

ST. ALPHONSUS' NEWSLETTER March 2023

Mrs. MacGregor/Anna Olivieri, Principal --- Mrs. Christine Bowers, Assistant Principal

Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Give the people of Ukraine the strength to heal their moments of stress, grief, and sorrow and remind them of your constant love, healing, and grace.

Through the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, we ask you to guide and protect the people of Ukraine, as we say:

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

May God's Divine Spirit look after the people of Ukraine during these trying times, and may a peaceful resolution be achieved for them and their nation. We pray this through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Message from School Administration

We had a lovely, busy February. Many of our teachers used resources from our division to bring recognition to Black History Month, through art, music and culture. Our grade 6s attended Inquiring Minds Ice School for an entire week. There they were exposed to real life learning and application.

We participated in Random Acts of Kindness week, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. February is truly a beautiful month to celebrate love and kindness.

As we look to March, our new administrator will begin her journey in this community. We once again want to welcome Mrs. Anna Olivieri. She was an assistant principal here about 10 years ago, so some of you may even remember her. Our grade 7-9 will participate in Fr. Mike Mireau Faith day on March 16th and to round off the month of March, our spring break will start March 20th and classes will resume on April 3rd.

Lent

Lent, which began Feb. 22nd, with Ash Wednesday, is a period of penance and abstinence in preparation for the Resurrection at Easter. We began Lent with our Ash Wednesday liturgy and the distribution of blessed ashes to show our students the importance of this day to our Church year.

Demonstration of Learning

It is that time of year again where you can meet one on one with your child's teacher and have a conversation about his/her progress. A SWIFT message was sent out on how you can register for the demonstration of learning on March 8th.

Registration

We are now accepting kindergarten registrations for August 2023. Registrations for full-day kindergarten-extensions program will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. All registrations are done online and then if you are a new family to our school community, we will invite you in for a short meet and greet. Please note, just because you apply to register does not automatically mean that you have been accepted. You will be notified if your application to our programs have been accepted.

Registrations for Grades 1 to 9

Our registration process has begun, and you will soon be able to go into your power school and fill out the intention screen for your child.

- Parents/students have been given the opportunity to declare whether their intention is to:
 - **Attend their expected/designated school.** This will be the majority of cases as students transition into their next grade level or transition from Pre-K to K or grade 6 to 7 or 9-10
 - **Not attend their expected/designated school.** Students make a choice based on wish or specific programming.
 - **Attend an Online school.** If they make this selection, they will be directed to one of two schools based on their grade level and/or French Immersion needs.
 - Choose "**Other**" if none of the above apply. (Example, moving out of District or province)

Additionally, parents/students will be given the opportunity to select their preferred **Focus/Alternative Program** and whether they require **Bussing** options for their selected next school. With respect to the process in which families request transportation, the application will be done and submitted online at <https://www.ecsd.net/page/34573/apply-for-transportation> there will be **no more hardcopies** of transportation requests accepted.

Important Times:

8:00- Doors open for Junior High students to have breakfast

8:10- Supervision in the playground for elementary students (please do not drop off your children early as they will not be supervised until 8:15)

10:00-10:15- recess for Elementary students

12:00-12:40- Lunch time for K-9 students (staggered)

3:00- Dismissal

Thursday early dismissal is 12:00PM

Parent Advisory Council News

If you are interested in being a classroom representative or partaking in conversations about what happens at St. Alphonsus, please email administration and we can provide you information about being a part of our Parent council.

Room 104- Circle of Support

We have our ECSD supports, Jill (FSLW) and Ms. Mohammed (CSW) who work in the room along with several community agencies working in conjunction with the United Way, who are partnered with St. Alphonsus school to provide supports to students and families. Their staff are on site working alongside our staff and are an integral part of our community. The partners are; The Family Centre, E4C and Boys and Girls Club/Big Brothers Big Sisters

Student Attendance

If your son or daughter is absent from school because they are ill, on vacation, at the doctor, or for some other reason, it is very important you phone the school and let us know. This will help us to keep track of student absences.

Extended Vacations

Many families take their children away from school for extended vacations of two, three or more weeks. These types of vacations are very disruptive to student learning. Please know that if you are planning on doing so, you must request the permission of the principal for an extended absence from school registration. In addition, if your child is going to miss multiple weeks of school, you must request work from the teacher and your child must complete the work during the absence. Since children under the age of seventeen are required to attend school by law, parents, choosing to remove their children from school for extended periods, are required to request permission and ensure that schoolwork is completed prior to or during the absence.

Student Health

If your child is ill, your child should stay at home until he/she is healthy enough to participate in all school activities. Parents need to be aware that if a child is well enough to come to school then the child is well enough to go outside for recess. If your child needs to stay inside for medical reasons, then the school needs a doctor's note stating the specific conditions or temperature for which the child needs to be kept inside.

RADIO STATIONS

630 CHED	AM 930 The Light CJCA	CBC
CISN FM 103.9	SHINE 105.9 FM	CHFA (CBC Fr.)
FRESH FM 92.5	TSN 1260	CFCW 840
INEWS 880 AM	95.7 CRUZ FM	CAPITAL FM 96.3
The Bounce FM 91.7	The Bear 100.3 FM	K97 97.3
UP! 99.3 FM	SONIC 102.9 FM	102.3 NOW! Radio
HOT 107 FM	104.9 VIRGIN Radio FM	

TV STATIONS

CITYTV CTV Edmonton GLOBAL Edmonton CBC TV

Upcoming events

March 1st, Anna Olivieri now serves as Principal.
March 2nd and 3rd- Teacher's Convention (no school)
March 8th, Demo of Learning
March 16th, Faith Day for Junior High (Full day)
March 17th- Early Dismissal
March 20- 31st - Spring Break
April 3rd - Classes resume.
April 7th - Good Friday (No school)
April 10th - Easter Monday (No school)

Please visit our website at stalphonsus.ecsd.net



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Dear St. Alphonsus families,

As you are all aware, I am leaving St. Alphonsus and I just wanted to say a few words.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all your support, and for entrusting me with your children for close to three years. I am honored and feel so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be part of the St. Alphonsus community. I have so many wonderful memories of my time at St. Al's and I am sad to say goodbye. During my three years here, I have fostered relationships with many of you and I will cherish the memories and friendships I've made during my time. St. Alphonsus has been a very special place for me and I will miss everyone.

The hardest part of leaving is saying goodbye to the children. I have grown very attached to them over the years. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to them, but I wish them all the successes in the world. I remind them to "BE YOURSELF" and "BE GOD TO ONE ANOTHER"☺

God Bless you all,

Krista MacGregor