

Ecole Camille J. Lerouge

Weekly Voyageur News - Nov 20-24



Division Theme

Inspiré par Dieu dans une aventure à découvrir, grandir et servir. Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture, and Serve.

Important Dates

November 20, Day 3

7pm - School Council Mtg

November 22, Day 5

7pm - EDGE YM: Star Wars Night - Sacred Heart Church

November 24

Teacher PD - **No School** for students

Upcoming Events at Camille:

November 27 - Advent Begins

November 27 - Beginning of Term 2

November 29 - EDGE YM: Christmas Formal at St. Patrick's

December 1 - First Friday Coffee

December 7 - Advent Celebration

December 8 - Division Faith Day (No School)

December 12 - MS Band Concert

December 18 - K-2 Advent Concert at 6pm

December 19 - Grs 3-5 Advent Concert at 6pm

December 22 - Pyjama Day - Last day of school - Christmas Break

RDCRS Stakeholder Engagement Session

RDCRS Board of Trustees looks for ways to regularly engage our community to help form decisions and direction. The RDCRS Engagement Summit is on November 22 (6-7:30pm). Please refer to this [letter](#) for information.

Baking

Our school community has partnered with the Mustard Seed to bake and donate sweet treats for school lunches. We invite students and parents in middle school on Thursday, November 23 to bake muffins beginning at 7am. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email sinead.armstrong@rdcrs.ca to sign up!

Bake Sale at St. Vladimir

On Saturday, November 18th, from 10am-12pm, there is a bake sale at St. Vladimir, 3932-46 St. Items for sale are: breads and buns, borsch soup, cabbage rolls, pyrohy, fruitcake, chiffon cakes, variety of Ukranian baking. A portion of the funds will be used for BRIDGE OF HOPE UKRAINE (sponsorship of orphans and children in need).



THE GIVING TREE



Contribute to the Catholic Social Services Giving Tree Campaign **to help local families this holiday season** by purchasing a Walmart gift card valued at \$25 or \$50. In addition, our office is happy to accept cash donations of any amount. Please label the donation "CSS Giving Tree ."

GIVE SUPPORT
Need support?

Contact Mme Julie at the school

Giving Tree and Gifts for Grandparents

It's that time of year again.

Giving Tree - see poster above. We are proud to be partnering with Catholic Social Services' Giving Tree campaign again this year! Families in need of support this Christmas can apply directly through Catholic Social Services or through our school's Family School Enhancement Counsellor. Again, this year gift cards (instead of gifts) will be collected. Tags will be available in our gathering area starting at our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov 7 & 8) and will remain available throughout school days until they are gone. The TAGS are \$25 or \$50 gift cards from Walmart only. Please return your gift card back to the school office by December 1st. If you have questions, please contact Julie Masson at julie.masson@rdcrs.ca.

Gifts for Grandparents

The Gifts for Grandparents program is a community program which helps spread the joy of Christmas to seniors and shut ins in our community. These are the items that can be donated:

- lightweight blankets
- boxes of cookies (small boxes)
- chocolates (small boxes)
- candy (including diabetic)
- crackers (small boxes)
- large print word search/crossword with pens
- cash/grocery store gift cards

These items are not to be wrapped. Deadline for bringing in donations is December 4th.

Christmas Bureau

There will be a box by the office to collect toys for the Christmas Bureau.

Ornament Raffle

The Ornament Raffle begins Monday, December 4th! Proceeds of this fundraiser will be used towards our Christmas Hamper Program which supplies food, gifts/gift certificates for children in the family to families in our school who are in need during the Christmas season.

Draws are made daily throughout the month of December. Students may purchase tickets beginning the week of November 27. Tickets are 1 for \$.25 or 6 for \$1.00. All tickets are placed in the draw bin at the office. Each day, 10 student names are drawn and these students are called to the office to select an ornament to take home from our office Christmas tree. The first draw is Monday, December 4th.

Donations of fun, children Christmas tree ornaments are always appreciated! If you have some, please send them to school with your child.

Lifetouch Studio Retakes

Lifetouch has created a studio retake day on November 24th for any students or staff who weren't able to have their picture taken on picture/retake days. Studio retakes are at Clearview Meadows Community Centre, 93 Cornett. Please arrive 15 mins prior to your scheduled time. Please see this [link](#) for booking. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Sheena at sheena.gusnowsky@lifetouch.com or at 780-437-2431.

Don't forget to order this year's school pictures. Enjoy 10% off your order!

CODE: F23100FF

Expires: May 1, 2024

Redeem Now

School Fees

First notices have been sent out by email. Please check your email inbox and/or spam mail. Fees need to be paid ASAP!

Payments can be made as follows:

- RYCOR Online Payments can be accessed on PowerSchool
- by cash at the school office
- or by cheque made payable to RDCRS.

Fees are as follows:

Gr 5 Band Fee - \$10

Gr 6-9 Option Fee - \$25

Gr K-9 Transportation Fee - \$300/year if less than 1.6 km

Gr K-5 Transportation Fee - \$150/year if between 1.6 km - 2.4 km

Gr 6-9 Transportation Fee - \$300/year if between 1.6 km - 2.4 km

Gr K-9 - Use of 2nd bus - \$150/year

Student Information Update Form

To date, we are still missing 209 Student Information Update Forms. Third requests were sent by email on Wednesday, October 18. According to Alberta Education, this is a legal document and is required to be revised every school year. Please check your inbox and/or spam mail and take the time to review your child's form. If you have forgotten your username or need your password reset, please call the office at 403-347-7830. Any changes to address, phone number, email address, etc, need to be made on the Student Information Update Form ASAP.

Voyageur Athletic Program

Volleyball News

The CWAJHAA Championship Tournament for senior teams will be on November 18th.

Basketball News

We are in search of junior and senior girls basketball coaches - M. Capicio and M. Swensrude will be running tryouts. If your child makes the team and you are interested in helping out with this, or know of someone that is, please contact M. Capicio at logan.capicio@rdcrs.ca.

Sr girls basketball tryouts begin Nov 20 & 22 from 3:30-5pm.

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Jr basketball tryouts to be announced.

Please arrange for pickup right at 5 pm.

Please be sure to refer to our Gym Calendar on our website for practice/game times and days.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- [Canada Home Stay](#) - International students needing a home away from home
- [Mini Handball Camp](#) - Nov 9 & 10

Bus Lanes/Parent Parking

Parent/Visitor parking is located in the North-East parking lot. The north lot is for staff ONLY. Please do not park or drop off in the staff parking lot or bus lanes in the south parking lot!

Bus Status App

Bus Status has a new App, just in time for the new school year! Ensure you download the new App from the App Store or Google Play Store and select your preferences before September 29 to continue to receive notifications.

The new App has improved speed and reliability. It will look and function the same as the current Bus Status app.

The Bus Status app currently installed on your phone will not update automatically to the new version of the app. You must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app to

receive notifications after September 29.

Don't know how to download the app? Step-by-Step Instructions can be found [here](#)!

Cafeteria News

Our cafeteria is open for breakfast and at lunch time. Through this venue, a hot lunch program, for all students, is available.

Our school offers online ordering for the cafeteria. Families need to re-register if returning from last year. All credits from last year are saved. Be sure to use the same email address to register as last year and the credits will automatically be applied to your account. And new families can register online. The link for cafeteria online ordering is: camille.hotlunches.net. Access Code = ECJL

Red Deer Child Care

Did you know that Red Deer Child Care offers a quality Out of School Care Program for your child right here at Camille J. Lerouge School? The program is subsidy eligible and fees include care on PD days as well as Christmas, winter and spring breaks. Our educators are inspired by a curriculum that views children as strong, capable, and resourceful learners. Everyday experiences are used as the main source for curriculum meaning making. For more information, please contact Jessie at: 403-347-7973 x113 or jcollings@reddeerchildcare.ca.

Upcoming Events for 2023/24

Please see the [attached](#) for this year's school events.

Weather

With the wet and cold weather, we remind our students to dress for the weather. All students will be outside for all recess breaks unless it is pouring out or the weather is colder than -25 degrees with the wind chill, according to Environment Canada.



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