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Dear KT Families:

*If you require a translation, please select your language, copy and paste this message into [Google Translate](#) or call the school for verbal clarification.*

Thank you everyone who contributed to our School Council Silent Auction and 50/50. With everyone's efforts, we made approximately \$1200 towards supporting students at Katherine Therrien – whether it is helping with field trips, new books in the library or new technology to replace older machines. Thank you.

Today was our school writing day. While our kindergarten to Grade 5 students wrote their Write-On sample, our grade 6s wrote their first Provincial Achievement Exam (PAT) – ELA Part A Writing. These exams and writing pieces help us to see how our students are progressing throughout the year. With the PAT exams, the government uses these exams to see how well students are doing throughout the province. These grade 6 exams also are recorded on a student's file with Alberta Education.

To our Grade 6 families, it is important that your child is here for these exams. More information can be found further in this email with dates.

Here are the updates for this week:

## School Council May Meeting

Our next school council meeting will be tonight online at 7:00 pm. You can join us at this [link](#) (*Link has been removed for security purposes*). ~~We invite our families to join and we promise to have you to the Oiler/Flames game in short order – no later than 8:00 pm.~~

## Mathathon

Today your child(ren) came home with a letter and pledge sheet for a KT Mathathon.

We are joining in the fundraising efforts of St. Francis Xavier High School to help raise money for our ECS Foundation and Catholic Social Services during Catholic Education Week (May 23-27).

Students are asked to collect donations or pledges until 27 May 2022. Students will then do a timed mad-minutes quiz of basic math facts on Friday 27 May 2022. Students can then collect pledges based on the number of questions that they got correct with proceeds collected by Friday 3 June 2022.

A copy of the pledge sheet and note are attached to this email. Your child also came home with a copy in the agenda. All donations/pledges are accepted no matter the amount.

## Student Absences

With the borders opening and restrictions being lessened, we have noticed an increase in students away from school for non-illness reasons. While every day is important to be at school, teachers at especially this time of year are preparing students for final assessments – and in the case of Grade 6, provincial exams for the government.

Students who miss school miss out on valuable learning. Gone are the days of the textbook. We use many different methods within the classroom, including much discussion and collaboration. This cannot be replaced when students are missing from school. Every day counts!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but ...

| If your child misses ...   | That equals ...          | Which is ...             | And over 13 years of schooling, that's ... |
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| <b>1 day every 2 weeks</b> | <b>20 days per year</b>  | <b>4 weeks per year</b>  | <b>nearly 1.5 years absent</b>             |
| <b>1 day per week</b>      | <b>40 days per year</b>  | <b>8 weeks per year</b>  | <b>over 2.5 years absent</b>               |
| <b>2 days per week</b>     | <b>80 days per year</b>  | <b>16 weeks per year</b> | <b>over 5 years absent</b>                 |
| <b>3 days per week</b>     | <b>120 days per year</b> | <b>24 weeks per year</b> | <b>nearly 8 years absent</b>               |

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

| He/She is only missing just ...         | That equals ...                   | Which is ...                     | and over 13 years of schooling, that's ... |
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| <b>10 minutes per day</b>               | <b>50 minutes per week</b>        | <b>nearly 1.5 weeks per year</b> | <b>nearly half a year</b>                  |
| <b>20 minutes per day</b>               | <b>1 hour 40 minutes per week</b> | <b>over 2.5 weeks per year</b>   | <b>nearly 1 year</b>                       |
| <b>30 minutes per day (1/2 an hour)</b> | <b>half a day per week</b>        | <b>4 weeks per year</b>          | <b>nearly 1.5 years</b>                    |
| <b>1 hour per day</b>                   | <b>1 day per week</b>             | <b>8 weeks per year</b>          | <b>over 2.5 years</b>                      |

EVERYDAY COUNTS!

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

## Grades 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Quick Facts for Students and Parents/Guardians

### What are Provincial Achievement Tests?

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9 and have three main purposes:

- to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling;
- to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

### When are Provincial Achievement Tests administered?

PATs are administered annually in May and June in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in grade 6 and grade 9. Some grade 9 students write PATs in January.

Grade 6 PATs for ECSD are:

- June 16 – Math Part A
- June 17 – ELA Part B
- June 20 - Social
- June 22 - Science
- June 24 – Math Part B

## Are there any practice questions my child can do before writing Provincial Achievement Tests?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous provincial achievement tests that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca>.

## When will I find out my child’s Provincial Achievement Test results?

School staff share preliminary results with parents after the PAT administration. Individual Student Profiles (ISPs) are available to schools in the fall of the following school year. School staff will provide parents access to their child’s ISP through at least one the following options:

- Forward the PDF ISP electronically to parents using the school’s digital system
- Print and mail a paper copy
- Sign-up parents for [MyPass](#) where they may access their child’s account and results directly
- A record of the ISP must be retained in the student’s record in accordance with the Student Record Regulation.

## Want to know more?

More information and resources for provincial achievement tests are available on the Alberta Education website at <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.aspx>.

The personal information collected for the purpose of the Provincial Achievement Testing Program and the support of programs, policy evaluation and measurement is under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Student personal information will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose, without written consent or unless required to do so by law.

Questions regarding the program and the collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to the Director, Student Learning Assessments and Provincial Achievement Testing, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-427-6204 (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

## New Alberta Curriculum

In September 2022, Kindergarten to Grade 6 students across Alberta will learn a new provincial curriculum in Physical Education and Wellness (K-6), English Language Arts and Literature (K-3 only), and Mathematics (K-3 only). ECSD has a strong history of fostering deep learning experiences for all our students with foundations of literacy, numeracy, and universal design for learning. We are prepared for the upcoming changes and have been working hard to ensure our staff are supported. Professional development will begin this month for staff and continue into the new school year. We have expanded our consultant and leadership teams to support the implementation of the new curriculum. We are confident our classrooms will remain spaces of faith-based learning that deeply engage all staff and students with technological innovation, creativity, critical thinking, and authentic learning experiences. [Click here](#) to learn more about the new curriculum and how it will differ from what’s being taught currently in schools.

Attached this week, you can also find some information for upcoming summer camps for your children.

Please also check your email for grade specific information from your child's classroom teacher should there be any.

Take care.

Sincerely,

*Ms. J. Hertlein & Ms. C. Letwin,*

*Administration, Katherine Therrien*



*Rooted in faith, we are committed to student-centered learning and empowering children to use their minds, hearts and hands to serve others as disciples of Jesus.*

| Attached Files                                     |
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| <a href="#">KT Mathathon - StFrancisXavier.pdf</a> |
| <a href="#">New Curriculum Image.jpg</a>           |
| <a href="#">summer programs.pdf</a>                |
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