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December 2019

Administrators' Message

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Saviour of every nation.



During the season of Advent, it is important to take some time to reflect upon and prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. The J.H. Picard K- 9 students will mark the start of Advent with classroom liturgies throughout the month. All High School students will participate in the Advent Eucharistic Liturgy on Wednesday, December 04th at Our Lady of Good Help Church. Holy Mass will begin at 9:00 AM.

Parents are welcome to join us too.

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Student Led Conferences this month. Conferences are a wonderful way to see the progress that students are making in school and to connect with teachers. If you missed the Conferences, then you are still able to view student progress at any time by logging into PowerSchool. You are also welcome to contact teachers at any time.

Thank you to Madame Yarmouch for organizing our Book Fair this year. Thank you to all of our families who supported the Book Fair, too! Our proceeds will go toward new books for the library.

The last day of classes before Christmas break is Friday, December 20th and dismissal is at 12:00 noon. A reminder that Thursday, December 19 will be a full day of school for students, with dismissal at 3:10. Classes will commence in the New Year on Monday, January 6, 2020

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we wish each of our families a blessed Christmas holiday filled with joy and happiness. May you enjoy good health and happiness in 2020!

Joyeux Noël,

Guitta Kodershah
Principal

Brigitte Levasseur
Assistant Principal

Nicole Thomlinson
Assistant Principal



December Events

- December 4th Senior High Advent Mass at Our Lady of Good Help Church
- Poinsettias Pick up from school
- December 5th Elementary Christmas Concert
 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM
- December 11 White Christmas Musical Opening at 7:00 PM @ ATB Financial Arts Barns
 10330, 84 Avenue.
- December 13 White Christmas Musical Matinee Performance (Grade 9 field trip)
- December 18 Snow Valley Ski Field Trip Gr. 4, 5 & 6
- December 19 Full day Dismissal at 3:10
- December 20 Student Council Planned Christmas Activities
 Dismissal at 12:12

Please note that our school website www.jhpicard.ecsd.net has a new look with visible and easily accessible links to important information on the site, such as the School Newsletter, PowerSchool and School Information. All school events and activities are entered in the school website calendar. The calendar is viewable on the Home Page at:
<https://www.ecsd.net/schools/8410/calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

There is also a link There is also a link to our Instagram Feed. Follow us on Instagram (@jhpicardschool)



JH Picard Elementary Christmas Concert: December 5th



"Le Réveillon" is the theme for this year's concert. We will be holding 2 performances on Thursday, December 5th. The first performance will be at 10:00AM and the evening performance will be held at 6:30PM.

This year, we are raffling off the front 2 rows of seats for our Christmas concert performances with proceeds going to the *Sign of Hope, Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation- Dreams for Kids*. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each. Winners will be notified by telephone and /or email. The Grade 2 class will also be going through the audience after their performance for a collection for The ECS foundation, Dream for Kids. Thank you for supporting our Social Justice Actions!

"No one has ever become poor by giving" - Anne Frank

JH Picard School & Théâtre Picarts present "White Christmas"

ÉCOLE JH PICARD
THÉÂTRE PICARTS

presents
Irving Berlin's
WHITE CHRISTMAS
Based Upon the Paramount Pictures Film
Written for the Screen by
Norman Krasna, Norman Panama & Melvin Frank
Music & Lyrics by Irving Berlin
Book by David Ives and Paul Blake
Original stage production directed
by Walter Bobbie
Orchestrations: Larry Blank
Vocal and Dance Arrangements:
Bruce Pomahac

December 11-14, 16 & 17 at 7 pm
tickets: www.tixonthesquare.ca
780.420.4757 adults \$22 students \$17
theatrepicarts.ca

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS
is presented through special arrangement with R & H Theatricals. www.rh.com

We are excited to announce the opening night performance of Irving Berlin's White Christmas, on Wednesday December 11, at 7:00 pm, at Westbury Theatre, ATB Arts Barns located on 10330- 84 Avenue.

Performances will run December 11 through 14, 16 and 17 at 7pm.

Tickets are \$17 for students and \$22 for adults available at tixonthesquare.ca and at the door.

We would love to see you all at one of our shows. The students and the Drama department have worked hard on what's sure to be a great show.

<https://www.tixonthesquare.ca/events/2019/irving-berlin-s-white-christma/>

Diploma Preparation Sessions in French at JH Picard

Registration for the Diploma Preparation Sessions in January is still ongoing. Diploma preparation is highly encouraged! The format for the French Immersion sessions provides students the opportunity to begin reviewing material in advance and avoid studying large amounts of information in a short amount of time, and at the last minute.

- The sessions for French Immersion courses will all be held at J H Picard.
- Dates and times vary according to the subject as outlined below.
- The cost will be \$75 for 12 hours of instruction.
- Register now at www.ae.ecsd.net .

Please ensure you register early as courses may be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met!

**JANUARY
FRENCH IMMERSION
DIPLOMA
PREP
SESSIONS**

J.H. PICARD
7055 - 99 Street

BIOLOGIE 30
Wed, January 15, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Sat, January 18, 2020
(9am - 12pm)
Wed, January 22, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Sun, January 26, 2020
(9am - 12pm)

CHIMIE 30
Thurs, January 16, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Sun, January 19, 2020
(9am - 12pm)
Thurs, January 23, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Sat, January 25, 2020
(9am - 12pm)

**ÉTUDES
SOCIALES
30-1 & 30-2**
Fri, January 10, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Sat, January 11, 2020
(9am - 2pm)
Sun, January 12, 2020
(9am - 1pm)

MATHÉMATIQUES 30-1
Tues, January 14, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Fri, January 17, 2020
(5 - 8 pm)
Mon, January 20, 2020
(5 - 8pm)
Tues, January 21, 2020
(5 - 8pm)

Alternative Education

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For more information or to register contact:
www.ae.ecsd.net
780 944-2000

12 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION PER SESSION
FEE: \$75 PER SESSION
**All Diploma Prep Sessions are subject to enrolment minimums. Sessions that do not meet the minimum enrolment will be cancelled.*

District Satisfaction Survey



Edmonton Catholic Schools is surveying students, their parents, and school staff to see how satisfied they are with the quality of Catholic education provided. Your feedback is used by the schools, district, and the government to see what's working and what needs to be improved. Satisfaction surveys were sent home this past week.

Please make sure to fill out the survey and add your voice to the future of Catholic education at École J.H. Picard. You may receive multiple surveys if you have more than one child in a school. Please respond to each survey separately from the point of view of each child's educational experience. Please return your survey by Friday, December 6.

Student Conduct on School Buses



Thank you for your support in reviewing the following expectations with your child. Your support in reinforcing these rules is crucial for everyone's safety on the bus.

The student's primary responsibility is to conduct himself/herself in a manner which will not cause the bus driver to divert his/her attention from driving the bus. Violation of any of the following may lead to the loss of riding privileges, or suspension from school.

- ✓ While the bus is in motion, students must not extend any part of their bodies out of windows, try to get on or off the bus, or move about within it.
- ✓ Students must remain seated, in their seats, during the entire trip.
- ✓ Students will not consume food or beverages on the bus.
- ✓ Students must not distract the bus driver.
- ✓ Students must not throw paper or other waste materials on the floor, or out of the windows of the bus.
- ✓ Silence must be maintained when the bus stops at railroad crossings
- ✓ Students need to be familiar with their assigned stop

Change in Dismissal Time



Please remember that Thursday, December 19 will be a full day of school for students, with dismissal at 3:10 pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:11 pm on Friday, December 20 for Christmas Vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Message from Transportation Services

Transportation Services Hours:

Mon - Fri 7:15 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursday 7:15 - 4:00 PM



Transportation Applications / Curb Service / Change Forms

Can be found on our website at www.ecsd.net in the box that says **School Bus Info**, click on **View Transportation**, scroll down and you will find both the Transportation application and the Change form.

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Students

For safety reasons kindergarten and grade 1 students can only ride the bus when their names appear on the Detail report.

They must be met by an adult or they shall be returned to their school where they can be picked up.

When to catch my bus?

Please be out 5 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up time.

What to do if my bus does not arrive?

Please wait 10 minutes after your pick-up / drop off time, if the bus has not arrived please call our office at 780 441 6078.

Route Change Dates (Regular Yellow & Curb Service)

Changes only occur on **Wednesdays**.

Changes take 2 – 3 weeks.

Bus Notifications

If our office is advised that a bus is running late, we shall send out a swift call to the families as well as posting it on our Delay Board which we try to keep updated in real time which can be found on our website at www.ecsd.net

Please ensure we have your current phone number(s) and email address.

How will I be notified about transportation changes?

An automated email will go out on a Friday night around 6:00 pm regarding **possible** changes to your child's bus route.

Go to your parent portal to see your child's transportation information showing the effective date.

Please contact your school to obtain your login and password to your Parent Portal.

How will I be notified if I am not eligible for transportation?

Your school shall contact you.

School Parking



Parent/Guardian

Illegal parking around schools is a safety hazard for kids. Illegal parking causes congestion and visual obstructions that make it hard for drivers to see children crossing the street and can create disruption to the residents living in the area.

When picking up your children, please park legally and walk to the school. You can expect to see Parking Enforcement Services patrolling school zones and issuing tickets to any vehicles found in violation of the Traffic Bylaw 5590.

Fines start at \$50.00 and go as high as \$250.00, plus towing and impound fees. You maybe ticketed **without warning** and may also receive a ticket in the mail at a later date.

Common Parking Infractions around schools FINE AMOUNT

- Parking in a disabled parking space (zero tolerance) \$250.00
 - Park in a school bus zone \$ 50.00
 - Park at least 5 meters away from stop signs & yield signs \$ 50.00
 - Park at least 5 meters away from intersections & crosswalks \$ 50.00
 - Park at least 5 meters away from a Fire Hydrant \$ 50.00
 - Be a good neighbor and do not park in front of residential driveways \$ 50.00
 - Parking in an alley is not permitted \$ 50.00
 - Parking in any Bus Zone is not permitted \$ 50.00
- Park responsibly, know the rules and keep kids safe!*

For more information

Visit edmonton.ca/schoolparking or call 311

Book Fair Dates: November 18th-21st, 2019

Shopping Hours: Every day during recess and after school until 3:30

Special Activities: Open during Parent/Teacher conferences Nov. 20th until 7:30 pm

Appropriate Winter Wear

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Label all winter wear with your child's name so that it can be returned easily if lost. Students who are ill should remain at home until they feel well enough to participate in all school activities, recess included.



School Team Advisors for Youth (STAY)

Assertiveness Training for Our Children



We want children to be able to stand up for themselves and learn to interact well with their peers. Teaching them to be assertive and self-confident, as opposed to aggressive or submissive, contributes to their social and emotional development.

Children who are aggressive blame, name call, threaten or fight with their peers. They are combative because they often lack social skills. These children need to learn better ways to interact with others or they will continually have difficulty developing positive relationships.

If children are submissive, they may become targets for bullies. These children need to be taught that it is okay to say "no" if a child or adult attempts to harm them with words or deeds. They need to be able to identify their feelings, learn how to express themselves, and believe that they have rights. The more children trust and value themselves, the more likely they will be able to avoid bullying.

1. Teach the difference among aggressive, submissive and assertive remarks. For example:

- **Aggressive** (being mean): "Give me that book or you're going to get it!"
- **Submissive** (being weak): "You can have my book. I don't need it."
- **Assertive** (being strong): "I'm reading this book now. You may have it when I'm finished."

2. Have them practice looking a bully in the eye and saying "No!" with a strong voice (see [Teaching Children Refusal Skills](#)). They could also state what they want. For example, "No, I want you to leave me alone," or "No, I need to do my work."

3. Explain that they have a choice of how to respond to another person's comments or to situations (see [Making Choices](#) Activity).

4. Teach children how to ask for something (see [24 Ideas for Instilling Manners in Children](#)). For example, "May I have that book when you're finished?" and how to respond to requests in a polite manner, "You may have it after me."

Teach children that if they are physically threatened or feel afraid they need to tell an adult (see [Tattling Versus Reporting](#)). However, encourage them to work out other relationship problems themselves. Explain that the use of "I message" helps children deal with their difficulties in an assertive way. "I message" format:

- **I feel ...** (state the feeling)
- **when you ...** (describe the action)
- **because I ...** (say why)

- A child is left out of play. ("I feel unhappy when you won't let me play because I let you play when you ask. I want to play with you.")

- A child is told he/she must give up his snack or be beaten up. ("I feel angry when you threaten me because that's not how we are supposed to act at school.")