

St. Gerard School Newsletter



What a year we have had this year! One filled with smiles and happy memories. We have been so thankful to work with such wonderful families, staff members and students. Thank you for the partnership between home and school that flourishes as well as grows with each encounter.

We were able to welcome back our community members and parents into the school this year and celebrate wonderful events such as Curriculum/Meet the staff night, Christmas Family Fun Night, mass at St. Alphonsus Parish, the Spring Concert as well as our year end farewell and year end mass, which we hope you will be able to join us for. We also brought back field trips thanks to our School Council.

We say goodbye to our grade 6s as well as many members of our school council. We would like to thank the members of our council for their support for the school and community. Through this council we were able to add technology and resources to support our students. We thank you for your dedication to the St. Gerard family and for your years of service. Thank you to: Amanda Peters for being our Chairperson and Vice Chair, and to Carly Dinan as treasurer for your service on our school council. We also thank our current members for next year, Steve Toporowsky, Marc Johnson and Vivian Houg and our members at large, Chizobam Iwe, Samantha Lainez and Salem Ruusom. Due to the graduation of our members, we are seeking some new members for our council for the upcoming year. We are looking for a secretary and other members. Please let Mrs. Guenther know, as we will not be able to have a council without members, so we are really in need of people to volunteer.

Our students showed their leadership and caring skills through assisting several organizations and social justice projects. Our leadership team did several events throughout the school year including theme days, cultural events and several whole school activities.

Our Year end/ Grade 6 farewell is this month. June 9th and June 19th.

As the academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, trust, and partnership throughout

your time at our school. It has been an incredible privilege to work alongside you in nurturing and educating your children, and now, as they move on to new horizons, I want to bid you a heartfelt farewell.

On behalf of the entire school community, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your partnership, your dedication, and your unwavering commitment to your children's education. It has been an honor to serve as your principal, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of your child's educational journey.

We hope that each of our students and families enjoys a restful and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone return on September 5!!

Bus Passes

The bus passes are now your child's bus pass for as long as they use the bus, including next year. There will not be new bus passes administered for next year. If your child loses the bus pass, they must purchase a new one. For this reason, we will hold onto the bus passes for next year for grades K-5 on June 27. In September, we will give them back their bus pass. If your child is in grade 6 or changes schools, they will keep the bus pass for their new school. **For those students who are currently on the bus, you will be automatically rolled over to next year. You will not have to pay for bus passes for next year.**

School Supplies for Next Year

2023-2024 Supply Lists- You may order through School Start for convenience, or simply take the list to the store and buy the supplies yourself for next year. We encourage students to keep supplies that are in good condition for next year so that you do not need to purchase all new supplies.

<https://www.ecsd.net/8022/page/4958/school-supply-lists-and-school-start-order-information>

2023-2024 School Year Staffing News

Although staffing is not yet completed, we are happy to welcome back Mrs. Royer, Mrs. Boisvert, Mr. Zenari, Mrs. Poruchnek, Mrs. Pleasant, Mrs. Bowers-O'Neill and Mrs. Houle. We will determine other staffing in our next staffing cycle.

Summer Camp

MAJOR Summer Camp Update: Free Camps and Paid Camps!!!

We are offering two types of summer camps this year and there's still spots open in both. These are week-long camps running from July 3 to August 18th.

Camp # 1- Free Camps

Our Free to Play camps are open for families in need. They are hosted at the Edmonton East Soccer Centre (12720 Victoria Trail NW). We only ask for \$10 to hold your spot. These camps are reserved for kids currently in our Free to Play elementary program and your child MUST be attending one of our partner elementary schools.

Camp # 2 - Start to Play Camps

Start to Play camps are held at community leagues and cost \$250 per child (save for the August 8-11 week, which costs \$200 as Monday is a holiday). We do not make a profit from these camps. 100% of the funds cover camp costs and help a child in need attend Free to Play, our free after-school program. Essentially, two kids play for the price of one!

For more information on our summer camps, as well as registration links, click [HERE >>>](https://freeplayforkids.com/camps)
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School Council

We again want to thank our past members for all their service over the year to our school council and thank our current members as well. Please consider joining our council for next year. Our council funds field trips, technology, fun days and school resources as well as all field trips. We would not have the resources to do what our council does.

Grade Six Farewell and year end Celebration

Our Year End Celebration will be on June 9 at St. Alphonsus Parish at 10:00 am. Our Grade Six and school farewell will be on June 19 at 9:00 am at St. Gerard School.



Did Your Child Receive a Sacrament This Year?

Did your child receive a sacrament this year ? **Please inform Mrs. Guenther nadine.patelguenther@ecsd.net of when the sacrament was received, which Church and the date.** We will update the information in PowerSchool as well as acknowledge the students at the year-end celebration. If you have not done so already.

Grade 6 PATs

Students in grade six will be writing Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) in June. Please ensure that your child is ready through proper preparation, study and sufficient rest. Students do better on tests when they are well-rested and have a nutritious breakfast before writing exams. The students will be assessed on the entire year's learning. It is essential that they use the review material provided to them to assist in preparation. Below are June PAT dates:

Tuesday, June 20 - English Language Arts Part B

Thursday, June 22: Math Part A

Friday, June 23: Math Part B

Monday, June 26: Social

Tuesday, June 27: Science

Thank You Lunch and Office Monitors!

On behalf of St. Gerard elementary students and staff, we would like to thank all the Grade 6 and the newly trained grade 5 students who offered their time to monitor classrooms every day at lunch as well as the office. Thank you for doing an EXCELLENT JOB! Thank you to Mrs. Houle and Mrs. Pleasant for coordinating the lunch monitors again this year.

Fun Day

Yippee! June is here and you know what that means... FUN DAY! Please mark Wednesday, June 21 on your calendar. Please remember to dress your child for the weather as we will be outside for most of the day.

Final Progress Report

Final progress reports for students in all grades will be available online at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 27, which is the second last day of school. Progress reports will not be available prior to this time but progress is always ongoing through PowerSchool.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Numero Gr 3 Fort Edmonton Gr 5 Strathcona Wild Gr 3	3
4	5 Swim- Grades 1-3	6	7 Swim- Grades 1-3	8	9 Year end Mass at St. Alphonsus St. John's	10
11	12 Swim- Grades 1-3	13	14 Swim- Grades 1-3	15	16 Wacky Hair Day	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19 Grade 6 and whole school Farewell at 9:00 in School Gym	20 ELAB PAT gr 6 Fort Edmonton Gr 4&5	21 Whole School Fun Day National Indigenous People's Day	22 PAT Math	23 PAT Math	24
25	26 PAT SS	27 PAT Science Last day of School. Dismiss at 2:37. Report cards go live	28 No School School resumes September 5, 2023 	29	30	

[Link to Superintendent Newsletter](#)



Get ready for Summer Starts at EPL 2023 – Check This Out!

Join us for a summer of reading, fun and interactive classes and performances from Saturday, June 24th to Saturday, August 26th at all EPL locations!

Meet our performers: Enjoy balloon twisting with [Demmi Dupri](#), watch a magic show with [Kent Wong](#) or head to the circus with the [Great Balanzo](#)! West Edmonton Mall is back with a [reptile meet-and-greet](#), take a [yoga class](#) and attend a [pirate theatre performance](#), or listen to the musical stylings of [Beth Portman](#) and [Zach Willier](#)!

Check out our [great classes](#): Bust out some moves at our Old MacDonald dance party, code a video game, learn embroidery or paint your own pet rock! Learn about extremely gross animals, make bubbles and craft your own musical instrument at the library.

Children can visit any library location on or after June 24th to pick up their registration package and begin reading for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Visit <https://www.epl.ca/summer-starts/> for more details.