

ST. MARK



SHARE FAITH, OFFER PRAYER, GATHER HOPE...
CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH

January 31, 2022

To Parents/Caregivers of our Students,

Thanks to your support and the leadership of our students and staff, we have mitigated the spread of the virus for the first three weeks of January; therefore, we have not had to pivot a class to online. **It truly is a credit to everyone in our community for our success!** We are nearing the peak of the 5th wave and it is still crucial that we remain vigilant and follow all the rules and guidelines laid out by Alberta Health Services and Edmonton Catholic Schools. Safety is still our number one priority!

It is now the end of the first semester so your child's final mark(s) for their half-year option courses are posted. There will not be a formal report card, but all your child's levels of achievements are up to date on [PowerSchool](#). Please use your parent login to view your child's progress this year. If you need support, please contact the school. I am so proud of the work I have been hearing and observing as I talk to our students and staff. Please take some time to celebrate your child, their effort, and success. Your positive feedback and encouragement will support their long-term motivation and success.

We are all ready to be back to normal, but we will need to be cautious a few more weeks. Thanks to our school advisory council (SAC), we will be able to bring pancakes in for our Shrove Tuesday breakfast. The pancakes will be individually packaged to keep everyone safe. Our basketball team and school clubs will be starting back up this month, which is super exciting. Also, our safe club has decided on a name this year; it will be called the Love is Love Club or the LiL Club for short. A very appropriate name since God loves all his creation. This is also an exciting time for our grade nine students that are starting to pick their high school for next year. We had a virtual visit from Archbishop Macdonald high school last week and our students will get to visit St. Joseph high school on Friday, February 18th, 2022. It is important that they visit these schools' virtual open houses to make the best decision.

St. Mark school has always been a team. All aspects of the school and the community have centered around the values of teamwork and success. As such, our school is continuing to promote this strength with the slogan: **Roar with our team!** You will see this slogan on our [website](#), on signs in our community, and on advertising on your cell phones. St. Mark is an incredible school and community, and we want everyone to know it. Our chance to share what makes St. Mark school great will have to remain remote again this year. Our virtual open house will be on Thursday, February 10th @ 6:30pm. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbours, why you are as proud of our school as I am.

The end of the 5th wave is near, and I know that many of the students are anxious to return to normal learning conditions. Together, as a team, we can stay strong and safe; God will take care of us. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." (Proverbs 16:3)

Sincerely,

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