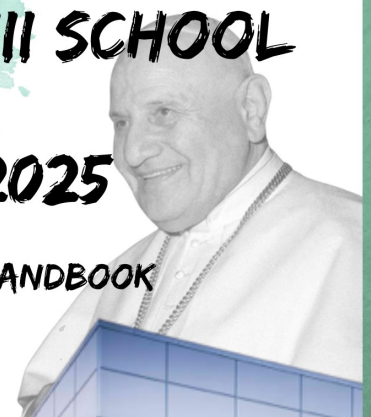




WELCOME TO ÉCOLE ST. JOHN XXIII SCHOOL

2024-2025

REGISTRATION HANDBOOK



 www.stjohnxxiii.ecsd.net

 [stjohn_xxiii](https://www.instagram.com/stjohn_xxiii)

ADMINISTRATORS MESSAGE

Welcome to École St. John XXIII School. We are excited with the opening of our school and look forward to the 2023-2024 school year. Our hope is that you have a successful year growing spiritually, academically, and physically.

At École St. John XXIII School, we aspire to have our students succeed in every aspect of their learning. We prepare our students for achieving their own successes and beyond by asking them to consider. How will you change the world today? By considering this question, students continually examine the impact their learning and actions have on themselves, others, and the world. St. John XXIII was an inspiration to every person he encountered. Using Saint John as our role model and mentor, we hope to shape our students.

We have a strong social justice focus in our school, and students are encouraged to take an active role in making the world a better place just as their mentor St. John XXIII. This role varies from charitable donations, working to educate others, or empowering each other to make a difference. Students may participate in a variety of social justice activities throughout the year in their core classes, religion classes or extracurricular events.

St. John XXIII encouraged us not to concern ourselves with our failures but rather with what is still possible for us to accomplish. Please help me to remember that with you all things are possible.



École ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Elementary/
Junior High School



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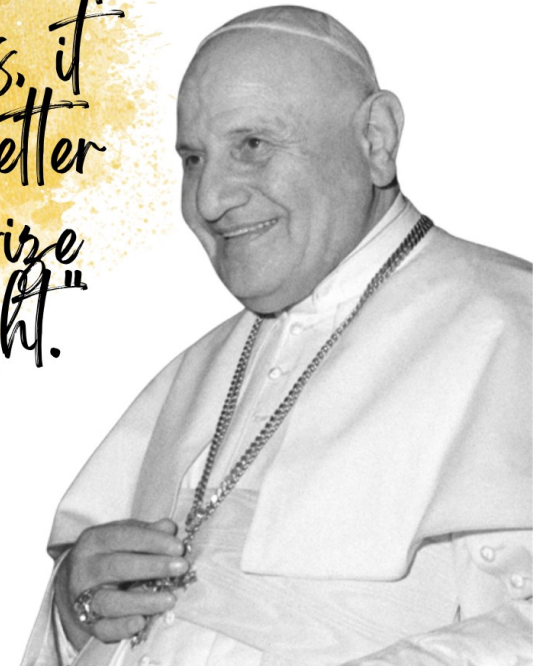
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We welcome each child with open arms to embrace the St. Johns' spirit and be HERO. St. John is your school, let's create the environment of consistently being your best and working to your fullest potential.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Michael Kovacs
Principal

"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light."



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & OTHER

School Activities

All City Band
Band Concerts
Band Camp
Carnaval Week
Celebration Choir
Elementary Concert
Elementary Fun Day
Journal Games Team
Elementary Running Club
Family Dance
Franco-Fun Day
Grade Seven Orientation
Junior High Open Gym
Leadership Day
School Celebrations
Ski Trips (Rabbit Hill-Jasper)
Social Justice Initiatives
We Day Team
Christmas Carnival
Theme Days
Valentine's Day Formal Dance
And so much more!

Other

Wireless Network
Chromebooks
iPads
35 Station Computer lab
Apple TV and Apps
Smart Technology
2 Science Labs
Foods Lab
Art Studio
Drama Room
2 Music Rooms
Construction Lab
Learning Common
etc.



Foods

Students will build on skills learned in the previous grades. These include simple food preparation to more complex food planning and preparation. In grade nine, cultural foods are examined, and nutrition is an integral part of their food planning.



Instrumental Music Grade 6-9

Students will learn to play a wind or brass instrument while performing different styles of music. Public performances occur throughout the year. Public performances occur two times a year.



Career & Technology Foundations (CTF)

Our students spend a significant amount of time in the online environment every day for both personal and academic reasons. We want our students to navigate safely and ethically in the digital world to prepare them for job opportunities and success in the global economy. They will be given opportunities to explore areas of interest and passions as they attempt using various media, audio, and video production.

French as a Second Language

Students will study French as a Second Language, according to the Alberta Curriculum. Students who continue through the three years of junior high French will have the opportunity to go into an advanced class in high school. Focus is on both the spoken language as well as writing/grammar.

Drama

Students will be actively involved in a variety of projects and assignments that would include creative movement, mime, stage fighting, choral speech, improvisation, theatre sports, puppetry, film, reader's theatre, scripted work audition pieces, and video and stage productions. This is a performance-based class where the students will be expected to perform in front of audiences.



LANGUAGE PROGRAM & ATHLETICS Programs

Full French Immersion Program Kindergarten to Grade 9
English Kindergarten to Grade 9
Half Day kindergarten 4 days

Inter-School Athletics

Girls Volleyball Teams-Jr-Sr
Boys Volleyball Teams-Jr-Sr
Girls Basketball Teams-Jr-Sr
Boys Basketball Teams-Jr-Sr
Flag Football Teams
J.H. Track & Field-Jr-In-Sr
Girls Soccer Team-Sr
Boys Soccer Team-Sr
Badminton Teams-Jr-In-Sr
Journal Games
Running Team
Intramural Program

General School Information

Grades 7 - 9 Instructional Times (Planned)

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.

Thursdays Only

Bell Rings 7:50

Locker 8:09 - 8:15

Break

Block 1 8:15 - 9:10

Block 2 9:13 - 10:05

Block 3 10:10 - 11:05

Block 4 11:08 - 12:04

LUNCH 12:04 - 12:42

Block 5 12:46 - 1:44

Block 6 1:47 - 2:41

Bell Rings 7:50

Locker 8:09 - 8:15

Break

Block 1 8:15 - 8:57

Block 2 9:00 - 9:40

Block 3 9:45 - 10:25

Block 4 10:28 - 11:12

Block 5 11:15 - 12:00

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

École St. John XXIII School is a faith filled Christ centered community that achieves excellence by fostering honesty, responsibility, and originality.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to foster the development of respectful and compassionate citizens, resilient and innovative thinkers, engaged and independent lifelong learners, who take responsibility for their learning. To achieve this, all our student's opportunities to excel in many areas that include:

Academics

Athletics

Fine Arts (music, art, drama)

Career and Technology Foundations (CTF)

Complimentary Courses

Art and Design

Art classes give students the opportunity to do many creative projects and work with different types of media. Projects and media include sketching, mark making, abstracts, portraits, pastels, watercolors, wire sculptures, clay work, and collages. Students will also be given the opportunity to design furniture and learn about fashion!



Construction and Design

Students will develop skills in using common hand tools and machines to design and construct basic woodworking and glass projects. Emphasis is placed on woodworking, but students will also build their own projects. Students will be introduced to new machines and techniques with an emphasis placed on construction of more difficult projects.



Recreational Leadership

Students will explore the different aspects of leadership with a focus on sports and active living. There will be many opportunities to go out and do fieldwork as well as have guest speakers.

Athletics Program

We offer a complete athletics program to our Junior High students. We have teams for both boys and girls. We offer senior and junior teams for Volleyball and Basketball. Other teams that we offer at St. John XXIII include Cross Country Running, Soccer, Badminton, Flag Football, Track and Field. In the Physical Education classes, we also expose our students to a variety of unique sports such as wheelchair basketball and Omnikin ball.



Technology

Leadership

Dual Track French Immersion Programming

Catholic Based Environment

Cross Train Religion Program

At École St. John XXIII School our students are taught to be responsible learners through best practices whereby they are **ready to learn** and **ready for school**.

Ready to learn

- a variety of strategies supporting various learning styles
- fostering an understanding of the content objectives
- marks are ongoing and are cumulative based on the outcomes explored
- higher order thinking skills across all grade levels
- help to develop critical thinking skills.

Ready for school

- Regular and punctual attendance for school
- Tutorials for subject specific classes; peer tutoring
- PowerSchool
- Google Classroom
- Family School Liaison Worker (social worker)
- Emotional Behavioral Support Counsellor
- Closed campus

School Programs Offered

At École St. John XXIII School we offer a dual track French Immersion Program from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Our French Immersion students are taught by teachers who are training in the Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DELF) certificates program which is offered in partnership with the Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques, in France and the French Embassy in Canada. This specialized training allows St. John XXIII to offer a French Immersion Program run by highly specialized teachers who possess a deep understanding of French Language acquisition skills.

The Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DELF):

- is consistent with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- allows learners to measure their level of achievement at a specific level of competency versus all student worldwide studying the same language.
- gives learners greater possibilities to further their mastery of a second language on a lifelong basis.

Benefits of Learning a Second Language

French is a worldwide language whereby more than 220 million people speak French on five continents. French is a major language of international communication. It is the second most widely learned language after English and the sixth most widely spoken language in the world. French is also the second mostly widely taught language after

STJ Pride

The focus of this L.I.F.E. group is to provide students that are struggling with their identity or sexual orientation a safe place to discuss their experiences and receive support.

HERO Week

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We have a vision and mission statement that reflects the core values we hope to develop in all students at École St. John XXIII. The statements also included references to our HERO theme that the students understand and can relate to. Each year we start the year by celebrating "HERO Week" where we re-examine the values of École St. John and what it means to be a HERO. Our culminating pep rally, where each member of our community receives the new version of our "HERO Shirt" is one of the highlights of the year!



Track and Field Olympics

In May, we have the Olympics whereby each class is designated a country for track and field. On the school track and field day, the students get points for participating and placing at the events.



Tour Bands 7, 8 and 9

Instrumental bands are an integral part of our complimentary programs. We have had instrumental bands as part of option courses for students since the opening of the school. Students in the band program are also able to attend an out of town two- day trip each year.



Social Justice Activities

Throughout the year, students participate in several Social Justice Projects. Some of the projects are Terry Fox Run, École St. John Elves at Christmas, Hope Mission, Sports Central, Food Drives and many more. Junior high students take extra pride in the École St. John XXIII Elves during the Christmas season, as they make special gift boxes for a student in a less fortunate neighborhood, and they deliver them in person while making meaningful interactions with the children who receive the gifts. It's a wonderful example of how École St. John XXIII students make a difference.



English being taught on every continent. There are many cognitive benefits of learning languages which are undeniable. People who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical thinking skills, enhanced concentration, ability to multitask, and better listening skills. Language learning is complex. Speaking or learning a foreign language gives your brain a good workout. It's good brain exercise that makes the brain stronger. Being bilingual can have a profound effect on your brain, improving cognitive skills not related to language with information indicating that it shields against dementia. Business skills plus foreign language skills make an employee more valuable in the marketplace. Dealing with another culture enables people to gain a more profound understanding of their own culture. Foreign languages provide a competitive edge in career choices: being able to communicate in a second language and understand the culture. Whatever your industry and occupation learning, French can improve your ability to communicate with clients, vendors, and employees.

Benefits of Music Education

At École St. John XXIII School we want our students to explore a variety of opportunities which include the music program. Nearly everyone enjoys music whether by listening, singing, or playing an instrument. Music is a subject that enriches a students' life and education as it offers many benefits that we are unaware of. Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas.

- Students who have early musical training will develop areas of the brain related to language and reasoning. The left side of the brain is better developed with music, and songs can help imprint information on young minds.
- Even when performing with sheet music, student musicians are constantly using their memory to perform.
- Students who practice with musical instruments can improve their hand-eye coordination, just like playing sports, children can develop motor skills when playing music.
- Students learn pattern recognition for math and pattern-recognition skills
- It has shown to improve academic skills, physical skills, cultivate social skills, refine discipline and patience.
- Students show improved language development, increased IQ as the brain must engage multiple senses to learn music.

Activities

All students are encouraged to become involved in the numerous activities at the school. We have responsible tutorials and areas for students to sit and work on homework with teachers to support the learning if need be.

Carnaval

We are a dual track French Immersion Program and enjoy celebrating French Culture. Each year we celebrate Carnaval with all our students enjoying many activities including Bonhomme carnival, traditional food, dance, and the Maple Shack.



Drama Production

Interested in acting, being part of a play, designing and theater productions. Theater experience is not required, bring your enthusiasm and keen interest to participate. Auditions for drama production occur in early spring. You can also be a part of the design and set crew, or costume creator or stage producer.



Improv Team

No experience necessary! Grades 7-9 students are invited to audition. We attend at least one tournament each year, at which our students compete against other schools. This is always a lot of fun and terrific learning experience.

Intramurals

We offer a lunch hour intramural program from October to May, Monday to Friday from 12:24 – 12:44. Intramural activities include floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, and badminton

Homeroom Spirit Intramurals

We have one month whereby all the students must participate in intramurals with their homeroom. Each class creates chants, costumes, themes and plays intramural dodgeball. They receive points for participating and winning the matches.