

2021-2022 NEWSLETTER

A Message from our Principal

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at St. Francis Xavier High School. I am hoping everybody had a wonderful summer break and managed to rest, relax and recharge their batteries as we get started with the new school year. How wonderful that we were able to connect with friends and family – something that I missed dearly in the past year. I am excited to greet a new crop of grade 10's to FX, it is always great to see the new grade 10's showing up to school in the fall a little bit nervous but at the same time very excited to start their high school journey. I am also looking forward to welcome back our returning grade 11 and 12 students as well as any new students to our school this year. We are proud of how our students have navigated the move to remote learning last year. The first day of classes for students in grade 10 classes will be September 1st, students in grades 11 and 12 will join on September 2nd.

We are excited to have Kim Bremault with us serving as Assistant Principal and she will serve as the Grade Ten Coordinator. She brings a passion for Christ and a strong work ethic with her. We would like to welcome Michaëlle Haughian who will be in for Mrs. Therrien this year. She will be a wonderful addition to our Social Studies Department. We also welcome back Shana Fairbank who will be returning to us from sabbatical from Alberta Learning as well as a year as a Social Emotional Learning Coach for our division. Ulana Gnutel and Lindsay Blais are both returning from maternity leave in September. Jazmyn Krausert will be in Foods this year and Jaiden Fagrie will be covering for Julia Dytyniak who will be away on maternity leave.

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to some members of our staff as well. Eugenia Chisotti has retired after generously serving our school community for over 30 years. We wish Eugenia all the best, she will be missed. Anna Olivieri, has moved on as Principal of St. Philip. She will be such a wonderful leader for their community. We also wish Jenna Engel, Zoe Armstrong and Jillian Hughes well as they will not be returning to our staff for the upcoming year.

I would like to encourage all parents to get involved in our Parent Council Association. Meetings will be October 5, December 7, February 1 and April 5 at 6:30pm. We are also grateful for any parent who is able to come and volunteer for our Casino this year! More information will be forthcoming once we receive a date.

Course changes will take place virtually again this year on August 25-27th. Please find instructions and links on the following page. Students will be able to come to pay fees, get their school photo and a locker on their respective days. (See next page) Parents are encouraged to pay their fees online to limit the amount of outside visitors in the school. Students will receive their textbooks during the first week of class.

This year we will be looking at a theme of hope. It seems like the perfect theme after a year of pandemic and isolation. Within this theme of hope we will explore the following:

- Raising Expectations
- Refocusing on the Future
- Rediscovering our God given gifts
- Reconnecting to a team

Next year the grade coordinators are as follows:

Grade 10: Mrs. Kim Bremault
Grade 11: Mr. Nathan Koelmans
Grade 12 : Mrs. Cindy Dallaire

Keep Leading and Loving,

Heather Kaup, Principal



Registration Information:

The Bookstore will be open August 25th to 27th from 8:30am to 3:00pm (closed 11:30am to 12pm for lunch) to pay fees, locker assignment and to purchase/pick up a September Bus Pass. Photographers will be onsite in the cafeteria for ID cards and photo packages.

To limit the amount of people in the building at one time, please adhere to the following schedule (morning = 8:30 to 11:30, afternoon 12pm to 3pm):

Wednesday, August 25th—Grade 12's
Morning: Last names A—M
Afternoon: Last names N—Z

Thursday, August 26th—Grade 11's
Morning: Last names A—M
Afternoon: Last names N—Z

Friday, August 27th—Grade 10's
Morning: Last names A—M
Afternoon: Last names N—Z



COURSE CHANGES

ALL COURSE CHANGES WILL BE DONE OVER THE PHONE.

Please use link to the Microsoft form to register for your course change. We will do our best to contact you during your desired time and date. We will only be entertaining course changes for students who took summer school or have unbalanced schedules. Religion modules are only offered in special circumstances.

There will be **NO** registrations processed on August 30th or 31st as those days will be for our staff to have our professional development day.

Grade 10 Day:

Wednesday, September 1st 9am-1pm

First Instructional Day for ALL Students:

Thursday, September 2nd:

Registration Process:

On your assigned registration date and time, please follow this procedure:
(If you do not require a course change, skip to Step #2)

Step #1: Course Changes (ONLINE/OVER THE PHONE) Wednesday, August 25—Friday, August 27

If you require a course change (due to Summer School upgrading, or for balancing of core courses) please complete this Microsoft form. <https://forms.office.com/r/zNzJYgxeZT> We will not be entertaining course changes for teacher selection. Religion modules are only offered in special circumstance as we value the experience of working with youth in a faith classroom.

Please select the appropriate grade coordinator: Grade 10: Kim Bremault, Grade 11: Nathan Koelmans and Grade 12: Cindy Dallaire. ***When you book, it is important that you write a description of what change you would like to make as well as the phone number that you can be reached at. Your grade coordinator will call during your timeslot to work on the change.***

Step #2: School ID picture (Cafeteria) and Bus Pass Pick Up (See dates and time above) Wednesday, August 25—Friday, August 27

A current student ID is required to sign out textbooks and pick up a bus pass. Photographers will be onsite in the Cafeteria to take the students photo for their ID card as well as for optional school photo package. If you require a Bus Pass before the first day of school, it can be picked up at the Bookstore window, also in the cafeteria. If a student is unable to attend registration, the photographer will also be on site Thursday, September 2nd.

Step #3 Pay School Fees (ONLINE)

Fee payments are encouraged to be made online. You must have a Parent PowerSchool login to pay the fees online. Fees will be added to the accounts on August 23rd.

If you have a PowerSchool login then you can access the website: www.powerschool.ecsd.net/public to pay your fees.

If you do not have an account you can follow these instructions: https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/Parent_Login_Instructions.pdf.

A statement will be sent out on August 23rd with the information required to set up a new account. When paying fees, you can also prepay for a bus pass for your student to pick up at the bookstore by presenting their ID card.

Lockers: Will be assigned on an as requested basis. Please see the bookstore or email st.fxbusinessoffice@ecsd.net to be assigned a locker.

Textbooks: Will signed out to students during the first few days of classes. Students are required to have their ID in order to borrow a

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Bookstore Hours: Monday to Friday- 8am to 3pm

FEE PAYMENTS: School Fees will be added to student accounts on August 23rd with the exception of: field trips, sports teams, optional course changes, ID Card replacements and missing textbooks. Yearbooks are optional will be available for purchase from September 1st to June 15th. 2022. Please make payments via the PowerSchool Parent Portal (website, not App) or at the Bookstore. We accept Cash (bookstore only), Interac, Visa and MasterCard. No American Express or Cheques. All fees must be paid prior to Spring Break of grade 12 to purchase tickets and participate in the graduation events.

ID CARDS: ID cards will be provided to students during registration free of charge. Students must carry their ID cards with them at all times. They are required to sign out textbooks, obtain locker information, purchase a bus pass, pick up items from the Bookstore and write final exams. If ID card is lost a replacement can be purchased at the Bookstore for \$5.

CAUTION FEE: Textbook Deposit paid at the beginning of Grade 10 or upon joining St. FX, and is refunded at the end of Grade 12 if there are no lost/damaged textbooks or outstanding fees.

TEXTBOOKS: Students are responsible for the textbooks that they sign out at the beginning of the semester. Textbook barcodes are scanned and failure to return the same textbook will result in a lost textbook fee being added to their account. Students are also responsible to returning their textbook to the BOOKSTORE and are not advised not to leave them in the classrooms as teachers will not be help responsible if they are lost or stolen.

Bus Passes:

Youth ETS/Yellow Bus Pass: \$61.50
ETS Replacement: \$73.00

Youth ETS/Yellow Family Bus Pass: \$57.75
Yellow Replacement: \$5.00

To be eligible for a Family Plan bus pass families must:

- Have **3 or more** students attending Edmonton Catholic Schools **and**
- **3 or more** of these children **must purchase a bus pass on a monthly basis and**
- Be approved by the ECSD Transportation department

Transportation Forms and instructions: <https://www.ecsd.net/page/1263/transportation>

Bus Passes are available for purchase approximately one week before the end of the month. Last days vary depending on the month and can be found here: <https://www.ecsd.net/8405/page/4673/financial-services>

ID Cards are required to purchase or pick up a Bus Pass. Students may purchase ONE subsidized bus pass (ETS or Yellow—not both) per month. Bus passes can be picked up before school, during lunch or after school – NOT during class time. Students are not allowed to purchase bus passes for friends or siblings at other schools. Bus Passes may be paid for on the PowerSchool Parent Portal or purchased and picked up at the Bookstore.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School School Fees 2021-2022

Caution Fee (Refundable Deposit)*	\$90.00
 <u>Supplemental Fees (All Students):</u>	
Technology User Fee	\$50.00
School Activities	\$20.00
Student Union	\$20.00
 <u>Optional Course Fees:</u>	
Art 10/20—3 Credit	\$33.00
Art 10/20 or 30—5 Credit	\$55.00
Music	\$40.00
CTS: Foods/Industrial Arts—3 Credit	\$44.00
CTS: Foods/Industrial Arts—5 Credit	\$66.00
CTS: Com Tech/Media Broadcasting/Design Studies 10/Sports Medicine—3/5 credit	\$25.00
CTS: Design Studies 20/30 Dual Credit	\$100.00
CTS: General Business	\$15.00
Phys Ed 10	\$15.00
Phys Ed 20	\$50.00
Phys Ed 30	Includes Outdoor Education Camping \$175.00
 Physed 10/20/30 T-shirt (optional)	 \$10.00
Yearbook (Optional Fee)	\$45.00
Graduation Participation Fee	\$75.00
Replacement ID Card	\$5.00
Replacement Lock	\$5.50
 <u>Academy Fees:</u>	
Hockey Academy	\$1600.00
Soccer Academy	\$1600.00
Lacrosse Academy	\$1500.00
Golf Academy	\$2000.00
Baseball Academy	\$3000.00
High Performance Hockey	\$4500.00

ATTENTION: Parents & Guardians

MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL ADDRESS: Please notify the Rhonda Bonato in the Main office (Rhonda.Bonato@ecsd.net) at St. Francis Xavier High School as soon as possible of any changes to ensure receipt of important information.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL: Please ensure that you have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account set up and linked to your student(s). This is where you can view attendance, marks, access MyPass, pay fees, purchase bus passes and graduation event tickets (Grade 12's only). If you do not have access, please contact the Main office or Business office at St. Francis Xavier.

School Website

Go to our school website for update to date information on all our programs, announcements, sport team schedules/ result, etc.

www.stfrancisxavier.ecsd.net

Student/Parent Handbook

For information on all our school policies/philosophy visit our website and check our Student Parent handbook.

www.stfrancisxavier.ecsd.net/handbook



Vacations Outside of Regular School Breaks

We understand that at times parents will pull their child out of school for a vacation outside of regular vacation breaks. It is often cheaper outside of regular breaks and often is the only time parents can get away. It is also important to understand from a school perspective that any vacations longer than a few days can disrupt a student's education.

In high school, the pace of instruction is quite rigorous especially in areas of Math and Science where there is a lot of curriculum that needs to get covered. Teachers will do their best to help with short vacations, but it becomes much more difficult when a student is gone for a couple of weeks and in some cases more than a month at a time.

We therefore do ask parents to look at the impact that a long-term vacation will have on your sons/daughter's education regarding the curriculum concepts that will be missed while they are away. So, we ask that before any holidays are booked to please touch base with teachers and the grade coordinator to find out implications of any long-term holidays. Certainly, we also ask parents and students to be in contact with teachers and grade coordinators for short term holidays as well.

Teachers at FX are very accommodating regarding helping students get caught up for short periods of time missed, however they do not have the time to work with students who may have being gone for longer term holidays.

Student Support Services

Learning Coach

The Learning Coach assists teachers in providing the most appropriate learning strategies to meet the diverse learning needs of all students. They liaise with teachers to provide and ensure appropriate accommodations for learning are implemented. The Learning Coach provides resources and support to both staff and students, helping modify instructional practices and learning skills to improve student success. They also help students, who are struggling academically, to advocate for themselves in their pursuit of their high school completion.

Deana Valacco is our Learning Coach and can be reached at Deana.Valacco@ecsd.net

Chaplain

The Chaplain acts as a spiritual advisor to students and staff and provides guidance on theological and moral issues. The Chaplain is available to students much like the regular school counselor. Our Chaplain is Leslie O'Leary. She can be contacted at Leslie.Oleary@ecsd.net

School Counsellor

The counselor provides support to students in the areas of educational planning, career counseling and guidance as well as in the areas of personal and crisis counseling. Our counselor is Sandy Cordingley, and can be contacted at Sandra.Cordingley@ecsd.net

Registered Psychologist

Cory Donald is a Registered Psychologist with Edmonton Catholic Schools. September 2019 was his first year as a member of the FX team. Cory has been with Edmonton Catholic Schools for 18 years, starting his career as a classroom teacher, transitioning to a consulting role with Learning Services, and then re-integrating back into the schools as a counsellor and psychologist. Professionally, Cory works from a solution focused perspective, utilizing cognitive behavioural and narrative strategies with young people. Cory's practice rests on a foundation of positive psychology. Cory's support is available to all students and he can be reached via email, through another staff member or by knocking on his office door!

Cory.Donald@ecsd.net

English Language Learners (ELL) Designate

The ELL Designate is the main point of contact for ELL students in order to help facilitate proper programming and monitor their progress as they transition from ELL into regular stream courses. Our ELL Designate is Alena Pavone and she can be reached at Alena.Pavone@ecsd.net

School Resource Officer Edmonton Police Service

The role of the School Resource Officer (SRO) has many forms. The primary function of an SRO is to ensure a "safe and caring place of learning", balancing prevention, intervention and enforcement. At St. Francis Xavier High School, the SRO is not only responsible for enforcement when required, but also plays a role in counseling, coaching sports, building a positive relationship between youth and police, and being a visible presence within the school not only for prevention, but simply to be a part of the lives of Edmonton's youth. You will find St. Francis's SRO roaming the hallways and sitting in the cafeteria at tables with groups of students every day of the week during school hours for the entire school year! You can reach our SRO at

Maciej.Rocki.ta@ecsd.net

Student Support Services

Braided Journey's—First Nations, Metis & Inuit (FNMI) Graduation Coach Program

The significant increase in graduation rates has been accomplished through an innovative model which includes comprehensive individual and group supports for FNMI students.

The role of the Graduation Coach is to provide mentoring and guidance to FNMI students to ensure they are provided with a nurturing and safe environment that supports them as they find a sense of competence and achievement. Responsibilities include: Helping students plan their high school and building a sense of community.

The Braided Journeys Room is a Study Centre where students can gather to work on projects, utilize computer stations, work with a tutor, attend cultural activities, receive individual counseling supports or attend career workshops. Please contact Kathy Davis for more information at Kathy.Davis@ecsd.net

Graduation Coach

Grad Coaches also work with junior high students (!) to ease the transition to high school. This can be a stressful phase for all students as they must adapt to changes in environment, educational practices and social structures. Transition activities include: High school prep classes, Transition retreats, High School Open House & Tours, Summer transition programs, Orientations and welcoming events

Our Graduation Coach for the 2021-2022 year is Jocelyn Chong. She can be reached at Jocelyn.Chong@ecsd.net

Parking Concerns

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NORTH/TEACHER PARKING LOT

We would like to ask those parents who are dropping their children off at school to either drop their son/daughter off using the loading zones on 163rd Street or by the St. Francis Xavier Sports Center.

Please do not use the teacher parking lot by the church as it does cause a lot disruption as staff are trying to park at the same time. The parking stalls are assigned and that means at times staff are having to wait for another car to pull out. So please use the other areas to drop off your children and your cooperation would be much appreciated.



St. Francis Xavier High School 2021-2022

Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BLOCK 1 (86 minutes)	8:18 – 9:44	8:18 – 9:44	8:18 – 9:44	8:18 – 9:44	8:18 – 9:15
BLOCK 2 (86 minutes)	9:47 -11:13	9:47 -11:13	9:47 -11:13	9:47 -11:13	9:17 – 10:14
LUNCH (37 min. lunch)	11:13- 11:50	11:13- 11:50	11:13- 11:50	11:13- 11:50	NO LUNCH
BLOCK 3 (86 minutes)	11:53 – 1:19	11:53 – 1:19	11:53 – 1:19	11:53 – 1:19	10:16 – 11:13
BLOCK 4 (86 minutes)	1:22 – 2:48	1:22 – 2:48	1:22 – 2:48	1:22 – 2:48	11:15 – 12: 12

Approved Calculator for Math & Science

Texas Instruments Ti-84

or

**Texas Instruments Ti-84
Plus (or Plus Silver Edition)**

Xavier Union Events

Grade 10 Day: September 1st, 2021

FX Day: December 3rd, 2021

Bikeathon: March 11th, 2022

SAC Meetings

October 5, 2021

December 7, 2021

February 1, 2022

April 5, 2022

Math and Science Students

To ensure fairness and equity for all students writing diploma examinations, only calculators that have been ap-proved by Alberta Education may be used when writing mathematics and sciences diploma examinations.

The **list of approved calculators** for those diploma examinations can be found at The Alberta Education Web-site: <https://education.alberta.ca/mathematics-10-12/diploma-exam-info/> Look under the tab "Information for Mathematics Diploma Exams, then click on "Calculator Policy". Here at St. Francis Xavier High School, both the Mathematics and Science departments recommend that students at all grade levels purchase and use one of the following approved calculators, as these are supported by our technologies and are used by teachers in classroom demonstrations and laboratories:

Texas Instruments Ti-84

or

Texas Instruments Ti-84 Plus (or Plus Silver Edition)

Note: only Alberta Education approved calculators will be permitted for use during in-class **unit exams** in all math and science courses.

Student Leadership

Xavier Executive Student Union is the student leadership group at St. FX. A committee of students, who share a passion for building community at St. FX. Through social justice projects, event organization and exciting, refreshing school wide events, Xavier Executive will work together to make the upcoming school year amazing for all.

Join in on the fun! Keep up to date with Xavier Executive events @xavierexecutive on Twitter, Instagram, snap-chat, and Facebook. Students are encouraged to contact Mr. Dvorak (Joey.Dvorak@ecsd.net) for more information about getting involved.

Parent Volunteers

How can you, as a parent, become involved in your child's high school years? St. Francis Xavier has two groups which help you to be informed, learn about activities that are being held throughout the year, and most importantly, give that extra support that is needed by the children to be able to navigate through this important time in their lives.

St. Francis Xavier School Council

This group meets to discuss matters that support, enhance and improve student learning, ranging from budget to policy and other items. Their main role is to advise the principal and board members on important topics relating to the school.

St. Francis Xavier High School Parent Teacher Association

A Parent Teacher Association is defined as "an organization of local groups of teachers and the parents of their pupils that works for the improvement of the schools and the benefit of the pupils". This is achieved through fundraising efforts via a casino that is held every second year. The date for our next scheduled casino will be sent out in the near future. This important event cannot be held without the generosity of volunteers so we ask that you please consider offering your time for this worthy cause. The casino brings in tens of thousands of needed dollars to our school which support various initiatives for our students.

These two groups meet four times per year and all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings are held Tuesday evenings in the Learning Centre at St. Francis Xavier at 6:30 pm.