyn – Secretary

Carmen Pubantz – Past Chair

Our next meeting is Monday September 24, 2018 at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

The St. Hilda Casino will be held on December 9 and 10, 2018 at the Casino Edmonton on Argyll Road. The Casino provides the school with critical funding for school resources, field trips, technology and other educational equipment and programs. We need parent volunteers to work the following positions over the two days, there are both day-time and evening shifts available:

*General Manager*

*Banker*

*Chip Runner*

*Cashier*

*Count room Supervisor*

*Count room staff*

Please contact Marta Johnston to sign-up or for more information [marta.johnston@icloud.com](mailto:marta.johnston@icloud.com)

Working Casino is a lot of fun, especially if you sign-up with a friend! A meal and beverages are also provided.

## School News

The St. Hilda Worship Band, "Jesus Jam," will be having their first rehearsal **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**. We will meet every Tuesday at lunch in the band room. Extra rehearsals may be called at lunch time as we are approaching our first celebration. Any students wishing to join who can sing, play guitar, piano, or percussion, are welcome to join.



Glee Club rehearsals will start **Thursday, September 13 and September 20th from 12-1 pm in the band room.**

Anyone that was in Glee Club last year, will not be required to try out, but will need to sign up on one of the audition days. Regular rehearsals will begin the first week of October, on Thursdays, from 12-1 PM throughout the year. The Glee Club is a performance-based club that involves singing and dancing in a contemporary setting.

Any students interested in joining the St. Hilda Art club are welcome. Students will explore and expand their practice as artists and will also be an integral part of the Fine Arts community at St. Hilda. All students are welcome. **Meetings will be held during one lunch hour a week and after school one day a week (days to be determined).** A sign-up sheet is posted outside of room 107 (the art room).



Any students who would like to help contribute to the 2018/2019 Yearbook are welcome to join the Yearbook club. Students will be responsible for taking pictures of school events and creating the cover and design of each page. **Meetings will be held during one lunch hour a week and after school one day a week (days to be determined).** A sign-up sheet is posted outside of room 107 (the art room)



This club is about taking time to organize your life and express yourself artistically, colorfully, and on paper!

It runs every **Wednesday at lunch** and also has an optional flex session once a week. You will need a journal (preferably dotted or blank).

For more information please see Mrs. Begoray.

We are starting the first ever St. Hilda Newspaper! We will be meeting on **Mondays at lunch** to plan event coverage and to write our articles. You can gain service hours for this as well!

For more information please see either Mrs. Begoray, Ms. Potestio or Mrs. Astle.



If you enjoy working with computers and having them run smoothly then this club is for you! **You will pick a flex block a week** and be assigned a computer cart to care for. Service hours will also be awarded for this.

For more information please see Mrs. Begoray.

Cross Country Run is Thursday, September 20th at Gold Bar Park for Grades 7-9 Boys and Girls

City Championships for Cross Country is Thursday, Sept 27th at Gold Bar Park

Rainout Day is Friday, Sept 28th at Gold Bar Park.

All Races start at 12:30.



Fitness Club will open September 24 after school 3pm-4:30pm.

There is a max of 15 people at a time it is first come first serve. Students MUST complete an orientation before attending their first day of fitness club. See Ms. Duarte or Ms. Scherger if you have any questions

The ECSD soccer season started September 10. We are a Division 1 school competing against the top teams in the district! Boys Soccer games are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15 starting September 10. Practices are Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:15-4:15.

Field-trip forms and schedules are going home with the boys. Team fees for athletes are due Oct. 1.

We will be starting the girl's 2018-2019 soccer season this week. The month of September and early October is packed with games and practices. Generally, girl's games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our team consists of student-athletes from grade 7, 8 and 9 and Ms. O'Neill and Sr. Penteado as coaches. We are looking forward to great competition this season and with hard work we hope to achieve the success of last year when the girl's team made it to the final championship game!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone had an awesome summer. My name is Jana Boehm and this will be my 3rd year at St. Hilda Junior High as a School Social Worker. I am at St. Hilda 5 days a week. I can be reached for appointments or consultation by contacting the school office.



I have outlined some of my responsibilities, so you will know what a School Social Worker can do for you and your family:

- \* Individual supportive and/or crisis counselling: meet with students weekly or as needed working on issues such as peer relations, anxiety, stress, loss, behaviours, divorce, death, and crisis intervention.
- \* Group interventions: develop short-term programs to assist small groups or whole classrooms develop social skills, emotional regulation, etc.
- \* Parenting support: meet with parents/guardians to discuss parenting strategies and offer support
- \* Community Resources: help connect parents to resources in the community, such as food bank, therapy, medical support, etc.
- \* Liaison: assist with communication between school and home when there may be differences in understanding, language difficulties, or variations in cultural values

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school office at 780-462-3195. I look forward to serving the St. Hilda community, students, staff and families!

Kindly,

Jana Boehm



Dear Parent,

Great news! The Edmonton Public Library (EPL), in partnership with the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord, Edmonton Catholic Schools and Edmonton Public Schools, is providing free public library cards to students and your child is eligible to receive one.

We have what it takes to get your child to the top of the class. An EPL card is a great way to support literacy and learning and instill a love of reading in your child. EPL shares a world of fun and stories – from stories filled with adventure, excitement and humour to stories that help your child learn about the past, live in the present and prepare for the future. Everything starts here, with an EPL card.

Please fill out the attached form if you would like your child to get a library card; or, if your child already has a library card, to inform the library of any change in your child's membership information (phone number, address, new school, etc). This will keep your child's existing membership active and up-to-date.

Your child can use his or her EPL card in any branch in Edmonton or access the many online materials and services available at [www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca).

**Please complete and return the attached form to your child's school by September 28th.** Note that the form must be signed by a parent or guarantor (an adult who accepts responsibility for all items borrowed on this card).

We have it all. Does your child have the card?

# PARENTING IN 2 CULTURES

Welcomes all parents from all cultures



**NEW  
SESSION  
2018**

Come and join the conversation about being a parent in Canada.  
Meet other parents and find different ways to support your kids!

For further information or to register  
please contact:

**Catholic Social Services:**

Izdhar Gaib at: 780-391-3263

email: [izdhar.gaib@cssalberta.ca](mailto:izdhar.gaib@cssalberta.ca)

Isolde Schmid at: 780-391-3267

email: [isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca](mailto:isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca)

**Jasper Place - Child and Family Resource Centre:**

Wendy Countaway at: 780-489-2243 Ext (244)

email: [wendy@jasperplace-cfrc.com](mailto:wendy@jasperplace-cfrc.com)

**FREE PROGRAM**

Refreshments + Child-minding  
Provided

6 Sessions—Saturdays

September 15 & 22, October 13, 20 & 27

November 3, 2018

**Time:** 10am – 1pm

**Where:** 16811-88th Avenue, T5R 5Y6  
Cabrini Centre - Behind the Misericordia Hospital

Program offered by:



Jasper Place  
Child and Family Resource Centre

This Program is supported by the  
Family and Community Safety Grant



**Registration is on a first-come,**

**first-serve basis**

***\*Participants are expected to attend all 6 sessions to receive a certificate.***





Immunization is one of the most important and effective public health tools we have for protecting our children, schools and communities from communicable diseases. Alberta's current immunization rates are not high enough to prevent cases of some vaccine-preventable diseases.

A summary of changes to the immunization program is available below. More details on the immunization schedule for children are available on the Alberta Health website [www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/imm-routine-schedule.html](http://www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/imm-routine-schedule.html).

### Key Messages for School Authorities to Parents

Alberta Health has made changes to the school immunization program that will take effect in the 2018/19 school year.

In the 2018/19 school year, public health nurses will be reviewing the immunization records of all Alberta students from Grades 1 to 9 to assess immunization status. You will be contacted if your children are missing immunization information.

With your consent, your children can be offered the immunizations they are missing at school. You will continue to have the final decision on immunizing your children.

In 2019/20, Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6 for both Hepatitis B (HBV) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. Administering two doses at least six months apart has been shown to provide children with good protection against these diseases. This will reduce the number of injections children receive.

The Grade 9 school immunization program including the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (dTdap) and Meningococcal (MenC-ACYW) vaccines will continue to be offered without change.

Alberta Health Services, Public Health will work closely with schools and school authorities to ensure that immunization does not interfere with students taking the Provincial Achievement Tests.

Alberta Health encourages parents to immunize their children against HPV and HBV. Vaccines are safe and effective, and protect our children and communities from disease.

Dr. Curtis Clarke, PhD  
*Deputy Minister of Education*

Milton Sussman  
*Deputy Minister of Health*

What I Learned Over the Summer:

Martyrdom and Witnessing to the Beauty of Faith

After a relaxing and enjoyable summer, we return once again to the classroom, renewed and full of excitement as a new School Year begins.



*The Catholic*  
**Archdiocese**  
*of Edmonton*

When I was a student, our teacher would welcome us back, then invite each of us to share something special that happened during summer vacation.

In keeping with this tradition, one of the highlights of my summer was a trip to Ukraine. I sit on an international advisory committee with Patriarch Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide. Our small group of five bishops (we affectionately call ourselves the “G5!”) is a bit of a “think tank,” reflecting on the where the Holy Spirit is calling us to be as Church in the years to come. (Now my friends – if I may call them that – asked me “How in the world did I get on a think tank?” Of course, what I heard was, “Oh, how wonderful, Bishop David, that you’re part of this exciting and visioning process!”

Anyway, after two days of meetings, I took part in a pilgrimage to Stradch, near Lviv, western Ukraine. In 1951, Rev. Mykola Konrad, the local pastor, was called to make a sick call to an elderly parishioner. Today, that would not be anything extraordinary. However, in 1951, communism was in full strength and the Church was outlawed in the Soviet Union.

Father Mykola, accompanied by the parish cantor, Volodymyr Pryjma, went in secret to administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance to a member of their flock. Perhaps it was a setup by the communists. When they arrived, they were killed on the spot, dying the death of a martyr for the faith.

Each year, this year included, the local parish in Stradch organizes a pilgrimage in honour of the Holy Martyrs Father Mykola Konrad and Cantor Volodymyr Pryjma. The pilgrimage Divine Liturgy was lead by Patriarch Sviatoslav, 12 bishops (including me), and 200 priests. If that is not awesome in and of itself, some 30,000 children, youth, families, and elderly men and women joined in the celebration, many walking on foot the 15 kilometre trek from Lviv! To say it was inspiring sells it short; I was spellbound. The event instilled in me faith beyond words.

Martyrdom. Witness.

All of us may not be called to martyrdom like Father Konrad and Cantor Pryjma (thank God!) However, the scriptural meaning of martyrdom (from the Greek marturia) means witness. Indeed, the entire mission of the Church, entrusted to us by Jesus, is to give witness to the love of God the Father in the world today. Jesus, after his resurrection from the dead and just before he ascends to heaven and to the Father, tells his disciples, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

During this new School Year, may you and I be true witnesses of Jesus’s love and mercy to our classmates, teachers, parents, brothers and sisters, friends, neighbours, and strangers.

And, in so doing, let us recall the words attributed to Saint Francis, “Preach the Gospel at all times, if necessary, use words.”

Have a great School Year!

God bless!

Bishop David





# WALKING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE

*Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with Your God. (Micah 6:8)*

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year, our 130<sup>th</sup> year of Catholic education in Edmonton Catholic Schools! Our theme for this year, *Walking Together in God's Love*, provides us with a beautiful image of the journey that your children experience daily as they learn and grow in Christ. Our guiding scripture passage this year from Micah tells us what God asks of us: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with Him. In return, we receive the comfort and joy that comes from knowing that He is with us always!

As we live out our mission to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another, we have established our District Plan for Continuous Growth 2018-2021 to guide the work of our schools. We begin with our identity as a Catholic school district, followed by five goals that focus on teaching, learning, and student experiences. I invite you to visit our website to learn more about our goals and the key strategies that we will be implementing to achieve them at [https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/annual\\_reports/Pages/District-Plan-for-Continuous-Growth.aspx](https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/annual_reports/Pages/District-Plan-for-Continuous-Growth.aspx).

Edmonton Catholic School District Goal: Live and enhance the distinctiveness of Catholic education

- Goal One: ECSD students are successful.
- Goal Two: ECSD supports First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students' success.
- Goal Three: ECSD respects diversity and supports inclusion.
- Goal Four: ECSD has excellent teachers, and school and school authority leaders.
- Goal Five: ECSD is well governed and managed.

In his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate, Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis shares signs of holiness in the world today. In his writings we can see the holiness of Catholic education which is lived out in our schools daily: *"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan"* (145).

I wish each of your families an exciting and rewarding year where you experience the holiness that comes from walking together in God's love with your school community!

Sincerely,

Joan Carr  
Superintendent

## School Calendar- September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3</p> <p>Labour Day-No school</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Gr. 7s only</p>	<p>5</p> <p>All grades</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>-Gr. 9 Immunization Presentation</p> <p>-Meet the Staff BBQ @ 6:00pm</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Gr. 7 Jumpstart Music field trip</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>STAFF PD DAY</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p>- School opening mass @ 9:15am</p>
<p>24</p> <p>-School Picture Day</p> <p>-Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SACE Presentation for Gr. 7s</p>	<p>28</p> <p>-Terry Fox Run</p> <p>-Orange Shirt Day</p>