



**St. Paul Catholic Elementary School**  
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## Administrators' Message

November 2018

Every day in our Catholic schools, students are challenged to recognize the inherent beauty and worth of every person, and to serve others, especially the poor, with compassion and justice. In Catholic education we feed the minds of students with truth by facilitating their encounter with the Truth, who is Jesus. At the same time, Catholic education seeks to help students be aware of their own inherent goodness as children made in the image and likeness of God, while also offering them the opportunity to be silent and to hear the voice of God summoning them to holiness.

On this past Catholic Education Sunday and everyday, we give thanks to God for this beautiful ministry of the Church. By the help of His grace, we pray that our students may also come to ponder the true, the good and the beautiful, as well as to realize how God is present and at work in the world and in every moment of their lives, leading them to salvation.

In November, we recognize those brave Canadians who fought for freedom in the wars. Our Remembrance Day Celebration will begin at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, November 9. Poppies will be distributed to students that morning. Donations to the poppy fund will be gratefully accepted. Monies raised through the poppy fund go to support our veterans. As always, parents are invited to join us for our Remembrance Day celebration. We would love to see you there! Please remember that there will be no school on Monday, November 12.

Please continue to visit our school web site for our updated calendar and all current school and district information.

Mrs. Gina Almquist  
Principal

Mrs. Kerry Carr-Jeschke  
Assistant Principal

## Student Teachers

We are very pleased to welcome two student teachers to St. Paul School. Ms. Ashney Prasad will be working in the Grade 6A classroom and Ms. Garielle Wityshyn in the Grade 2/3 classroom. We are fortunate to have these University of Alberta students with us until December 11.

## Peace Celebration

Remembrance Day is a time to remember and honour those who have fought to achieve peace for us. It is also a time to pray for those people now at war. We need to promote peace through our daily actions. The teachers are busy preparing with their students for our peace celebration which will take place on **Friday, November 9th @ 9:00 am**. It is interesting to note that when Remembrance Day was first established in Canada, even the traffic stopped for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th. Please join us as we celebrate peace and to remember the Canadian soldiers who have bravely fought to ensure that we have a life filled with the beauty and wonders of God's world! Poppies will be distributed to students on the morning of November 9th. Donations for the poppies can be given to classroom teachers at that time.

Just a reminder that we have no school on Monday, November 12. School will resume on Tuesday, November 13.

November 11, 2018 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice – the end of the First World War. Remembrance Day is a time for us all to pause and gratefully reflect on the great sacrifices of our military across the years so that Canadians and others around the world have the gift of living in peace and freedom. It is also a time for us to reflect on the responsibility that we each have to nurture the seeds of peace in our homes and our communities. There are many ceremonies and events that are taking place in Edmonton this Sunday to honor our soldiers. Visit <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/events>

## Report Card and Student Led Conferences

**Monday November 19<sup>th</sup>** - Online registration instructions for Student Led Conferences will be home.

**Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Online registration for Student Led Conference appointments opens @ 9:00 am.

**Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** - The first report card will be available online after 3:00 pm.

**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** - Online registration for Student Led Conferences appointments closes @ 3:00 pm.

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Student Led Conferences** will take place for Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Report cards and conferences are just one component of the assessment and reporting process. If at any time during the school year you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

## Calendar of Events

Please refer to our Google Calendar to our monthly events. This is located on our web site.  
<https://www.ecsd.net/schools/8225/Calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

## Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, November 29** during our Student Led Conferences. The book fair will be set up in the Learning Commons from 1:00PM until 7:30PM. This year we are excited to have Audrey's Bookstore provide books and other items for our kids. Audrey's Bookstore has been operating in our city since 1975. They are owned and operated by Edmontonians and have been a staple in Edmonton's literary community for years. Please note: Cash, Cheques, Visa, and Mastercard will be accepted.

Parents who are interested in volunteering please get in touch with Mrs. McNamee. Duties include setting up on **Wednesday, November 28 (afternoon)**, cashier table on **Thursday, November 29 (afternoon and evening)** and taking down the book fair on **Friday, November 30 (morning)**.

## Volunteers Make a Difference!

**Read In Week:** Thank you to everyone who came to read to our students during Read in week.

**Hot Lunches:** Thank you to our hot lunch helpers!

**Reading Buddies:** Thank you to our parent volunteer reading buddies. You make a difference in a student's life.

**Skating Lessons:** Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to lace up skates for our Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students in September and October.

## Christmas Concert

Please mark your calendars: Our Christmas Concert will be on

**Wednesday, December 12** at 6:30 PM.

More information will be shared closer to our event.

## Edmonton Catholic Schools On Line Financial Budget Survey

Edmonton Catholic Schools believes it is essential to involve parents in providing input into the budget process. In preparation for the upcoming 2019-2020 budget it is important that the district gather as much information as possible. Therefore, as a parent of Edmonton Catholic Schools, your feedback will provide a valuable contribution in the decision-making process.

We would like to gather your input through an online survey. The survey can be accessed through the District Website, School Website, Powerschool or by using the URL address provided.

URL Address: Click on the following link or enter the address in the web browser

<http://financialservicessurvey.ecsd.net>

District Website: Go to <https://ecsd.net> then go to the slider indicating the Online Financial Budget Survey and follow the directions.

Powerschool: Parents log on to Powerschool as you normally would to check your child's progress. Once in Powerschool, click on the tab "Financial Budget Survey". This tab will take you directly to the online survey.

The survey is open from November 1st to November 16th, 2018. We encourage all families to fill out the survey. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete.

Survey results will be shared with the Edmonton Catholic School District Budget Committee in January for consideration during the 2019-2020 budget process.

# School Results

Accountability Pillar Overall Summary  
Annual Education Results Reports - Oct 2018  
School: 8225 St. Paul



Measure Category	Measure	St. Paul			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	<a href="#">Safe and Caring</a>	91.1	92.4	92.7	89.0	89.5	89.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	<a href="#">Program of Studies</a>	77.1	85.0	85.2	81.8	81.9	81.7	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Student Learning Opportunities	<a href="#">Education Quality</a>	90.6	92.8	94.5	90.0	90.1	89.9	Very High	Declined	Good
	<a href="#">Drop Out Rate</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.3	3.0	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">High School Completion Rate (3 yr)</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	78.0	78.0	77.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">PAT - Acceptable</a>	85.5	96.7	91.1	73.6	73.4	73.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	<a href="#">PAT - Excellence</a>	29.7	32.6	37.1	19.9	19.5	19.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	<a href="#">Diploma - Acceptable</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.7	83.0	83.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	<a href="#">Diploma - Excellence</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.2	22.2	21.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	55.7	54.9	54.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	63.4	62.3	61.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<a href="#">Transition Rate (6 yr)</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a	58.7	57.9	59.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	<a href="#">Work Preparation</a>	68.7	86.4	84.9	82.4	82.7	82.4	Low	Declined	Issue
	<a href="#">Citizenship</a>	86.2	88.9	89.2	83.0	83.7	83.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	<a href="#">Parental Involvement</a>	81.1	86.9	89.7	81.2	81.2	81.0	High	Maintained	Good
Continuous Improvement	<a href="#">School Improvement</a>	84.8	75.3	72.9	80.3	81.4	80.7	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent

# Winter Weather

A reminder to parents that radio and television stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions: Parents will also receive a SwiftK12 message should transportation be effected.

Parents should also ensure that:

- Children are supervised at the bus stop
- Children have a place to go in the event the bus does not arrive
- Children have alternate arrangements for getting to school should the bus not arrive
- Children are suitably clothed to withstand weather extremes

Please be sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for winter weather conditions - the weather in Edmonton can change so suddenly. Decisions regarding outdoor activities take into consideration inclement weather from the following conditions: continuous rain, extreme wind, and/or extreme cold. Students do not go outside if the temperature is -20 Celsius or colder or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20 Celsius or colder.

The front doors remain locked at all times – as per district policy. Children should not arrive at school before 8:08 a.m. as that is when supervision begins. Please remind your children that if you are late picking them up after school they should come into the school office, rather than wait outside, unsupervised.