



St. Anne
Catholic Elementary School

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we enter the month of December, we also enter the season of Advent. This is the time where we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ, our savior. The word Advent means "to come". This is a time in our liturgical year where we invite Jesus to come into our hearts. How will you do this, as a family, during the month of December?

Thank you to all parents that participated in the Demonstration of Learning and Book Fair. The students have all worked so hard and are accomplishing many learning goals. We will be celebrating Christmas with an in-person Christmas Concert on December 15, 2022. Further information is in this newsletter. Mrs. MacGregor has been working very hard during music classes to get everyone ready for the performance. Some students from our grade 5/6 class have been participating in an Art Club and will have a special Art Fair at the concert. Tickets for a draw to win the artwork will be on sale at the concert and the draw will take place at the end of the concert.

December is usually a colder month so just a friendly reminder to please be sure your child/children have a winter coat, snow pants, mittens/gloves, a hat, and boots. We are always outdoors for recess unless the weather drops below -20 degrees Celsius. It is always best if your child/children's items are labeled with their first name and last initial. We have several items in the lost and found so we will ensure all students check this area often if they are missing items they bring to school.

Have a blessed Advent season and a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Kristy Desmarais
Principal

Mrs. Christine Sankey
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Christmas Break

NO SCHOOL Dec. 24, 2022 – Jan. 8, 2023



Spirit Days

Fri. Dec. 9-Wear Red and Green
Fri. Dec. 16 – wear Christmas Gear
Fri. Dec. 23 – Pajama Day

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ST. ANNE SCHOOL COUNCIL CASINO FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2022



THIS EVENT RAISES

\$60K - \$80K

**FOR THE CHILDREN OF
ST. ANNE SCHOOL**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE
PROVIDE THE SCHOOL COUNCIL
CHAIRPERSON WITH YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION.

WE NEED SPOTS FILLED

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SIGN UP!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next School Council Meeting will be held in person at the school on:

Monday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

All parents are welcome!



**St. Anne School Council is thankful
for the parents and friends that have
signed up for the casino fundraiser.
Many more are needed!**

Advent Celebrations

We will be celebrating each week of Advent, as a school, with a Liturgy of the Word. We do this through our broadcast announcements, so each class is in their classroom lighting their Advent wreath. This year, our grade 1 students have prepared special intentions that they are reading each Monday.

Thank you to everyone
for participating!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our theme for our school year is "Let Your Light Shine Through Action" therefore we are celebrating the birth of Jesus through song!

**We are limiting each student to two guests to watch the concert.
This will allow enough space for seating in the gym.**

**Thursday
December 15, 2022
6:30 p.m.**



Front doors to the school will open at 6:00 p.m. for students to go to their classroom. Guests can get seats, purchase tickets for the Art Fair and sign up for a casino fundraiser shift.



"WE READ THE NEWSLETTER!" CONTEST



This week's
Word of the Month is:

Hope

Nov. Winners: Arsiema-3A, Michael-3A,
Nazreth-4A, Diyana-5/6

Parents, record the Word of the Month in your child's agenda and the teacher will enter them into the draw for Lunch with the Principal at the end of the month! There will be 4 winning students that will eat their regular lunch and enjoy a special dessert with Mrs. Desmarais!

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Ongoing Assessment and Reporting of Student Progress

It is important that teachers, parents, and students are partners in education. Teachers share assessment information to communicate student progress. Assessment is the process of gathering information about what a student knows, understands, and can do in relation to learning outcomes established by Alberta Education.

All schools in ECSD provide ongoing assessment as a variety of classroom assessments guide teachers with what they need to do next. Formal reporting to parents occurs at the Demonstration of Learning in later Fall and in the Spring. In addition, through PowerTeacherPro, there is a formal snapshot of learning in January with the Summary Report, and an end of year Report Card in June. In between these events, teachers may send work and projects home, send messages in agendas, coach students with how to talk about their learning, connect with parents, and review the IPP (if applicable) and some ongoing assessments may also be shared via PowerTeacherPro. Each school leverages a variety of ways to share student achievement, and some of these strategies may vary from one school to another as there are many ways to share the ongoing learning throughout the year. As always, if you are concerned regarding your child's progress, it is important that you connect with your child's teacher as soon as you are able.

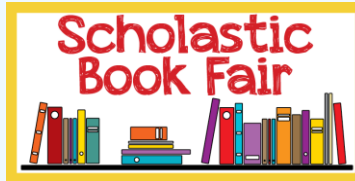
Edmonton Catholic Schools has a [Parent Guide to Assessment and Reporting](#) available on our public website to explain grading and reporting in Elementary. We also [have a video](#) to further explain how your child's progress is assessed.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to your child's learning. Parents play an important role in their child's education; when parents, students and educators work together, students are successful!

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November Highlights

Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to all families that came to Demonstration of Learning and supported the book fair. We now have \$1500 in rewards to spend through Scholastic for our library and classrooms! These books and resources will help all students with literacy learning this year.



Our November Assembly was about "Letting Your Light Shine Through Action". We celebrated students who were nominated for their T-Shirt this month, went over how to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible in the hallways and discussed the Zones of Regulation.



Art Fair

A group of grade 5/6 students created an Art Club for their class. The students have been working on their pieces every Friday since the beginning of November. They wanted to raise money to help other children in Edmonton. This is what they decided with Mrs. Desmarais:

Art Fair December 15 – during school and at the Christmas Concert

Art will be on display in the gym and tickets can be purchased during school or at the concert for 25 cents/ticket or 5 tickets for a loonie

Tickets can be placed in the box for the art piece you want to win.

The draw will take place after the Christmas Concert.

All funds raised will be donated to the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation-Dreams for Kids.

Enjoy the hard work of our artists!

WEBSITE/INSTAGRAM

Our website is a valuable tool for information about your child's school and ECSD, as well as many educational links.

stanne.ecsd.net

St. Anne is on Instagram, you can find us



at [st_anne_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/st_anne_ecsd)

Nut Aware School

We are a "nut aware" school and as such, ask parents/guardians not to send a snack that contains nuts. We do have students in the school with severe nut allergies. We make all efforts to keep everyone safe.



2022-2023 School Theme

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FORTH THROUH ACTION

This month we will celebrate one of our students in grade 1, Jaxson, that has been battling cancer for the past three years and has just completed all treatments! We are all so happy for Jaxson and his family because he is doing so well. Quote from Jaxson's mom: This is the day Jaxson completed his final IV chemo and his final spinal tap and no longer has to go to hospital for treatment. Just checkups.



We will be going over how to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible in the washrooms and celebrating our nominated students for T-Shirts. We are so proud of our students!

**IN THE WASHROOM
BE SAFE**

TAKE TURNS	EYES TO SELF
VOICE LEVEL 0 - 2	ONE PERSON PER STALL

**IN THE WASHROOM
BE RESPECTFUL**

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF	BODIES TO SELF
VOICES 0 - 2	REPORT PROBLEMS TO AN ADULT

**IN THE WASHROOM
BE RESPONSIBLE**

STAY ON TASK	ASK FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED
ALWAYS FLUSH	ALWAYS WASH HANDS

NEWS

CALENDAR

December 2022	
December 5	Second Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 8	Father Sathia Visit 10:30-11:30
December 9	Assembly 10:30, Spirit Day-Wear Red and Green
December 12	Third Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 15	Christmas Concert 6:30 PM in school gym
December 19	Fourth Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 22	Thursday Early dismissal cancelled – full day of classes.
December 23	Last day of classes before Christmas – 11:45 dismissal
December 26–January 6	Christmas Vacation
January 2023	
January 9	Classes Resume
January 12	Father Sathia Visit 10:30-11:30
January 20	Assembly 10:30
January 23 – 27	Alien Inline Skating