

Ecole Camille J. Lerouge

Weekly Voyageur News - Dec 18-22



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

December 18, Day 3

Red & Green Day

5:30-7:30pm - Christmas Market - Learning Commons (cash only)

6pm - K-2 Advent Concert - Gym



December 19, Day 4

Christmas Socks Day

5:30-7:30pm - Christmas Market - Learning Commons (cash only)

6pm - Gr 3-5 Advent Concert - Gym

December 20, Day 5

Christmas Hat Day

December 21, Day 6

Ugly Sweater Day

2:30 pm - Advent Celebration - Gym

5pm - Parents Night Out - Pajama Party

December 22, Day 1

Pajama Day/Réveillon Day

Mon/Wed Kinder Class in

Gr 5C to Food Bank

Christmas Break

Dec 23 - Jan 7

Upcoming Events at Camille:

January 8 - First day back after Christmas Break

January 9 - Epiphany Celebration - Sacred Heart

January 11 - Ski/Snowboard Club starts!

January 12 - First Friday Coffee

Food Bank Advent Calendar

The Food Bank shelves are empty and there is an increase in people needing support. On Monday, November 27, we began collecting food for the Food Bank and one of the Grade 5s will be delivering to the Food Bank every Friday until the Christmas break. Items we are collecting are on our Food Bank Advent [Calendar](#). Thank you for your support!

Christmas Bureau

We are once again collecting toys for the Christmas Bureau. Please do not wrap these toys. The Christmas Bureau box is located by the office. The deadline is **December 15**.

Christmas Market

Come and check out Camille's Christmas Market in our Learning Commons while attending the elementary Advent concerts on the evenings of Mon, Dec 18 and Tues, Dec 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Treats, decor, crafts and snacks for sale - all handmade by our middle school students.

The Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

The [Knights of Columbus Poster Contest](#) is open to all Catholic Elementary schools located in the City of Red Deer. Posters to be completed in color on white paper either 8.5" by 14" or 11" by 17". Student's name, grade(combined grades must be specific) and classroom should be clearly printed on the bottom of the poster and the school name on the back of the poster so that the posters can

be returned to the appropriate school and classroom. Entries will be judged based on Christian message, content, originality, and artistic composition/talent. This year there are five separate categories: grade 1, grade 2, grade 3, grade 4, and grade 5. Teachers from each participating class are to select the two best entries from their class for final judging, and based on potential health restrictions, only these two should be submitted. Teachers will keep the rest for display at school, as we will only be displaying the three winning posters for each grade at St. Mary's Church over the Christmas season. Prizes of first, second, and third will be awarded in each of the categories. The prizes will be dropped off at the Schools for presentation the week of December 18 – 22.

Ornament Raffle

The Ornament Raffle began on 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 from their teacher. 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. To date, we have raised **\$637!!!**

Thank you so much for the many donated fun Christmas tree ornaments!

School Fees

Second notices will be sent out by email soon. 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

Schoology

Please see this [link](#) for schoology info on registering, accessing, notifications and what you can see in Schoology.

Ski Club

Our Middle School Ski Club will be running as of Thursday, January 11th. Middle School Ski Club forms and money are due December 15th. Forms can be found online on PowerSchool under Forms and Fees. Follow these steps to fill out the form:

- Go to camilleschool.ca

- Sign in using your PowerSchool username and password
- Click on this link 'School Fees and Forms' located on the left hand side
- Click on 'Ski/Snowboard Form' and fill out this form

Voyageur Athletic Program

Basketball News

Basketball is in full swing with five competitive teams and one development girls team. The jr girls development team does not pay, but will receive warm up t-shirts and games will be organized near the end of the season with other schools.

Please make sure to complete the contract online and payment for basketball can be done on Rycor

if your child is on a competitive team:

- Sr Boys
- Sr Girls
- Jr Boys 1 & 2
- Jr Girls

A physical jersey deposit cash/cheque of \$150 payable to RDCRS will need to be handed in to your head coach before playing. These will be returned after the jerseys are brought back, washed and in good condition. Otherwise, we will need to keep the deposit to pay for a replacement.

If your child is interested in scorekeeping games for religion or volunteer hours, please see M. Capicio or let me know. Games begin at 4pm and end around 5pm. Please organize pickup at 5pm.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

- [Ways to Build Assets During the Holidays](#)
- Youth Engagement [Survey](#), Win Gift Certificates
- [Canada Home Stay](#) - International students needing a home away from home
- [Wellness Exchange Free Workshops](#) - Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 and 5

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

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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