

Week-at-a-Glance for January 15-19, 2024

Welcome Back Message

Welcome back! We hope you had a joyous and restful Christmas break, filled with laughter, love, and memorable moments with your families. As we embark on a new year, we are excited to continue our journey together, fostering a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

This upcoming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade 3 -Skating Lessons In-class field Trip 1/2B 15	In-class field Trip 2/3B 16	17	18	Kindergarten Eye See, I Learn Presentation In-class field Trip 2C & 2D 19

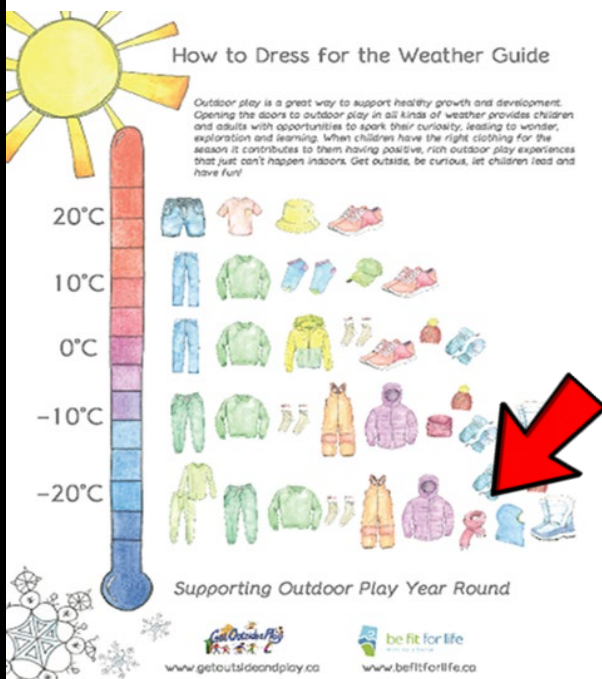
Dressing for the Weather

The health and safety of students is a paramount consideration in the organization of outdoor activities and recess.

1. Decisions regarding outdoor activities are to take into consideration inclement weather that may result from the following conditions or combination of conditions:

- 1.1 Continuous rain,
- 1.2 Extreme wind,
- 1.3 Extreme cold and/or
- 1.4 Air Quality

2. The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside **if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder.**



- Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton can be consulted at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html
- You may also choose to phone Environment Canada at (780) 468-4940 (English) or (780) 495-2145 (French).
- During inclement weather (e.g. temperatures below -20oC with windchill) students will be permitted in the school at **7:50 am**. Indoor supervisors will be assigned to supervise areas inside the school. Outside supervision will still occur.
- Recess will occur indoors during inclement weather. Students will remain in their homeroom classes and schedules may be prepared for classes to access the gym during indoor recess breaks.
- Late arrivals: all students are asked to enter the main doors.
- Students are to re-enter the school at the end of the day if they miss their bus, a sibling forgets to meet the student, etc.

Arriving on Time



We would like to emphasize the critical importance of ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day. Punctuality plays a vital role in your child's academic success and overall well-being. Arriving on time allows students to start their day with a sense of routine and stability, setting a positive tone for learning. It enables them to fully participate in morning activities, announcements, and discussions, ensuring they don't miss crucial information.

Your cooperation in instilling the value of punctuality in your child not only supports their educational journey but also contributes to a positive and organized school environment. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to your child's education.

SAC – CASINO VOLUNTEERS

St. John XXIII is hosting a casino on February 6th and 7th, 2024 at the Grand Villa Casino and we are in need a several volunteers.

This fundraiser contributes approximately \$ 70 000 of funds to the school. These funds provide enriched programming in the school and to help keep costs down for all parents and guardians.

Some examples of how casino funds have been used in the past, and will be used in the future to benefit your children education include

French Carnival activities, whole school presentations and shows such as the Alberta Opera presentations, Elementary music equipment, Christmas Hall rentals, Shrove Tuesday rentals, physical education equipment, enriched art supplies, outdoor basketball hoops, Library books, iPads in all Elementary classrooms, technology Apps and programs, maker space programs, tarmac games painting.

Without casino funds, many of these expenditures will be reduced, eliminated or the costs will need to be passed onto parents. The quality of your child's education will be decreased. Alberta Education has frozen funding for schools in Alberta for the last three years, so inflation is working against schools to maintain these types of supports. With less than 40 spots for the school to fill, each volunteer slot at a casino, results in close to \$ 2000 a person to the school.

We ask everyone...can you give a few hours to donate your time to raise \$ 2000/person for your school?

Please sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E48AEAF2CA3FB6-32502749-stjohn>

Winter Weather Reminders from the Division

An extreme cold warning has been issued for the City of Edmonton and all of Alberta. An update from [Environment Canada](#) forecasts a long period of extremely cold temperatures and wind chills. Extreme cold warnings are issued when very cold temperatures or wind chills create an elevated risk to health, such as frostbite and hypothermia.

Edmonton Catholic Schools has procedures in place for inclement weather.

Yellow Bus Service

Our transportation system has an excellent record for service; however, given the possible extremes of Edmonton weather and the potential for unexpected mechanical difficulties, it is impossible to guarantee buses will run on time or at all. A route can take significantly longer in adverse weather conditions.

If weather delays or cancellations happen, we will notify families as soon as we become aware. You are encouraged to monitor and subscribe to notifications through the [BusPlanner Delays App](#).

Mark Your Calendar

January 22nd – Grade 3 -Skating Lessons (9:30am -11:30 am)
January 24th – Fred Curatolo Presentation – Grade 9 Social Studies
January 26th – Elementary Hot Lunch – EDO Japan
January 29th - Grade 3 -Skating Lessons (9:30am -11:30 am)
January 31st - Last day of Semester 1/Mid-year Summary Reports
February 7th – St. John XXIII Open House
February 8th – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
February 13th – Shrove Tuesday
February 14th – Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day
February 19th – Family Day – NO SCHOOL
February 22nd – St. John XXIII Elementary Volleyball Tournament
February 23rd – Elementary Hot Lunch – Best Bite
February 29th – Teachers' Convention – NO SCHOOL
March 1st – Teachers' Convention – NO SCHOOL
March 4-8 – Carnival Week
March 11-14 – Scholastic Bookfair
March 14th – Demonstration of Learning/Junior High Conferences
March 15th – Hot Lunch
March 18th – Rabbit Hill field trip (7-9)
March 21st – Full Day – dismissal at 2:41 pm
 - Kindergarten Programming
 - Rabbit Hill field trip (4-6)
March 22nd – Early Dismissal @ 12:01 pm

**The events above are subject to possible changes. Please ensure that you verify this section each week.*

Quick links:

St. John XXIII School Website: [click here](#)
St. John XXIII Athletics Information: [click here*](#)

*please note an ECSD account is required to access this page

St John XXIII - Social Media

St. John XXIII Instagram: [@stjohn_xxiii](#)
St. John XXIII Fine Arts Instagram: [@stjohnxxiiifinearts_ecsd](#)
St. John XXIII Athletics Instagram: [@stjohnxxiiiathletics_ecsd](#)

Division Information

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St Thomas More Catholic Parish News

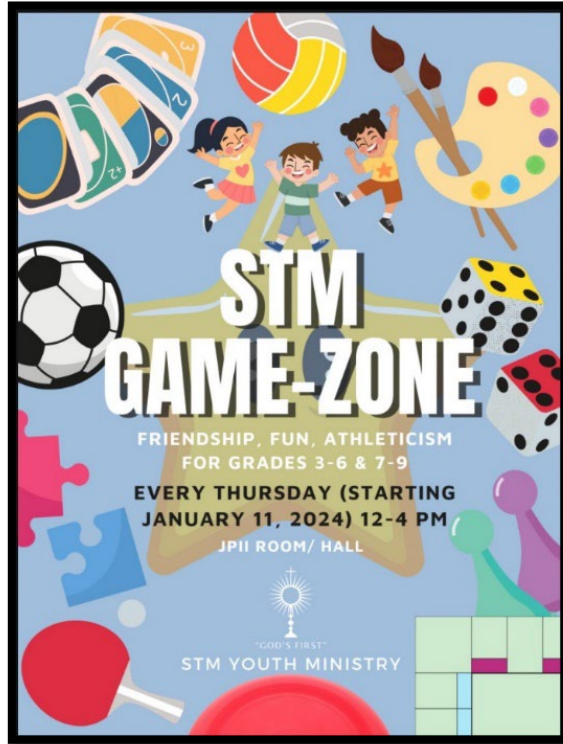
From the school chaplain, Mrs. Scott

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Registration for the next cycle is now open. All the dates & information are on the St. Thomas More Parish website below:

<https://stm.caedm.ca/first-reconciliation-first-eucharist/>

The family orientation date is **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**. Thank you!



[St Thomas More Catholic Parish](#)

January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Welcome back!			MMM Basketball Tournament – Senior Teams	MMM Basketball Tournament – Senior Teams
8	9	10	11	12
In-class Inuit fieldtrip 1/2B Skating Lessons – Grade 3	In-class Inuit fieldtrip 2/3B			In-class Inuit fieldtrip 2C & 2D
15	16	17	18	19
Skating Lessons – Grade 3				Elementary Hot Lunch EDO Japan
22	23	24	25	26
Skating Lessons – Grade 3		Last day of Semester 1		
29	30	31		