



École Frère Antoine Catholic Elementary School

Le Messenger

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Dear Lord,

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through his challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with illness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of COVID.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that You in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us. May we exercise gratitude daily and find inspiration in the gifts you place around us daily.

We hope that your family had a healthy, restful, and enjoyable extended Christmas break and wish for all many blessings of love, joy and happiness in 2022!

As with everything new, while we reflect on the challenging year that has passed, we look with hope to the many opportunities and learning experiences that lie ahead and are so very grateful to work together with our EFA community.

January 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians.

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

January is a time to recommit to all that is important to each of us: family, friends, faith and goals for the year. As a staff, we look forward to continuing to offer your children the best Catholic Education possible so they may excel in all they do. We remain deeply committed to ensuring your children will continue to have rich French learning experiences and during this month we focus on supporting their self-management skills to [manage stress](#).

We will follow the [ECSD's Back to School Plan](#). It includes a video as to how to use the optional testing kits that will be sent home as soon as we receive them. A text will advise parents on the day they are sent. Ensure that your child bring a clean mask daily and we greatly appreciate how parents use the daily health checklist to minimise cases at school.

Students will have an opportunity to learn to inline skate in the gym twice over the next few weeks, ample time for sanitization has been built into the schedule. We are attempting to rebook the grade 4 to 6 ski fieldtrip later in the ski season.

The Inclusion and Diversity week will be led by the grade 4 teachers and students, the intention is incorporate winter Olympics and exploring the diversity within this context. We will post on our social media sites updates.

As always, all parents are welcome to attend our EFA School Council and EFAFA meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30pm on Teams.

Please email [Mme Danielle](#), if you this is your first meeting attended prior to 4:00 on Jan 11th to receive the Teams link. (Include your first and last name as well as your child's)

Mme N Beaudoin, Acting Principal

Upcoming Dates

January	February	March
10 Return to school 10- 21 Alien Inline skating in the gym for grade 1 to 6 12- EFA Parent Council & EFA FA Meetings @ 6:30pm 24-28- Inclusion & Diversity Week 30 to Feb 4 - 6B Legislative School TBD - Gr 4- 6 ski to be rebooked	Black History Month 7 to 11 - 6A Legislative School 14-18- Random Acts of Kindness Week 16- Carnaval d'hiver 21- Family Day- NO SCHOOL 23 - Pink Shirt Day 23 - Gr 1 & Kindergarten Open House	1-Mardi Gras/ Shrove Tuesday 2-Ash Wednesday 3-4-NO School- GETCA 9-Kinder FULL DAY 24-Celebration of Learning 24-Full Day (Regular Day for Kinder) 25-Half Day (No Kinder) 26-Spring Break April 4- Classes Resume

Please subscribe to EFA's Calendar from the website and follow Ecole Frere Antoine Catholic on Facebook &/or @ecolefrantoine_ecsd on Instagram.

2022-23 Kindergarten & NEW Registrations

ONLINE registration opens on Jan 10 @ 9 AM.

Visit our website at www.frereantoine.ecsd.net & click on Registration.

Once you register, you will receive a message that states that your application **is not completed until the school receives the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, proof of address & other documentation.**

Either email copies or we will scan the documents for you.

Having your child's registration completed does not mean that your child has been accepted. You will be contacted to complete your registration.

*The completed registration date will determine order of choice for morning or afternoon Kindergarten program. **Children need to be 5 yrs old on or before Dec. 31, 2022 to qualify.***



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Upcoming Dates

December	January 2022	February 2022
6 to 10- Hour of Code 15- Christmas Sweater Day 16- Full Day for gr 1 to 6 16 -Kindergarten half days. 16 - Gr 4 to 6 studentsski field trip at Rabbit Hill	4- First Day Back on Tuesday 4-14 Alien Inline skating in the gym for grade 1 to 6 12- EFA Parent Council & EFA FA Meetings @ 6:30pm 16-20- Inclusion Week	1 - Alberta School Council Association presentation to EFASC (tentative date) 7 to 11 - 6A Legislative School 14-18- Random Acts of Kindness Week

Student absences

Teachers do not always have the chance to check their email prior to supervision and instruction.

Parents can continue to input absences in PowerSchool or advise us by calling the office.

We encourage parents to let us know if their child has tested positive and appreciate when you share with us the expected return date as advised by AHS.



VOICE MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL CAN BE FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

Please take the time to **listen to your message**.

The call may be from your child, a teacher, Transportation, a message from the Division or from the Office.

Thank you for helping us by listening first!

Administrative Assistants: Mme Bérubé and Mme Julie

Inclement Weather

Send your child dress for the weather, we are indoors when the temperature with wind chill is below -20.



As the weather changes, you can monitor the status of your child's bus. Please access the following <https://www.ecsd.net/page/1266/yellow-bus-status> to verify if your child's bus is delayed or on time. Please be advised that the following radio & tv stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions.

RADIO STATIONS:

630 CHED, CISN FM 103.9, THE CHUCK FM 92.5, INEWS 880, AM KISS 91.7, UP! 99.3 FM, POWER 107, AM 930 The Light CJCA, SHINE 105.9 FM, TSN 1260, 95.7 CRUZ FM, The Bear 100.3 FM, SONIC 102.9 FM, 104.9 VIRGIN Radio FM, CBC, CHFA (CBC Fr.), CFCW 840, The Breeze 96.3, K97 97.3, 02.3 NOW! Radio

TV STATIONS:

CITYTV, CTV EDMONTON, GLOBAL Edmonton, CBC TV

Directory

Acting Principal – Mme Beaudoin
Assistant Principal – Mme Godbout
Receptionist – Mme Bérubé
Financial & Transportation
– Mme Nadeau



Use Bus Finder in PowerSchool or
call Transportation
at 780-441-6078

about
bus tardiness (over 10 min),
Noon Hour Bussing,
or concerns with drivers.

Call the school 780-463-2957
about

Bus discipline
Address changes

PowerSchool Directory

bus time changes,
route updates'
Online payments
Ongoing Reporting - (academic
progress to review bimonthly)
Summary Report – (printable report
card in January & June)

Cabush Out of School Care

Diane C. at 780 908-4908 or
780 434-3677

Les Bouts D'Choux

French Immersion Preschool
Sophie D. 780-975-7188

Thank you for being so generous during the December's Social Justice Projects

St Elizabeth and Teresa of Calcutta appreciated the many boxes and bags of winter gear collected.

The grade 1 classes collected socks but as the Hope Mission was still under renovation, socks and the larger items were brought to the Mustard Seed. Items were being distributed before delivery was complete.

Students and their families make a difference!!!



[Link to the Bell site](#)

Wednesday, January 26 is the 12th annual Bell Let'sTalk Day

When it comes to mental health, now more than ever, every action counts.

There are 5 simple ways to end the stigma and start a conversation:

1. **Language Matters** - The words you use can make all the difference. Words can help, but they can also hurt. What would you choose?
2. **Educate Yourself** - When it comes to mental illness, education is key. Having the right tools, knowing the right words to use and understanding how to correctly speak with someone experiencing a mental illness can make all the difference.
3. **Be Kind** - Simple kindness can make a world of a difference. Whether it be a smile, being a good listener or an invitation for a chat over coffee, these simple acts of kindness can help open up the conversation and let someone know you're there for them. Expressions like "You'll get over it" and "Just relax" can hurt more than help. Instead, offer your support and say "I'm sorry you aren't feeling well" or better yet, ask what you can do to help.
4. **Listen and Ask** - Mental illness is a very common form of human pain and suffering. Being a good listener and asking how you can help or simply just being there for people you care about can be the first step to recovery.
5. **Talk About It** - Two out of three people suffer in silence, fearing judgement and rejection. Being open to a conversation is the first step towards eliminating the stigma. Know the facts, be kind, be a good listener and a friend. Be part of the conversation to eliminate the stigma once and for all.