

JANUARY 6, 2025

ÉCOLE CAMILLE J. LEROUGE SCHOOL NEWS

INSPIRÉ PAR DIEU DANS UNE AVENTURE À DÉCOUVRIR, GRANDIR ET SERVIR.
INSPIRED BY CHRIST ON A JOURNEY TO ENCOUNTER, NURTURE & SERVE.

DATES TO WATCH...

JANUARY 6

EPHIPANY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 7-9

AHS ORAL HEALTH K-2

JANUARY 10

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE

JANUARY 15

NEW KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION NIGHT

JANUARY 16

SKI CLUB

JANUARY 20

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 20-24

ELEMENTARY AWARDS

POUND IT HIP HOP LESSONS

JANUARY 30

CAMILLE SPIRIT DAY

JANUARY 31

PD DAY - NO SCHOOL



Principal's Message

As we begin a new year we begin with a reflection of gratitude...

We think of how grateful we are to have a strong School Council who helps to organize events and parent connections within our school and treat our staff.

We are grateful for our teachers and staff who prepared your child for a beautiful Advent Concert.

We are grateful to our dedicated band teacher Mr. Mann, Mme Topley & M. Pelletier who led over 120 students in a fabulous Christmas band concert and choir performances.

We are grateful to our coaching staff (both school and community) who closed out volleyball and are already well into the basketball season.

We are grateful to our parish of Sacred Heart who welcomed us in to celebrate our Advent mass.

We are grateful to our middle school teaching staff for celebrating French culture during December with many different authentic learning experiences.

And finally we are grateful for you, our parent community who supported our staff with volunteering, words of kindness, gifts and prayers during the Advent season.



ECJL FOUR PILLARS

We are faith filled
We are a French speaking community
We are connected
And we value learning

Important Information

LIVING OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Once again our school community rose to the call to help those in need. We did an amazing job supporting the Giving Tree campaign, Gifts for Grandparents, our ornament raffle and the candy grams which supported our own school community with food and gifts. Our middle school faith leaders and students hosted two evenings of babysitting in December to provide parents a small reprieve in the busy season and our staff took on an evening of volunteer service at the Ronald McDonald House. As a school community we are amazing when we come together to live out our faith team of Encountering Jesus on a journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.

FRENCH CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

One of the unique things about being a single track French Immersion school is the ability to provide French cultural experiences to the entire school community. In December we celebrated Réveillon, shared in a feast of Tourtière and looked into our stockings for candy or coal in the celebration of St. Nicholas. In January we invite Pound It Hip Hop dance studio to work with all of our students in PE classes. What is unique about this opportunity is that the owner of the studio is a graduate of RDCRS and the French Immersion program so all instruction will be done in French. We also celebrate Epiphany and a French tradition of gâteau des rois or Kings Cake. Our cafeteria has prepared a small treat for each student with students having the opportunity to be the recipient of a gold coin and a crown to celebrate Epiphany.

PARENT SURVEYS & FEEDBACK

We are asking for your help! Please take 5-6 minutes to complete a survey on how we are doing as a school community. The government of Alberta sends a survey to all parents with children in Grades 4 & 7 but we sometimes don't get enough data to help us make informed decisions about changes we can make at ECJL. This is the first year we are asking for our parents in Grades 5, 8 & 9 to also complete a similar short survey to help us celebrate what we do well and continue to improve! **This survey will be emailed out this week.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for our 2025-2026 school year. Please visit our website for more information.

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

We currently have a return rate of 89% in our student update form. These forms are mandated by the government and need to be completed each year, even if there are no changes to your home address. These forms are in PowerSchool.

SPORTS & ATHLETICS

We are fortunate to have many dedicated coaches both on our staff and in our community who offer their time and energy to help our student athletes. These folks show up for early morning practices, give up their weekends for tournaments and stay after the bell to run practices and work with our kids. We would like to acknowledge the following people who have all contributed to the sports & athletics programs since the beginning of the year:

M. Corbiere
M. Swensrude
Mme Lantagne
Mr. Adams
Mme Topley
Mme Ayotte
Ms. Koch
Mr. Harper
Mrs. Stephenson
Mme Letaba
Mme Mantle
Mme Gordineer
Mr. Pottage
M. Capicio
Mme Bouchard
M. Pelletier
Mr. Grantham
Coach Emmanuel
Mme Meadows
Mme Campbell
Coach Davin
Mme Corbiere
Mme Pottage
Mrs. Cunningham



