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May 2022

## Administrators' Message

We hope that each of our families had a wonderful Easter! At J.H. Picard we celebrated Easter with a liturgy and live singing from our Elementary Choir.

During May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God. It is also the month that we honour all of our mothers and caregivers. We wish all of J.H. Picard mothers a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8.

May 23- 27 is Catholic Education Week and May 26 is World Catholic Education Day. We are grateful to be able to celebrate the gift of Catholic education in our province. We invite students, parents and staff to wear blue throughout the week of May 23- 27 to celebrate Catholic education.

May is Asian Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Continuing a legacy of greatness". At J.H. Picard, we will take this opportunity to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love. We continue to work together to combat racism and discrimination in all its forms.

Wishing every member of our community courage, strength and good health as we approach the end of the 2022- 23 school year!

Guitta Kodersah  
Principal

Brigitte Levasseur  
Assistant Principal

Mark Huculak  
Assistant Principal

### School Mission

J.H. Picard's mission is to provide a faith based French Immersion education. We are committed to creating an inclusive learning community for all students to develop linguistic competency and critical thinking skills as engaged citizens who humbly serve God and one another.

## In-person Kindergarten Open House



**ÉCOLE J.H. PICARD** K-12  
Catholic School

**Kindergarten  
OPEN HOUSE**  
MAY 12 at 6:00 PM  
Single-track French Immersion  
On-site daycare • Busing

The banner features a colorful tree with a purple trunk and a canopy of yellow, orange, and blue. Two children are silhouetted against the tree: one is on a swing, and the other is on a tricycle. The background is a solid purple color.



**2022-23 Kindergarten  
Refer a Friend Program**

**ÉCOLE JHP ICARD**  
French Immersion

Tell a friend about the exceptional Kindergarten French Immersion learning experience offered by J.H. Picard. If they register their child for the kindergarten 2022-23 school year, their name as well as yours will be entered in a draw for a \$100 gift card to the Telus World of Science. Two prizes available. Draw to take place on June 20, 2022.

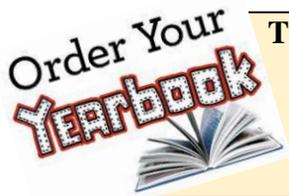
The banner features a row of ten colorful, smiling geometric shapes: a yellow trapezoid, a blue circle, a purple rectangle, a green pentagon, a blue circle, a red triangle, a white rectangle, a yellow pentagon, a brown triangle, and a red trapezoid.

## Confirm Registrations for 2022- 23 School Year

As we continue our planning for the upcoming school year, we would like to remind all our families to inform us if you are planning to move your children to a different school as soon as possible so that we are able to plan effectively for classes and staffing. Thank you to all families who already confirmed their children's 2022- 23 registration.



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| <b>April 4, May 2, June 6</b> | DELFT Exam Gr. 12 students   |
| <b>May 4</b>                  | AP English Exam<br>AP Computer Science A Exam  |
| <b>May 9</b>                  | AP Calculus AB Exam  |
| <b>May 6 &amp; 20</b>         | Hot Lunch Days- Lunch Lady Program   |
| <b>May 6 &amp; 7</b>          | High School Minecraft Gameathon- Social Justice Fundraiser   |
| <b>May 12</b>                 | Staff Appreciation Lunch<br>(Coordinated by the J.H. Picard School Council)  |
| <b>May 17</b>                 | School Council virtual meeting @ 6:00 pm   |
| <b>May 19, 20 &amp; 21</b>    | <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> ,<br>High School Play- Auditorium Campus St-Jean @ 7:00 PM                                    |
| <b>May 20</b>                 | Junior High Minecraft Gameathon -Social Justice Fundraiser   |
| <b>May 23</b>                 | Victoria Day- No School  |
| <b>May 24</b>                 | Grade 6 Routine Immunization 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose & Outstanding Gr. 7's, 8's<br>& 9's<br><br>Elementary Cross-Country Run @ Rundle Park- 3:00- 5:00 PM |
| <b>May 26</b>                 | Graduation Mass at St Theresa Church   |
| <b>May 27</b>                 | Graduation Banquet at Chateau Lacombe  |



**The deadline to order the yearbook for gr. 7-12 students is May 12, 2022.**

**Orders can be placed on Poweschool!**

## Diploma Exams Schedule

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| Monday, June 13    | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | English Language Arts 30–1 Part A*<br>English Language Arts 30–2 Part A* |
| Tuesday, June 14   | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.<br>9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. | Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A*<br>Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*       |
| Wednesday, June 15 | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | Français 30–1 Partie A<br>French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*            |
| Thursday, June 16  | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | Français 30–1 Partie B<br>French Language Arts 30–1 Part B               |
| Friday, June 17    | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | Mathematics 30–1<br>Mathematics 30–2                                     |
| Monday, June 20    | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | English Language Arts 30–1 Part B<br>English Language Arts 30–2 Part B   |
| Wednesday, June 22 | 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.                         | Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B<br>Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B         |
| Thursday, June 23  | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | Biology 30   |
| Friday, June 24    | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | Chemistry 30   |
| Monday, June 27    | 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.                         | Physics 30   |

All students are provided with up to double the official time noted above if they require it.

## Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Junior High Final Exams

If families will be away for any exams, please contact both the subject area teacher and the administration as soon as possible.

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| May 16  | French Language Arts - Part A (written) Gr. 6<br>English Language Arts - Part A (written) Gr. 9                             |
| May 18  | English Language Arts - Part A (written) Gr. 6<br>French Language Arts - Part A (Written) Gr. 9                             |
| June 15 | French Language Arts - Part B - Gr. 6<br>French Language Arts - Part B - Gr. 9<br>French Language Arts - Part B - Gr. 7 & 8 |
| June 16 | Math - Part A - Gr. 6<br>Math - Part A - Gr. 9<br>Math - Part A - Gr. 7 & 8   |

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| June 17 | English Language Arts - Part B Gr. 6<br>English Language Arts - Part B Gr. 9<br>English Language Arts - Part B Gr. 7 & 8 |
| June 20 | Études sociales Gr. 6<br>Études sociales Gr. 9<br>Études sociales Gr. 7 & 8  |
| June 22 | Sciences Gr. 6<br>Sciences Gr. 9<br>Sciences Gr. 7 & 8   |
| June 24 | Math - Part B Gr. 6<br>Math - Part B Gr. 9<br>Math - Part B Gr. 7 & 8  |

## Hot Lunch – Friday, May 6 and May 20



Our next Hot Lunch Day is scheduled for Friday, April 22.

All Gr. 1- 12 students can order, as well as Kindergarten students who attend the day care. Orders are placed online at

<https://order.lunchlady.ca/>

## Free Teen Writing Workshop



**Crafting Worlds: Writers Building Magic and Technology Systems – May 10, 6:30pm**

Science fiction and fantasy are exciting genres where the only limit is a writer's imagination. However, there are also unique challenges to writing these genres.

Join Emily Victoria in this virtual workshop geared towards teen and youth writers where she will teach you the ins and outs of world-building, as well as how to create your very own magic or technology systems. Emily has two novels published with HarperCollins, *Silver in the Mist* and *This Golden Flame*.

Register online at <https://epl.bibliocommons.com/events/6269d632151c923c388e3ea8>

## J.H. Picard Play Production

### “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time”

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, based on the novel by Mark Haddon and adapted by Simon Stephens is a courageous story about a courageous young man who values life.

Our production will be taking place at the Auditorium at **Campus Saint-Jean, 8406 Rue Marie-Anne Gaboury, Edmonton on May 19, 20 and 21 at 7:00 pm**. Running Time: 2 hours and 35 minutes, including intermission.

From the National Theatre, in London, United Kingdom:

“Christopher, fifteen years, stands beside Mrs Shears’ dead dog.

It has been speared with a garden fork, it is seven minutes after midnight and Christopher is under suspicion. He records each fact in the book he is writing to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington.

He has an extraordinary brain. He is exceptional at math, while everyday life presents some barriers. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road; he detests being touched and he distrusts strangers. When he falls under suspicion for killing his neighbour’s dog, it takes him on a journey that upturns his world.”

Tickets are 12 \$ and can be purchased online or at the door on the evening of performances. **More information regarding ticket sales will be communicated in the near future.**

## Grade 12 Graduation Update



Our community is looking forward to celebrating the Class of 2022 later this month.

**On May 26th**, families will gather at St. Theresa's Parish where Fr. Roy will celebrate a graduation mass for our 48 graduates. Commencement exercises will immediately follow mass. All are welcome to attend this special event; tickets are not required. Mass begins at 6:30 pm.

**Friday evening, May 27th**, graduates will be honored at a banquet and dance at Chateau Lacombe. This is always a special night, seeing our graduates looking their best and families celebrating together.

The administration, teachers and staff of J H Picard are very proud of our 48 graduating students. They have demonstrated resilience, worked hard, and provided leadership throughout their time in high school. Félicitations!

## Elementary Cross-Country Run



JH Picard Elementary students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the Edmonton Catholic Schools 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Elementary Cross-Country Run at Rundle Park on **May 24, 2022, from 3:00 -5:00 pm.**

To prepare for this fun event, practices will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday lunch recesses from May 3 – May 18 with M. Huculak and Mme Marylène on the outside soccer field. These practices are open to all students in grades 3-6.

To participate in the run at Rundle Park, there is a cost of \$10 and a requirement to return the signed parental consent form, to your child’s classroom teacher. The registration form has been sent by email to all parents in grades 3-6. Please contact M. Huculak if you have any questions.

Race categories and **order of races** are as follows:

- 1) Boys 8&under 1200m
- 2) Girls 8&under 1200m
- 3) Boys 9 yrs old 2000m
- 4) Girls 9 yrs old 2000m
- 5) Boys 10 yrs old 2000m
- 6) Girls 10 yrs old 2000m
- 7) Boys 11 and up 2000m
- 8) Girls 11 and up 2000m

## Grade 7-12 Fine Arts Showcase



J.H. Picard is delighted to present our **Grade 7-12 Fine Arts Showcase** along the theme of “Rain before Rainbows”. We are finally able to share the talents cultivated by our students with a live audience! Students courageously move towards the promise light and life, captured by a celebration of the arts in music, drama, dance, visual art, and the recording arts.

Join us on **Thursday, June 2 at 7pm** to witness the curriculum come alive through performances and exhibited work tied to the learning outcomes. Umbrellas not required!

## Summer School at J.H. Picard



A reminder to sign up for Summer School if you intend to take at class during July 2022. All registrations must be completed online at [www.ae.ecsd.net](http://www.ae.ecsd.net).

The following courses are planned for in-person/classroom-based instruction at JHP. All courses are pending enrollment; therefore, families are strongly encouraged to sign up as soon as possible and not wait until June.

### 5 Credit courses run from July 4<sup>th</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am - 1:15 pm

Biologie 20

Biologie 30 (For students who are repeating the course only)

Social studies 20-1

Social studies 20-2

Math 10C (Suitable for Grade 10 students who need to increase their final grade before moving into Math 20-level)

Math 20-1

Science 10

### 3 Credit courses run from July 4<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am - 1:15 pm

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Religion 15\* (see note below)

### Important Note About Religion:

Online registration for Religion 15 is restricted. Therefore, students from J H Picard should call [780-944-2000](tel:780-944-2000) and they will process Religion 15 registrations in this manner to override the required permissions.

## School Council



Our next virtual School Council meeting is on **Tuesday May 17, at 6:00 PM**. The link to the meeting will be emailed to the parents with the agenda. All parents are welcome to attend. We value your input into school decisions and activities.

## Spring has Sprung

Signs of Spring are everywhere in the school and on the grounds. We are grateful for the warmer days and every opportunity to get fresh air outside without the cumbersome presence of scarfs, toques, snowpants and masks. With the snow melt, debris is exposed. Students from Grades 1 to 9 will participate in The City of Edmonton's Capital City Clean Up believes that keeping our city clean is a shared responsibility. Please review these safety guidelines before participating in any litter pick up activity. Classes received gloves, bags and a safety information sheet.

The Grade 7 CTF Community Leadership class created a mural to inspire hope. Their words of encouragement and whimsical artwork makes for a positive entry in the school's lobby area.



Finally, M. Caetano never ceases to amaze us. He has made his butterfly and rock collections available for class viewings. You can see a couple astounding specimens on display in the school's front entrance as well.



*Congratulations* to Isabella Bowen, Liam Mhyco, and Bradon Wireko for receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation at ST. Theresa's parish on March 27.

## Elementary Fused Glass Art Project



On April 19 and 20, Grade K to 6 students put their creativity to work by participating in the Fused Glass Art in-school field trip. Glass Fusion is the ART of making a design with glass on glass. A kiln is used to melt two or more pieces of glass together to fuse them. We received the completed projects recently and can attest that this process gives impressive results. We won't say too much more... J.H. Picard mothers can expect a pretty nice surprise this year for Mother's Day!

## Caregiver Education



AHS, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. The aim is to increase awareness and reduce the stigma of mental health challenges that children and adolescents

experience, provide parents and caregivers with evidence-based mental health information, and provide strategies that support mental wellness.

Click on the link below to access the **Caregiver Education Team May Newsletter**.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_Pgfssp7cwBBvevh85q7\\_ynlrGBQb7Ap/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_Pgfssp7cwBBvevh85q7_ynlrGBQb7Ap/view)

Click on the link below to access the May Messages from Chief Superintendent Robert Martin and ECSD Manager of Religious Education Services, Sandra Talarico

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/42901/superintendent-s-message-may-2022>