



Newsletter

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September 2020 at a Glance

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Welcome

Dear St. Brendan Families,

Welcome to a new school year - one that we never envisioned and one that will likely never be forgotten. Our administration team is very thankful for the staff and the students at St. Brendan. They have embraced this new normal with positivity and hope. Both teacher and students share their joy in being together once again in school. For those online we await your presence with us in the coming months and want you to know that you are not forgotten and part of our St. Brendan Family. We miss you and look forward to a time when we can all be together in school.

We are especially excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students, the new Grade 7 students, those in our Generations program and all families that are new to St. Brendan.

The re-entry plan is in motion - learning and community building is underway. Just a reminder for parents to provide a Ziploc bag or any bag for students who are discarding a mask or taking it off for lunch. Otherwise, we feel that we are on our way to a successful year at school.

The first September event that needs to be altered, due to COVID-19 restrictions is the annual "Meet the teacher night". It was planned for Thursday, September 17th. In its place, we will create a set of "meet the teacher" video clips that will give you an introduction to your child's teacher(s), the administrators and a visual of our classrooms. Videos will include information about school and classroom routines and a bit about learning and assessment this year using new Curriculum pacing guides. We plan to release them on a school Youtube channel we will create and send you information on how to access it. To have enough time to set this up properly we aim to have it ready and online by Monday September 21. For any questions you may have for your children's teachers, can them be addressed either by email or by phoning the school and requesting that the teacher calls you back.

We are also looking into what other school events or clubs we will be able to offer this year, that are in line with our cohort and safety plan. They will be limited. Until further notice, there will be no field trips involving school buses, with the exception of our Golf Academy.

Lastly, we humbly ask you to be patient with our Yellow bus transportation service. As you may have heard in the media, there is a great shortage of yellow bus drivers and it has begun affecting our routes. Our hope is that it does get rectified in the coming days and weeks, but in the meantime, please have a plan B for driving or picking up your child, if needed, in this challenging situation.

If you have other questions or concerns, please call the office and ask for an administrator - myself, Mr. Hirniak (junior high focus) or Ms. Kucy (Elementary focus) - or by email (contact information to administration can be found on our website). Looking forward to supporting your children and providing them with a great and safe learning experience at St. Brendan this year. Stay healthy and safe with God's blessings.

The St. Brendan Administrations Team

School Council Meeting

Please join us!

September 19th

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October 1st



St. Brendan Staff List - 2019 2020

Administration

Mr. Taras Podilsky Principal
Mr. Eugene Hirniak Asst. Principal (Junior High)
Mrs. Lily Kucy Asst. Principal (Elementary)

Elementary Teaching Staff

Mrs. Patricia Deprato Teacher (Kindergarten - 00A/00B)
Mrs. Tara Pops Teachers (Gr.1)
Ms. Shelley Frederick Teacher (Gr. 1/2)
Mrs. Elizabeth Baruta Teacher (Gr. 2)
Ms. Danielle Van Brabant Teachers (Gr. 3)
Mrs. Terenia Ilkiw Teacher (Gr. 3/4 & Music)
Mrs. Erin Bombini Teacher (Gr. 4)
Mrs. Jessica Schiedel Teacher (Gr. 5)
Mr. Raymond Bradshaw Teacher (Gr. 5)
Mr. David Masluk Teacher (Gr. 5/6)
Mrs. Barb Mountenay Teacher (Gr.6)
Mrs. Pamela Mullane Generation Teacher
Mrs. Monique LaFleur Generation Teacher



Junior High Teaching Staff

Ms. Louise Dawson-MacLean Music, Social, English Language Arts, Religion
Mr. Maria Duarte Spanish Language Arts, Spanish Language and Culture, Science, Social, Spanish Religion, Spanish Drama
Mrs. Jill Free English Language Arts, Art, Drama, Health
Mr. Robert Fuerderer Phys. Ed, Math, Athletics Coordinator
Mrs. Olivia Hernandez English Language Arts, Spanish Language Arts, Religion
Mrs. Eugene Hirniak Math, English Religion, Ukrainian Religion, CTF
Mr. Orest Hryniw Social, Ukrainian Language Arts, Foods, Phys. Ed., Ukrainian Religion
Mrs. Tetyana Kearnan Ukrainian Language Arts, Social Studies
Mrs. Vira Lavryshyn Math, Ukrainian Religion
Mr. Kevin Mazur Science, Phys. Ed., Golf Academy
Ms. Donna Richards English Language Arts, Religion, Health, Social, Outdoor Ed.
Mrs. Severina Rossi Social, French
Mrs. Liliya Sukhy Science, Ukrainian Language Arts, Health

Support Staff

Mrs. Babiy, Marnie TAOT
Ms. Monica Blais Kinder EC
Ms. Rachel Brett TABT
Mrs. Janine Campbell Media Resource
Mrs. Patti Courchesne Educational Assistant
Mrs. Shelley Diprose LC K-9
Mrs. Noemia Ferreira Educational Assistant - Generations
Mr. Abraham Ghebreziabher Educational Assistant - Generations
Mrs. Barbara Kostal Educational Assistant
Mrs. Mary Kowal Educational Assistant
Mrs. Janae Kowalchuk Sign Language Interpreter
Mrs. Lucille Leger Educational Assistant - Generations
Mrs. Susan Lobo Behavior Specialist
Ms. Carolyn MacKinnon-Graves TASL
Mrs. Debra Maric Educational Assistant - Generations
Mrs. Maureen McElhatton Educational Assistant - Generations
Ms. China Ogbonna FSLW
Ms. Joke Oke LPN
Mrs. Mirka Osuch Admin Assistant
Mrs. Lidia Radyo Clerk - Admin. Support
Ms. Roskey, Brooklyn TAOT
Mrs. Jennifer Stanislaus Educational Assistant
Mrs. Lea Stefanyk Educational Assistant
Ms. Marie Valcin Educational Assistant

Custodial

Mr. Nicolas Avalos Head Custodian
Mr. Kenneth Plana Light Duty Custodian
Mr. Chris Van Engelen Senior Custodian



ELEMENTARY
TIMES FOR 2020 - 2021
Kindergarten - Grade Six

8:35 a.m. 1st Bell
 8:45 a.m. Announcements

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Schedule

BLOCK	Class Start & End Times
First Bell	8:35
Instructional Time	8:45 - 10:15
Recess	10:15 - 10:30
Instructional Time	10:30 - 12:00
Lunch and Recess - 12:00 - 12:30	
Instructional Time	12:30 - 3:00

****Thursday dismissal for all students is at 12:10 pm.**



JUNIOR HIGH
TIMES FOR 2020-2021

8:25 a.m. - School Doors Open/Cohort Area
 8:45-8:49 a.m. - Home Room
 8:50 a.m. - Classes begin

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Schedule

BLOCK	Class Start & End Times
B1	8:50 - 9:35
B2	9:37 - 10:22
B3	10:26 - 11:12
B4	11:14 - 12:00
Lunch Break - 12:00 - 12:30	
B5	12:34 - 1:22
B6	1:24 - 2:11
B7	2:13 - 3:00

Thursday a.m. schedule

HR	8:45 - 8:56
Block 1	8:58 - 9:44
Block 2	9:46 - 10:32
Block 3	10:33 - 11:19
Block 4	11:21 - 12:10

***FLEX classes on Thursday suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions**

SCHOOL FEES

The following fees are in effect for the –2020–2021 school year

Elementary Fees

Kindergarten Agenda	\$10.00
Kindergarten Technology	\$10.00
School Activity Fee	\$10.00
Kindergarten Total	<u>\$30.00</u>

Gr. 1–6 School Activities	\$ 5.00
Gr. 1–6 Technology	\$25.00
Student Agenda	\$10.00
Gr. 1–6 Total	<u>\$40.00</u>

Grade 4: Music Recorder	<u>\$10.00</u>
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Junior High Fees

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supplementary fees	\$55.00
Art	\$15.00
Foods	\$20.00
Drama	\$ 5.00
Spanish Drama	\$ 5.00
Outdoor Education	\$50.00
CTF	\$20.00
Band: if using school instrument	\$60.00
Band: if student owns instrument or rents from outside source	\$10.00
Locks (replacement)	\$ 6.00
Spanish CTF	\$ 20.00

Parent Powerschool Login

Every parent must have a Powerschool login in order to pay the school fees, Bus Passes, field trips, as well as see their child's attendance, grading information, Report Cards, etc... All payments must be paid online **ONLY with CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD.**

For those parents who do not yet have Powerschool account, we are sending the instructions home with your child on how to create an account.

If you have forgotten your Powerschool Password, please call the office at 780-466-1281, and we will help you to reset it.

We would appreciate your support in paying these fees as soon as possible.

Bus Transportation

Elementary Bus Pass Fees

- Regular Rate:
Kindergarten to Gr. 6 Yellow and ETS 35.00
 - Family Plan Rate:
Kindergarten to Gr. 6 Yellow and ETS 30.50
 - Replacement Yellow: 5.00
 - Replacement ETS: 72.50
- * Family Plan Rate applies to families with 3 or more children attending any school within ECSD and purchasing monthly bus passes

Replacement Fee for monthly ETS - \$75.00

Junior High Bus Pass Fees:

- BUS PASSES (ETS or Yellow)
- Regular Rate\$59.00 (per month)
 - Family Plan (ETS or Yellow)\$55.00 (per month)
 - Replacement ETS\$72.50
 - Replacement Yellow..... \$5.00

When your child is registered for the Yellow School Bus, a seat is reserved. If your child is not going to use transportation, please inform the school immediately so the service can be cancelled. Otherwise a bus pass will be sent to the school and the school will need to pay for that bus pass even though your child is not using the service. Online learners will start paying Bus Pass fees upon returning to school in person. **Bus Pass fees must be paid by the first week of each month through Powerschool.**



Supervision

Please note that supervision does not start until 8:25. Elementary children should not arrive at the school before supervision begins and will be asked to wait in the school yard. Junior high students enter through the front door and go to their cohort areas.

Visitors to the School

In order to enhance the safety of our building and the overall environment for our children we have electronic and video system for entry to St. Brendan. Please remember to use the main entrance and ring the doorbell on the left to be buzzed in and always check in with the office before entering the school, under normal circumstances). **At this point however , guests or parents are not allowed in the school due to Covid-19 restrictions. There are few exceptions.**

Protocol for Parent Concerns

Edmonton Catholic Schools recognizes the freedom of all members of the school community (students, staff, parents and neighbours) to voice their concerns in an appropriate manner to the appropriate school personnel. The principle of "first contact" needs to be followed. The person(s) who has the concern, has the responsibility to begin addressing the concern directly with those persons with whom they have the concern before taking their concern elsewhere. If resolution is not found please involve the school administration.

SwiftK12 Alerting

If your child is absent from school and the school has not received a phone call indicating the reason for absence, you will receive an automated phone call from the SwiftK12 Alerting Voice system. This system will also be used in case of emergency, and to send general information messages to either specific classes or the whole school.

Peanut Awareness

Please be aware that we have students and staff members who have peanut allergies. We would like to ensure the safety for all students and staff and request that only peanut free foods are sent to the school.

Parking / Student Drop Off

Parents, for the safety of our staff and your children, please **DO NOT** use the staff parking area or any areas assigned for Yellow Busses for student drop off and pick up. Doing so creates a safety hazard for all, as well as a traffic blockage. Thank you for your cooperation!

Flex Instruction JH

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Flex instruction for Junior High level has been cancelled until further notice.

Monthly Newsletter

The monthly Newsletters will be e-mailed to you at the beginning of each month and also will be posted on our St. Brendan website at: www.stbrendan.ecsd.net . *We require an email from every family, as this is also the main means of communication between school administration and parents.*

Terry Fox Run

This year's Terry Fox Run will look a little different this school year BUT, it is still going to happen! We will most likely run on school property and perhaps, during one of the Phys Ed classes. Details are still being worked on. Watch for more information to be sent out about details on the run itself and how you can donate to this most worthy cause!

Golf Academy

The St. Brendan Golf Academy will be continuing this year in early October. There is an information meeting on Tuesday September 15 at lunch with Mr. Mazur. If you would like more information about the Golf Academy for your daughter or son in grades 7, 8 and 9, please contact Mr. Mazur at 780-466-1281 or through email at: kevin.mazur@ecsd.net

Many other 2020-21 school routines and expectations are described in detail in the St. Brendan RE-entry plan sent out to parents in late August and presently on our School website

Parent Community Newsletter

Edmonton Catholic Schools August 2020

Seeking God's inner beauty.
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Welcome back!

I pray you and your family had a restful and fun-filled summer. I appreciate it may have been different with the pandemic still upon us, and that you had to be creative in finding ways to enjoy God's creation while physical distancing and staying safe.

Well, a new School Year begins. The principals, teachers, and staff look forward to journeying with you in the education of your children. We know things will be different, and will require some adjustments along the way, but together we walk hand in hand as we explore God's love and beauty in our lives and in the world around us.

Beauty. Inner beauty. I spent a lot of time this summer reflecting on beauty, and I'd like to ask you to do the same during this school year.

Thinking about beauty came to me early on at the outset of the pandemic. One day, I was in my office at the Pastoral Centre, chatting with someone on the phone. As I often find myself doing, I spun my chair around and looked out the window at the passersby on the street. I was startled by someone who had stopped and was staring back at me through the window! Well, she wasn't really staring at me. Let me explain.

You see, the windows to our Pastoral Centre have a reflective film on them, so you can see out from the inside but you can't see in from the outside. From the outside, the reflective film is like a mirror, and you can see yourself in the mirror. Ann, we'll call her, wasn't really looking at me; she was looking at herself. She was combing her hair, putting on her lipstick, fixing her blouse. In my eyes, and in my heart, she was beautiful. She was a princess!

The reality is that Ann lives on the streets. She's homeless, as are many who live around our Pastoral Centre and Saint Josaphat Cathedral. That doesn't mean that Ann's not beautiful. That day, looking at herself in the "mirror" of our window, she saw beauty – beauty on the outside, and beauty on the inside. That day, God gifted me with a glimpse of how beautiful Ann is, in God's eyes, and in mine. God "has made everything beautiful" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). We are beautiful. Everything around us is beautiful. That's the way God created us, created in God's image and likeness.

This school year, take time to see God's beauty in every sunrise, every sunset, in the world around us, in your child, and in each other. Let us remind ourselves, we are baptized into Christ, that God's love, beauty and glory are best revealed in the life of God's son, Jesus Christ. The best way to see God's beauty is to be in relationship with Christ, each and every day.

And if you don't see God's beauty, clean your glasses, then look again!

May God bless us and our new school year!

Bishop David Motiuk Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

God Calls Us



EACH BY NAME

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE - AUG-SEPT 2020

... I have called you by name, you are mine. ~ Isaiah 43:1 ~

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! Whether you have chosen to return to the classroom or to participate in an online environment, it is wonderful to have our students and staff connecting in a more 'normal' manner as we work together to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another. This is going to be a year unlike any we have ever experienced, and we are all going to draw on our ability to be flexible, nimble, and responsive to the ever changing demands placed on us as we learn to exist in a Covid world. As you navigate through the quartermesters this year and revisit your learning options, it is important that you know that there are no wrong choices for your child and family with respect to the in-person vs. online learning environment. We are so pleased to be able to offer the advantage of multiple shifting points through a quartermester model.

Our theme for this year is God Calls Us Each By Name. It is grounded in scripture from Isaiah: "I have called you by name, you are mine." This provides the beautiful vision of our work in Edmonton Catholic Schools as being work for God; this is the essence of Catholic education. It also provides a beautiful vision of what we are trying to instill in our students: the understanding that they, too, have been called by God to serve. Over their time with Edmonton Catholic Schools, as our students come to know and love Jesus ever more deeply, they will discern how God has called each of them by name to serve Him and the world.

There are some exciting things that are happening in our Division right now. Divine Mercy Catholic Elementary School will have its first students this year. Within just a few short weeks, we are going to be having a site blessing and ground breaking for our new 950 student K-9 school in Keswick. We are preparing for a new 1300 student high school in Heritage Valley, and the construction of the Ben Calf Robe replacement school has begun. As a nod to our agility and nimbleness as a Division, we will be creating a K-12 online school as a viable option for our families.

Each year, ECSD establishes a Division Plan for Continuous Growth that sets out our primary goals for the year and the global strategies that we will use to achieve them. Our schools ensure that their site-specific plans for continuous growth are aligned with these goals. You can explore our Division plan by visiting www.ecsd.net or clicking on the link above.

I would like to share just a few additional words about our re-entry plan. I can't begin to emphasize the countless hours that our re-entry team has put in getting ready for our start up. They have put so much effort into being sure that we are well prepared and consistent across the Division as in person learning begins again.

This team is simply amazing! You can see the diversity of membership on this tremendous team by visiting the ECSD Re-Entry Plan page on www.ecsd.net.

I will leave you with a thought from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, *Gaudete et Exultate*, that reflects the essence of how God has called us each by name: "The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence... We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves." (Pope Francis, 2018, sections 1, 14)

Have a wonderful year of learning and growing in relationship with Christ!

Sincerely,

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent



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I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME. YOU ARE MINE. - ISAIAH 43:1



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		<p>1 Day 1</p>	<p>2 Day 1</p> <p>First Day of school</p>	<p>3 Day 6a</p>	<p>4 Day 2</p> <p>PD Day—No school</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Labour Day - No school</p> <p>Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day</p>	<p>8 Day 3</p> <p>Blue and Yellow Day</p> <p>Generation students begin</p>	<p>9 Day 4</p>	<p>10 Day 1a</p>	<p>11 Day 5</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 Day 6</p>	<p>15 Day 1</p>	<p>16 Day 2</p>	<p>17 Day 1p</p> <p>School Opening Celebration online at 11:30 am.</p>	<p>18 Day 3</p> <p>Ukrainian Bilingual Schools Opening Liturgy – online</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21 Day 4</p> <p>International Day of Peace</p> <p>Meet the teacher online video on Youtube channel</p>	<p>22 Day 5</p> <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	<p>23 Day 6</p>	<p>24 Day 6p</p> <p>Terry Fox Run</p>	<p>25 Day 1</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 Day 2</p> <p>School Pictures Day</p> <p>Terrific Kids Program Begins</p>	<p>29 Day 3</p> <p>School Pictures Day</p>	<p>30 Day 4</p> <p>Orange shirt Day</p>			
<p>Read-In Week</p>						