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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 2020-21 school year!

We hope that everyone had a great summer. The kids and staff are 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 Karla Rice (Kindergarten), Cari Letourneau (Grade 2), Michelle Noppers (Grade 6), Margo Marciniak (Grade 3 and French), Michelle Gascoigne (Educational Assistant), Azeb Gedecho (Educational Assistant), and Amy Garneau (EBS).

Our theme for this year is “God Calls Us Each By Name” This theme is supported by a wonderful book by author Paige Britt called “Why Am I Me? Britt’s book inspires us to celebrate our differences. A wonderful message that supports our ‘One World with Jesus’ 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!

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

Mrs. Nicole Rolph-DeVicque – Assistant Principal

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**Parent Council
Annual General
Meeting
October 7, 2020,
6:00 PM**

All Parents Welcome!

**This will potentially be
an online meeting.**

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 call 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, call the office to advise the office staff. Your child will be called to meet you outside. Additionally, if you arrive late with your child in the morning, please ensure that they check in with the office. Parents are not allowed access to the school during COVID protocols.

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. The end of the day is not the time to make these calls as the office is very busy.

St. Dominic School Staff

Our total student enrollment to date is 526 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 ELA, ELC	Lesley Gouveia
100 Voices ELB, ELD	Michelle Zydek
Kindergarten 0B, 0D	Andrea Sinclair
Kindergarten 0A, 0C	Karla Rice
Grade 1A	Nicole Brown
Grade 1B	Janice Francis
Grade 1C	Joanne Vares
Grade 2A	Carly Strzelec
Grade 2B	Roman Tarnawsky
Grade 2C	Cari Letourneau
Grade 3A	Adriana Lepore
Grade 3B	Livia Paradis
Grade 3C & French	Margo Marciniak
Grade 4A	Jodi Mills
Grade 4B	Lisa Babington
Grade 5A	Karen Sacobie
Grade 5B	Sherry Taylor
Grade 6A	Jenna Humeniuk
Grade 6B	Michelle Noppers
Learning Coach	Lacey Kelly
Music and 3C Replacement	Sheena Newbury
Teacher	Jessica Maclean

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
Principal	Mark Sylvestre
Assistant Principal	Nicole Rolph-DeVicque
Learning Coach	Lacey Kelly
Administrative Secretary	Rose Wandyka
Administrative Clerk	Shannon Chiarello
Emotional Behavior Specialist (EBS K-6)	Amy Garneau
EBS 100V	Morgan MacDonald
TA-SL 100 V	Shanelle Amyotte
TA-SL 100 V	Megan Mawhinney
Educational Assistants	Neena Chadha Cathy Foster Melanie Nesselbeck Sherry Wrishko Selamawit Ghede Tanya Campese Roxanne Johannesson Kathy Profit Will Lutchmee Koolaput Michelle Gascoigne
Head Custodian	Emmanuel Abebe
Senior Custodian	David Joseph
Light Duty Custodian	Karen Truong

Weekly Newsletters/Communications

For those who do not already know, Edmonton Catholic Schools has a communication system called Swift. 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, including our Online Learners.

For In Class Learners, 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 is 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 approved visitors please enter our building through the front door only.**
 - If you are here early to pick up your child, after calling the office we are asking that you please wait outside. We will call your child down to the office for you.
 - Parents/Guardians, unless special circumstances arise, will not be granted access to the school.
 - If you are granted access as a visitor, we will ask you to wear a mask, practice hand hygiene upon entry, 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!



Online Reporting/Summary Reports

Edmonton Catholic Schools has an online reporting system called Power Teacher Pro that will allow you to see your child's academic progress on a regular basis. A summary report will be available in January and June.

Before you can access 'PowerTeacher Pro' you will need to have established a 'PowerSchool' account. Most parents already have an account and they are easy to set up. Through PowerSchool you can monitor your child's attendance, pay school fees and carry out a host of school-related functions. To set up an account please use a computer website and not the App.

Instructions - Logging In To PowerSchool For First Time - Click [HERE](#)
PowerSchool Log In – Parents - Click [HERE](#)



Recess Expectations

Good health is necessary for effective and optimal learning. Recess is important in that it is a vital time for socialization, exercise, the opportunity to eat a snack/drink a beverage, and to recharge mentally. If your child has come to school, it is expected that they participate in recess breaks. Parents are asked to keep in mind the following guidelines, when deciding whether send their child to school.

- All students are expected to go out for recess. Students must come to school dressed appropriately for the Canadian outdoors.
- Recesses will always be outdoors unless inclement weather conditions are in place, at which point we follow the respective inclement weather guidelines
- Students who become ill during the day are to inform their teacher directly. Our practice is to call parents and ask them to pick the student up or give the student permission to go home.
- Please be reminded that if a student is too sick to go outside, they are too sick to attend school and should be at home resting to prevent the spread of germs as per direction from Alberta Health Services.

School Fees and Fieldtrip Payments

St. Dominic is going entirely cashless for parent payments. To see a listing of all school fees please go online to the Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>. There on the left side bar you will see a complete listing of all fees.

When a field trip comes up for your child, you will receive a Fieldtrip Form from the homeroom teacher that must be returned signed by the legal parent/guardian. At the same time, you will be required to pay the cost of the fieldtrip online.

For Online Payment Instructions – See our school website ecsd.net/8020

Parent Advisory Council

Our PAC is made up of wonderful volunteers who meet about once a month with the school administrators to discuss school related matters and plan activities. We have a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Casino coordinator and Members at Large as well as classroom representatives. We need Christmas hamper volunteers, organizers for our Family Dance in February, classroom volunteers and more. Please help your child out by becoming involved with this group. We'll be hosting an online TEAMS Annual General Meeting on Oct. 7.

Online Learning

We are currently assessing the students who will be requiring Online Learning for the 1st Quarter of the school year.

Students will begin online learning on Sept. 8, 2020.

If you are accessing Online Learning this quarter, you will need a device – Computer, Chromebook, iPad or tablet with access to Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams. We would ask you to hold off purchasing other school supplies until the Online approach determines their requirements.

More Information will be forthcoming.

School Pictures

Our Picture day is booked for Oct. 19 and we will make arrangements for all our students including our Online Learners to participate. More info will be coming closer to the date.

Meet the Staff

We will be sharing a presentation with you by Mid September to introduce our staff to all our parents and guardians as we won't be able to host an in school session for this year.

Transportation

Our Transportation department has been working through the summer to get our student pick-up and drop-off times set for your children. In addition, they have created seating plans that our children will be asked to follow. Masks are mandatory for all students taking the bus.

Staggered Entry for Students

100 voices and Kindergarten students have staggered entry on Sept. 2nd. and 8th.

Grades 1-3 Students only on Sept. 2 all day

Grades 4-6 Students only on Sept. 3 half day

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY SEPT 4.

Regular programming begins on Sept. 8 for Grades 1-6

Online programming begins on Sept 8 for all Online Learners. (except 100 voices and Kindergarten)

School Calendar – 2020-21

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



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DIVISION CALENDAR 2020-2021

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - No Classes

Heritage Day	August 3
Labour Day	September 7
Thanksgiving Day	October 12
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
New Year's Day	January 1, 2021
Family Day	February 15
Good Friday	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 4
Easter Monday	April 5
Victoria Day	May 24
Canada Day	July 1

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of Classes	September 2
No Classes/Staff Development	
Pre-K to Grade 9	September 4
No Classes/Staff Development	October 29
Catholic Education Sunday	November 1
Holodomor Memorial Day	November 28
Last Day of Classes	December 18
Christmas Vacation	December 21-January 1
Teachers' Convention	February 25-26
No Classes/Staff Development	March 18
Spring Break	March 29-April 2
Catholic Education Week	May 10-14
National Indigenous Peoples' Day ..	June 21
Last Day of Classes	June 25
Early Dismissal Day	

God Calls Us
EACH BY NAME

...I have called you by name, you are mine.

- Isaiah 43:1