



ST. ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL
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OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to thank the parents and students for their cooperation during the registration process, as we had an excellent start to the school year. Our school opening celebration involved all the students and staff. We certainly look forward to another exciting and challenging school year at St. Elizabeth Seton.

Thank you to those who were able to attend our "Meet the Teacher" night. It was great to see so many parents there. We want to develop a partnership with you, which encourages communication and support for each other. The best possible situation for your children is when teachers and parents work together and support each other while always keeping the needs of the children as a focus.

Some ways in which you can become involved in your child's education are by ensuring they arrive to school on time, well rested, ready to learn, with appropriate materials and assignments completed and by balancing out of school activities with school demands. You can also support your children by asking what they learned at school, as well as discuss any issues or happening for that day. Encourage a regular homework time and place and monitor their homework to ensure they are completing it.

Another part that you can play in the success of your children is to volunteer your time with school activities such as School Council (our first meeting is on Thursday, October 8th at 6:00 in our staff room) and fieldtrips. The more we share in the lives of your children the more positive effect we will have on their success.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Joe Naccarato
Principal

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

O God, thank you for the things and the people which make such a difference in my life.

Thank you for;

My parents and all that they give me and all that they do for me.

My home and for all the happiness and the comforts which are always waiting for me there.

My friends in whose company I am happy.

My school and for everything I learn there to make me able some day to earn my own living and to live my own life.

Jesus, be my master, my example, and my best and truest friend.

Help me to try to deserve a little better, all the wonderful things which life and you have given me.

INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL EMERGENCIES

At the Edmonton Catholic School District the safety of our students is always our first priority and students are well supervised when they are on school property. When situations occur that warrant emergency procedures to ensure the safety of all students, we will provide parents with accurate and up to date information. One way to keep parents informed about an emergency and the safety procedures that have been put into place is by posting the information on the school website. Information will be posted and updated as required when a school is experiencing an emergency.

If there is an emergency situation at the school where your child(ren) attend, check the school website to stay informed and receive timely information. We also need to keep phone lines available at the school during an emergency, so we ask that you do not call the school. This will enable the staff at the school to keep in touch with emergency providers and District personnel.

Thank you for your support and help in ensuring our students remain safe.

PARENT CONCERN PROTOCOL

Edmonton Catholic School 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. This means that the person(s) who have the concern, have 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, then involve school administration and School Operations Services (SOS) 441-6000 as needed.

All parties will deal with concerns in a manner that is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

ETS TAX CREDIT—2009

To qualify for an ETS Tax Credit it is the parents responsibility to save/retain/keep all bus passes during the school year to submit with your taxes for your tax credit. The school WILL NOT be responsible to give receipts at the end of the year.

H1N1 Information for Parents

As we start a new school year, our attention and awareness returns to the possibility of the H1N1 influenza. We are encouraging parents to monitor their child's health. If your child has the flu, please keep them home for 24 hours after the symptoms have disappeared. Staff and students are being asked to reduce the spread of germs by washing their hands frequently, covering coughs and staying home from school if they feel ill. Instructional hand washing and cover your cough posters as well as hand sanitizer stations are also being installed in all 84 Edmonton Catholic Schools.

The District is also working closely with Albert Health Services and will update parents and staff on important information as it becomes available. Our website www.ecsd.net has extensive information available and may answer any questions or concerns you may have. Parents will also be receiving additional information in the next few weeks on H1N1 with a letter and Health Fact Sheet.

AGENDA BOOKS

Every child was given a grade appropriate Agenda Book at the beginning of school. Your child is to keep this agenda book as it is used , every day, many times a day. If your child comes late, their own agenda book must be presented, it is then noted and initialed by staff. Please ensure that your child is in possession of their book each day. If they indeed loose the book, a replacement can be purchased for \$6 from the school office.

COLDER WEATHER

A reminder that as the days are starting to get colder, please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. We do request that your child's name is on all articles of outdoor clothing, their boots, lunch bags, back packs etc. If you are missing anything please, check out the lost and found box or ask at the office.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

As was noted in the September newsletter the school opens at 8:05 a.m. Supervision begins outside at 8:05—8:20 a.m. at which time the bell rings and students come into the school. Please do not send your child to school any earlier than 8:05, as there is no supervision available for them inside or outside of the school.



School Council & Parent Advisory Council 2009—2010

To be announced.

Our first meeting is October 8th, @ 6:00 p.m. Please come out and join us, meet some of the school community and staff. We meet every 2 months, share refreshments and help to ensure the goals of the school/parent community are met. Its fun and only takes a short period of your time. Come on over, volunteer. You'll enjoy!

PARKING

Once again we are experiencing problems with parking in the North and West parking lots. We plead with parents, friends and family of students, Please do not pull into, or park in either parking lot. Please park on the street, as parking in this lot can be dangerous for our students, and other vehicles.

The west parking lot is **Reserved for Staff** only, as marked. Even though a stall may be empty - that staff member may be on an errand or not start until 9:00. The north parking lot is used for overflow staff parking and visitors to the school. Also this is where the yellow buses, and day care pick up and drop off the children.

This area is clearly marked.

Do not park in this area. Please do not pull in the lot, block the

driveway or buses. Again the danger to all concerned is huge. So please park on the street. The street on the west side of the school is actually a large U—you can come in one side and continue out the other.

Some of our neighbors have called the school to ask that we also convey to our parents their request that you do not park in their private driveways or block them. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

SCHOOL FEES

We thank all of those families who have paid their school fees. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have not paid your fees as yet, please call Mrs. Kumson at 478-7751 to make arrangements for payment.

Receipts are sent home with students.

REMINDERS

We would like to remind parents/guardians that if your child is going to be away from school, or late, please call the school office at 478-7751 and register the absence. If your child is to leave the school early for an appt., please write a note in the agenda book to inform the teacher, so that he/she can be dismissed to meet you. We do not like to interrupt classes to call the students down to the office, unless absolutely necessary. Please make the arrangements prior to school. If your child is absent more than three days due to illness, we ask for a doctor's note. Your cooperation in this matter will save a lot of time for all concerned.



HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Jr. High students will be having a Halloween dance during the afternoon of October 30/09.

All students are expected to attend. There are prizes for costumes, treats and great music. Elementary students will have parties in their classroom. We encourage the children to dress up! All of the elementary will have a parade through the office and then the gym so all can enjoy the costumes and spirit of the day.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

BE SAFE & HAVE FUN

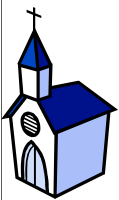
SNACK PROGRAM



I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to the parents for their donations to the program. We held an open invitation meeting and had a good response. Thank you to all that attended and committed to

helping. We still need more volunteers, especially a person that is able to commit to going shopping with Mrs. Miller. This program would be impossible to run without you, your friend(s), or relatives volunteering time to make the snacks. To help feed the children a free, nutritious snack each day, takes very little time on a weekly basis. Please consider helping our faithful few, the friendship and fun are free. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. To date we have received donations of \$885. Terrific, Thank you.

Mrs. Lorraine Miller



St. John Bosco News

1st Confession, 1st Communion & Confirmation - There will be a

registration meeting for all parents/guardians on **OCTOBER 8TH—7:00-8:00 p.m.**

CONGRATULATIONS—to all those grades 4—6

students who participated in the September 23rd. Cross Country Run at Hawrelak Park.



Everyone had fun and the students set a grand example. We are very proud of you all, well done!



PICTURE RETAKES

By now you have all received your picture packages. As noted on the packages retakes will be done on **October 19th**.



JUNIOR HIGH INTERIM REPORT CARDS

The **JH Interim Report Cards** will go home on **OCTOBER 15th..** The Interim Report Card will report a students progress in the 4 core subjects: Math, Science, L.A. and Social. The Interim Report Cards are hoped to help improve the communication between school and home. They are in addition to the 3 reporting periods where school report cards are sent home and interviews are available.

\$\$\$ MONEY CHANGING \$\$\$

Please ensure your child has money for the pay phone, correct money for fieldtrips, the bus, lunch etc.

The office does **NOT** provide change for the phone, bus, fieldtrips, hot lunches, pictures, etc. The office does not carry a float or petty cash for disbursement. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Friday, November 6—Hat Day
Monday, November 9, Remembrance Day Celebration—all welcome
Thursday, November 12, Gr. 6 Babysitting Course—12:30-4:30
Thursday, November 19, Gr. 6 Babysitting course—12:30-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 20—Report Cards go home
Thursday, Nov. 26th—Demo of Learning—1:00—4:30 p.m.
November 26th—Elementary Assembly
December 2—Elem. Reconciliation—9:00 am large Gym
December 4—Advent & JH Reconciliation 9:00 am —large gym
December 15—JH Christmas Concert
December 16—Advent Mass—1:00 pm at Church
Dec. 16—Elementary Christmas Concert
December 18—**NOON** Dismissal

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Each year St. Elizabeth Seton Staff strive to increase the teaching and learning for all children in our school. Edmonton Catholic Schools has embarked on a new approach to education to increase success for all of our students. This approach is entitled Professional Learning Communities and is imperative that staff have the opportunity to collaborate and plan together. We use our professional development days (PD days) for such discussions and learning. In working with the district, St. Elizabeth Seton School staff will be participating in professional development opportunities that help us to better reach these goals.

It is these opportunities that better help us to support our students and their learning. If you have questions about our specific professional development plans please do not hesitate to contact one of the school administrators to discuss.

Thursday afternoons are staff meetings and professional development time. All staff are working during this time and can be reached at the school.

REMINDERS

Our secretaries are very busy ladies and their days are demanding. It would be greatly appreciated if parents/guardians would make arrangements at home regarding appointments, pick up, where to go after school, etc. Each time they have to relay a message, it means they stop their job, track down the child, interrupt the teacher and the class to deliver the messages. If it is indeed an emergency we will gladly assist, otherwise please make arrangements at home. Also a reminder that the office does NOT give change for the phone, the bus, fieldtrips, pictures, hot lunch etc. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE



There is a payphone located in the hallway across from the office. Students are to use this phone before school, at noon or after school.

Please ensure your child has money for the pay phone. The office phone is for emergency only - in which case staff will place the call.



at the Church.

