

St. Francis of Assisi Middle School

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



As October has come and passed, we are moving into a busy November! With November comes important events such as Parent Teacher Conferences, Remembrance Day and the end of term 1. October was a month of expressing gratitude and we are thankful for our parent community ...

KUDOS - Gratitude

- **SCHOOL FEES** Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who have paid their school fees, **82% have submitted payment!** We greatly appreciate families paying fees early; this is assisting us with school budget planning.
- **STUDENT UPDATE FORMS** Thank you to all the families who have completed & submitted their Student Update Forms - **we are now at 75% completion!**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - November 6 & 7: Sign up now on our website: [LINK](#)

SIGN UP: It is not too late to sign up for a conference time slot or the open house. If you would like to come in and see your child's teacher informally the Open House is Thursday, November 7 evening from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

You are invited to come and meet with your child's teacher on the evenings of November 6th or 7th. The sign-up [link](#) is now live. Our hope in conducting effective parent-teacher conferences is to boost family involvement in our classrooms and help promote positive outcomes for students, teachers, and our school.

FAMILY SUPPORT COUNSELLING: Our Family Support Counsellor, Keitlyn Williams, will be in the gathering area on Thursday evening during our PT Conferences. Our program offers social, emotional, and mental wellness support for students and their families through individual and group support, community referrals, and assistance in navigating systems.

WOLVES GEAR: We will be having Wolves Gear on display to check for sizes. All ordering will be done online through your Rycor account.

SCHOOLGY

Thank you for registering for your Schoology accounts and taking the time to check your child's progress. As Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov. 6 & 7) are right around the corner and the end of term 1 approaches (Nov. 28th) please be sure to check progress in your child's various subjects prior to attending the conference with your child.

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ATTENDANCE - thank you for placing importance on school attendance

Did you know? We have an attendance line email address. Instead of calling the school, you can email your student(s) attendance to stfattendance@rdcrs.ca.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

END OF TERM 1 - quickly approaching

A quick reminder that the end of Term 1 is coming up soon! The last day of term is November 28, so please make sure all assignments are submitted by Monday, November 25, to give teachers time to assess and record them. Thank you for checking Schoology and encouraging our students to get their work in on time!

LIVING OUR FAITH IN ACTION - thank you in advance for your support!

GIVING TREE: St. Francis of Assisi School is proud to be partnering with Catholic Social Services' **Giving Tree** campaign again this year!

- **How it Works:** Families in need of support this Christmas can apply directly through Catholic Social Service or through your school's Family School Enhancement Counsellor. Again, this year gift cards will be collected.

Tags can be found on the Christmas tree in our gathering area starting at our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov. 6 & 7) and will remain available throughout the school day until they are gone.

The TAGS are \$25 or \$50 gift cards from Walmart. Please return your gift card back to the school office by December 6, 2024.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY - November 7th

On Thursday, November 7 we celebrate our Remembrance Liturgy, in the gym, being led by 6-5 students and staff. This will happen from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

WAY OF THE WOLF (WOTF) STUDENT RECOGNITION- Be Loving!

St. Francis of Assisi Middle School is a Christ-centered learning environment whose members are called to Be Loving, Be Joyful, Be Humble and Be Forgiving. These four pillars are the foundation we build upon as our students transition throughout our school and guide them in years to come. We ask that students strive to...BE Loving, BE Joyful, BE Humble and BE Forgiving.

Staff are encouraged to nominate students who have demonstrated being **Loving!** in the month of November. Nominated students will come down to the gathering area to try their chances on the spinning wheel.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. - John 15:12

COMMUNICATION - Teachers & School administration

If you have questions please reach out to your child's teachers. Teachers look forward to meeting parents/guardians in person at our November Parent-Teacher Conferences.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Ready, Set, Go!

- Thank you to the parents who attended our October 21st meeting.
- School administration shared their Principals Report [LINK](#) and asked for feedback from parents in regards to garnering more parental involvement in the school. Attending the meetings provides an opportunity for parents to provide feedback in areas that the school administration is seeking.
- Our next meeting will be Monday, January 13 @ 7:00 PM

GENERAL INFORMATION - Division Calendar

School Division calendars for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please click [here](#).

PARENT QUICK LINKS -

- [PowerSchool/School Engage](#) - [LINK](#)
- [Schoology](#) - [LINK](#)
- [Rycor - school fees](#) [LINK](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION - School Hours / Student Entry

- [Office Hours](#) - open 8:00 - 4:00 pm on school days
- [Bell Schedule](#) -
 - First block starts @ 8:50 AM
 - Lunch 11:39 - 12:39 PM
 - Last block ends @ 3:15 PM
- [Student Entry/Exit](#)- As in previous years, we will continue the practice of having students enter and exit from their respective grade doors. We found that this practice made for safe and smooth transitions for our students in the mornings and afternoons.
 - [Grade Level Entry/Exit Doors Link](#)
 - Student Doors - Open at 8:30 a.m.

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RYCOR - School Fees DUE NOW

St. Francis of Assisi Middle Mandatory School Fees are now due.

- **CTF/Options Fee - \$25** This fee supports the delivery of Option Classes for all grade levels
- **PAC (Parent Council) Fee - \$35** This fee supports year-end field trips, etc. for all grade levels
- **Grade 9 Farewell Fee - \$10** (Grade 9 students only) This fee supports the celebration of our graduating Grade 9 students

How do I use RYCOR Online Payments?

1. Visit our school's website
2. Click on the "Quick Links" tab to access PowerSchool.
3. Sign in using your PowerSchool Username and Password. If you have forgotten either/or, click the link "Forgot username password?" and follow the instructions or contact the school office for assistance.
4. Click on the link, 'School Fees and Forms', on the left side.
5. Please follow the instructions provided on the screen when you are taken to RYCOR.

If you have questions, please contact the school's financial secretary.

*RYCOR can only be accessed via PC/Tablet, the program does not work using the PowerSchool App

POWERSCHOOL - Student Update Forms PAST DUE

- Thank you to those parents who have completed and submitted their Student Update Forms.
- Student Update Forms are a requirement from Alberta Education and are mandatory to submit, even if you have no changes. Forms are now accessible in PowerSchool.
 - **These forms were DUE SEPTEMBER 30th.**
 - Please log in to your account to update your records. Even if you have NO CHANGES a form must be submitted.
- Once you have set up your account, remember to save your username and password.
- Don't hesitate to contact the school if you have difficulty accessing the parent portal.
- The PowerSchool site is accessed at: <https://www.stfrancisschool.ca/parents-students/powerschool>

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendars

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| ● November 1 | All Saint's Day | ● November 11 | NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day |
| ● November 2 | All Soul's Day | ● November 13-17 | Alberta Safe and Caring Week |
| ● November 3 | Daylight Savings | ● November 13 | World Kindness Day |
| ● November 6 | Picture Retakes | ● November 13 | Wear your cardigan |
| ● November 6/7 | Parent Teacher Conferences | ● November 15 | Rock Your Mocs Day |
| ● November 8 | NO SCHOOL - Lieu Day | ● November 29 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD |

We thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions on how to enhance our school community.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rori-Lynn Daniel - Principal

Mr. Kelly Jacobson - Vice Principal

Mrs. Kathleen Robinson - Vice Principal

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