



# École Racette School

October 2023

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Locker Clean up - October 4th & 18th
- Picture Day - October 4th
- WORLD TEACHERS DAY! - October 5th
- Thanksgiving Mass - October 5th @ 2:00pm
- PLC DAY - October 6th
- Thanksgiving Day - October 9th
- Feast of St. John Paul II - October 22nd
- Halloween Dress Up - October 31st

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I look forward to this school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in their child's educational journey. Ecole Racette School staff has always made a priority of working together as a caring and compassionate learning community with professionalism, teamwork, action, and expertise. We will always put the best interests of our students at the center of our purpose. Join us in ensuring the success of all Racette's students. Stay healthy, stay positive, and stay connected.

As always, my door is open and our team welcomes your input.

Yours in education,  
Andrea Austin

Principal

**Picture Day is Wednesday, October 4th!**



After Picture Day, you can order pictures on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using the Portrait ID and access code which can be found on your Picture Day order form. If you choose to pay with cash, please have your child present the exact amount in the envelope to the photographer at the time of their picture taking. Further details will be emailed to parents and guardians.

Student Registration Fees are now due. These fees are payable through School Cash Online, or by cheque/cash/debit/credit in person at the main office.

New to [School Cash Online](#)? Click the link to register!



**REPORT CARD DATES**

**FOR 2022/2023**

- **Tuesday, November 21, 2023**
- **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**
- **Final report cards will be ready at the end of June 2024**

**Parents, please encourage your child to use the lock on their lockers. Several students are leaving them unlocked and we are concerned about valuables that could go missing.**

## For Parents and Visitors

Reminder: All school doors, except the main (South) entrance, are locked. ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS are to use the Main Street doors and report to the office to advise of your reason for being in the school.

We ask that you do not proceed to your child’s class.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Racette School has video recording in effect.

## Racette School Public Calendar

We have put together a public calendar for students and families to stay up to date with the school calendar.

- You can view the [calendar here](#)
- You can add it to your device’s calendar by [clicking here](#) or by scanning the Code ———>



## From the Office

### Gym Attire

Wearing proper clothing for physical education classes is essential to ensure student comfort, to maximize participation, and for obvious hygienic reasons. A t-shirt or sweatshirt with shorts (short shorts are not acceptable) or sweats is considered to be acceptable clothing. Students should have a clean pair of running shoes for indoor use only to keep our gym as clean as possible. It is also recommended that gym wear is washed each week.

### Student Absences

Please call the school at 780-645-3571, or text 780-547-9900, if your child will be absent.

### Lockers, Locks and Desks

School lockers, locks and desks are the property of the Division and are assigned to students by school personnel. Students are responsible for the proper upkeep of this property. A record is kept of the lockers and locks assigned to each student.

Random clean-ups and locker monitoring may occur. Therefore, there is to be no expectation of privacy.

### RACETTE PARENT RESOURCE LIBRARY SHOWCASE

\*\*Sponsored by Racette School Council

**Die Adam & Eve Belly Buttons?**  
by Matthew J. Pinto

Take a closer look!

The number one book for Catholic teens. It offers today's young Catholics 200 clear and insightful answers to questions about the Catholic Faith. This book captures the attention of teens by directly addressing their concerns, misconceptions, and challenges.

**Middle School MATTERS**  
by Paul J. Doyle

**Middle School Matters: The 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Thrive in Middle School and Beyond—and How Parents Can Help.**

Parents & guardians are welcome to have a look at many different titles in our resource library. These books may also be signed out. Please visit our front office if you are interested.



**Due to safety and insurance reasons, skateboards & scooters are not to be used on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation!**

## The PowerSchool Parent Portal is open!

Click here to access the sign-in page directly:

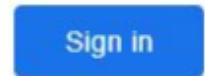
<https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public/>



Students work on many tasks using Google apps.

Here is what you need to know for logging in.

1. Open a Google Chrome internet browser.
2. In the top right hand corner of the screen, there is a sign in button. Click on it.
3. Type in the student SPERD email account information. For example, if my name is Carly Smith, I would type smitcarl@students.sperd.ca
4. Now type in the student password. Students have been using this regularly and should know it.
5. You are now signed in to Google and can easily access the different platforms. These are most easily accessed by clicking on the 'waffle' in the top right hand corner of the screen.
6. Once the 'waffle' is clicked, the icons for Google Drive, Google Classroom, Google Meet, and Gmail will be available for you to click.



*If you are having any trouble at all, contact Corinne Pashko (Assistant Principal) at [pashcori@sperd.ca](mailto:pashcori@sperd.ca)*



## When a Child Attends a Catholic School...

...they will experience faith in a Christ-centered school climate. Catholic schools attend to and nurture the faith of the young people entrusted to them within a total lived experience in the school community. We refer to this as permeation of the faith. The Gospel spirit is evident in all activities especially when school, home and parish community come together throughout the year to pray and celebrate. Jesus Christ is at the center of our faith.

### *Catholic Schools Are Faith Filled Learning Communities*

Prayer supports what we do and how we do what we do. We begin and end our prayers with the sign of the cross as a reminder of who we pray to and are blessed by: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We participate in prayer in a variety of ways:

- Prayer tables with the Word of God, the bible, visible in our classrooms
- School wide prayer
- Formal prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, the Apostle's Creed and the Rosary.

We pray in time of joy and sorrow to support one another. We pray with body, mind, memory and imagination. We celebrate the mass and Liturgy of the Word. We look for God's grace in the ordinary, in each person, thing, place and event. Our conversations restore and build up the community and individuals in the community. We ask ourselves, "what would Jesus do in this situation" and teach our students to respond to each other and their community in a Christ-like manner.



Religious symbols and artwork enrich our school atmosphere in the

classrooms

and hallways reminding us of the stories, people and truths of our faith tradition.

Because of our understanding that truth can be found in all branches of knowledge (science, history) we embrace the opportunity to invite God into all areas of our teaching.





## Parish and School Relationships

Parishes are the basic unit of the Church with the parish priest as leader. The parish is the life-long faith community for a Catholic believer. Each of our schools is in a parish community that is a part of the Diocese of St. Paul. The bishop is the head shepherd of each diocese. Schools co-operate with their parish in many ways including sacramental preparation, celebrations at the church and events during the various Church year seasons.



## Our Catholic Schools - Learning Together, Growing Together

The Catholic teachings recognize the dignity and worth of all peoples, celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of individuals, cultures and faiths. We honour and respect that truths can be found in various religious traditions. Religious education classes teach the catechism of the Catholic Church based on four pillars understanding:

- Creed and Beliefs
- Sacraments and Liturgy
- Christian Morality
- Prayer



Students who are not Catholic or belong to another denomination or religion still learn about the sacraments in their religious education classes, however, respecting their own faith tradition, they are to receive their sacraments or religious rites and rituals in their own faith community. Everyone is accepted and included regardless of their religion.

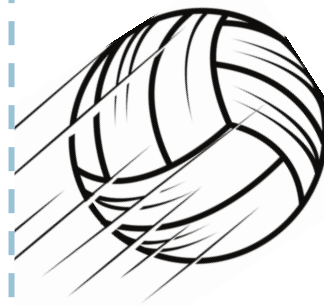
Faith is the organizing principle for our Catholic school community. Students are expected to respectfully participate in religion classes to learn about Jesus and to understand the Catholic Church's tradition and teachings as well as religious celebrations and events in the school.

# Sr. Volleyball

Congratulations to all those who made the Senior and Junior Volleyball teams!

**Sr. Girls Team**  
 Levasseur, Brielle  
 Blain, Karlee  
 Loughran, Irelyn  
 Boulianne, Payton  
 Robinson, Amber  
 Crook, Avery  
 Smyl, Masynn  
 Culp, Brynn  
 Swiegocka, Maya  
 Duchesneau, Jaedyn  
 Yaremchuk, Orysia  
 Foisy, Kalli  
 Zarowny, Makenna  
 Gerlinsky, Kara

**Sr. Boys Team**  
 Levasseur, Camden  
 Noel, Ryan  
 Austria, Caleb  
 Nyantchou, D'Aquin  
 Corriveau, Miller  
 Pawlyk, Blake  
 Dechaine,  
 Aleksander  
 Robinson, Cameron  
 Garcia, Kerwin  
 Sesay, Patrick  
 Lampron, Antoine  
 Lee, Ryder



# Jr. Volleyball

**Jr. Girls Team**  
 Landiak, Sadie  
 Anderson, Madalyne  
 Noel, Zoey  
 Boulianne, Addison  
 Ouellette, Shanine  
 Braun, Erin  
 Penner, Ellawyn  
 Brousseau, Tenley  
 Pluhowy, Ava  
 Corriveau, Suri  
 Woodgate-  
 Beauregard, Jaida  
 Graham, Juliet  
 Zarowny, Alyssa  
 Harris, Sincery  
 Kudrynytska, Eva

**Jr. Boys Team**  
 Lalji, Adonis  
 Lamoureux, Lochlan  
 Charbonneau, Joshua  
 Lee, Ayden  
 Espejo, Jacob  
 Morrison, Kyler  
 Ference, Keagan  
 Potts, Ethan  
 Ferris, Tyson  
 Robin, Alfred  
 Fontaine, Rylan  
 Robinson, Jeffrey  
 Fujisaki, Liam  
 Russell, Mason  
 Gratton, Keiren  
 Swiegocki, Adam  
 Harris, Landon  
 Johnsen, Vann  
 Lachance, Felix

# Golf

Racette had a fantastic golf season despite it being an extremely short season. On Tuesday, September 19, SPAA was held in Two Hills and we were lucky to have 16 students represent the school. Boys Team-1 brought home the banner, Boys Team-3 won silver, and the Girls team won the bronze! It was a great day and everyone played extremely well.

Roster:

Girls team: Finley Demoissac, Molly Gratton, Sarah Leister, Talia Malcolmson

Boys Team-1: Aleksander Dechaine, William Lafrance, Linken Mahe, Cohen Roche

Boys Team-2: Dailyn Lajimodiere, Nate Reszel, Ashton Shirt, Ryan Noel

Boys Team-3: Reid Mahe, Colby Sadlowski, Bentley Looy, Camden Levasseur



# Cross Country

## GIRLS

Rose Barlad  
 Karlee Blain  
 Paige Bohn  
 Addison Boulianne  
 Payton Boulianne  
 Suri Corriveau  
 Mayumi Dizon  
 Kalli Foisy  
 Juliet Graham  
 Keira Graham  
 Addasyn Gray  
 Irelyn Loughran

Elena Martin  
 Amelia Penner  
 Ellawyn Penner  
 Amber Robinson  
 Tori Stark

## BOYS

Blake Andersen  
 Joshua Charbonneau  
 Miller Corriveau  
 Keagan Ference  
 Rylan Fontaine  
 Marco Hladunewich  
 Cole Huxted  
 Vann Johnsen  
 Drake Kabyn  
 Dominique Krankowsky  
 Félix Lachance  
 Crew LaFrance  
 Lochlan Lamoureux  
 Antoine Lampron

Ryder Lee  
 Bentley Looy  
 Emmitt Martin  
 Seth Martin  
 Kyler Morrison  
 Ryan Noel  
 Gus Penosky  
 Thomas Pilipchuk  
 Tasy Post  
 Cameron Robinson  
 Deagan Robinson  
 Deklyn Robinson  
 Noah Stark  
 Adam Swiegocki

SPAA took place on September 28th at Ross Lake. The 44 students who took part on that day represented the school well with their hard work and encouragement. The athletes ran their best, in almost optimal conditions, winning the boys banner. The girls tied with Glen Avon for the girls banner.



# Terry Fox Run

Students participated in our own Terry Fox Run/Walk on October 6th. Giant Tiger will be supporting the fundraising efforts of 268 schools and Ecole Racette School has been selected as one of the locations to be a part of the Giant Tiger initiative. Our local location will be matching our school fundraising up to \$500. We are grateful to have this support for our school communities and hope that this boost to our fundraising will inspire our students to go the distance this year.

We ALL run or walk for somebody!



## Raider Days

### RAIDER THURSDAYS

Every Thursday, we encourage students and staff to show their school pride by wearing "Racette gear" or the color blue. School gear can be purchased online at [racetteschool.entripyshops.com](http://racetteschool.entripyshops.com)





## Every Child Matters: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**School  
Council  
Meeting  
October  
18th,  
@7:00pm**

**Special Guest Speaker: Elder Carl Quinn**

**Time: 11:15-12:00**

- Short Presentation
- Drum & Song
- Ribbon Exercise

**Orange Shirt Day - Friday, September 29th, 2023**

**\*Look to our next newsletter for photos!**



**Ms. Lucie Mahé**

## Meet Your Racette Family School Liaison Worker

**Role of the FSLW**

- \* Enhance the development of a student's educational, social and emotional experiences
- \* Provide supportive informal counselling to students
- \* Liaise with families, school staff and community agencies
- \* Coordinate referrals to community support services
- \* Provide crisis intervention support when needed

**Ms. Mahé is available Monday–Friday**

**8:10am - 3:40pm**

**(780) 645-3571**



# A Note From Mrs. Belland

We are off to another great year at Racette. I am enjoying welcoming new faces to our building and welcoming our returning students back. Let's make this year amazing! Here are a few things I am working on:

1. **Introductions:** Ms. Mahe and I have gone to each of the classes to introduce ourselves and explain our role in the school. Ms. Mahe sees students one-on-one for any issues they may have, big or small. I usually talk to full classes about mental health-related information.
2. **Presentations:** Each year I visit each of the classes during their SST (Structured Study Time) before lunch. I run a different program for each grade, and then there will be some presentations that every class gets. When invited in, I also do presentations in other classes such as health or leadership.
3. **Hopeful Minds:** This is the program that I use with the Grade 6s during SST. We talk about the importance of hope and how to build our hope skills. I will be seeing each of the Grade 6 classes about once a week for the next couple of months as we work our way through this program.
4. **Making Choices:** I visited the 8-1's and 8-2's at Health to talk about the steps of making a good decision: 1. Define the problem. 2. Generate Solutions. 3. Choose one and do an ethics check. 4. Follow through with the decision. 5. Evaluate the decision.
5. **Listening:** I will be talking to each Grade 7 class in SST about the importance of listening in relationships with family and friends, and how to listen to resolve conflict.
6. **Conflict Resolution:** Later in October, I will be visiting the Grade 8 SST classes to talk about the steps to resolving conflict.
7. **Noon Games:** On days when I am at Racette, I also run a Noon Game as a fun opportunity for kids to socialize with others at lunch. Generally, we do a Minute to Win It game on Mondays, "icebreaker" style games on Tuesdays, Word Games on Wednesdays, Improv Games on Thursdays, and Traditional Board/Card games on Fridays.

**For more info:**

<https://www.facebook.com/TWBMHCBSt.Paul>

# STEAM Lab



Amazing new things are in the works at Racette!

Work is underway to transform our existing art room into our S.T.E.A.M lab! Similar to a makerspace, this will be a space where students can explore problems and come up with hands-on projects to solve them.

- S** Science
- T** Technology
- E** Engineering
- A** Art
- M** Math



## WHY STEAM?

There are many fundamental skills we are hoping to nurture in our students through this space. They include:

- Design thinking
- Problem solving & critical thinking
- Improved communication skills
- Meaningful collaboration with peers
- Perseverance and determination in the face of challenges
- Learning through engaging hands-on experiences
- Digital Literacy skills

## OUR NEXT STEPS..

We will be looking for donations of supplies to get our program off the ground. Once our space is organized to receive supplies, we will post a list of specific items we are looking for!

## Keep an eye out for more updates!



# Week of Welcome 2023!



Various students competed for their Family over the lunch hour from Monday-Thursday. The Week of Welcome concluded with an afternoon of activities which included Wheelbarrow Race, Tug-O-War, Pillow Fight, Bean Bag Toss, Blind

Volleyball, Bat Race, and the Frisbee Challenge.

The afternoon focused on team building, cooperation, and fun!



## Gotcha - Good Conscience

These students were "caught" doing something good for someone else! Their names will go into a draw to receive a school water bottle!

- Blake Tremblay
- Domanic Picken
- Drayden Joseph
- Elena Martin
- Emry Hall
- Gemma Pigeon

- Griffin Stepp
- Hailey Reid
- Jayden Jean
- Joshua Charbonneau
- Laetyn Robinson
- Liam Fujisaki

- Mayumi Dizon
- Patrick Sesay
- Seth Martin
- Tasy Post



# OCTOBER 2023

## Monday

**DAY 2** 2  
CHICKEN NUGGETS W/ FRIES

**Happy Thanksgiving**  
BE THANKFUL  
BE GRATEFUL  
BE BLESSED

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**DAY 4** 1b  
BELGIAN WAFFLES, STRAWBERRIES & WHIPPED CREAM

**DAY 3** 23  
PEROGY CASSEROLE

**DAY 2** 30  
BACON CHEESE HOTDOG W/ FRIES

## Tuesday

**DAY 3** 3  
PEROGIES, SMOKIE W/ LAZY CABBAGE & RICE CASSEROLE  
SMILE MORE :)

**DAY 6** 10  
CHICKEN BACON CHEESEBURGER W/ FRIES

**DAY 5** 17  
SPRING ROLLS, FRIED RICE, SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN BALLS

**DAY 4** 24  
CHICKEN NUGGETS W/ CURLY FRIES

**DAY 3** 31  
SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT SAUCE & GARLIC BREAD

## Wednesday

**DAY 4** 4  
BURGER SPECIAL W/ FRIES  
PICTURE DAY! 

**DAY 1** 11  
12" PIZZA SUB & DESSERT  
CELEBRATION OF ACADEMICS AND ACHIEVEMENT @ 7PM

**DAY 6** 18  
TACO IN A BAG W/ ICE CREAM SANDWICH

**DAY 5** 25  
BANNOCK CALZONE

## Thursday

**DAY 5** 5  
CHICKEN STRIP WRAP W/ CAESAR SALAD  
THANKSGIVING LITURGY

**DAY 2** 12  
NACHO SUPREME

**DAY 1** 19  
CHICKEN BROCCOLI ALFREDO W/ GARLIC BREAD

**DAY 6** 2b  
BACON CHEESEBURGER W/ POUTINE

## Friday

**PLC** b  
DAY - NO SCHOOL

**DAY 3** 13  
CHICKEN STRIPS W/ CURLY FRIES

**DAY 2** 20  
HAMBURGER HASHBROWN CASSEROLE

**DAY 1** 27  
PHILLY STEAK IN PITA BREAD



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### Student Success at Racette Junior High School

One of our main priorities at Racette School is to ensure student success. Individual teachers are the main facilitators for students in their learning, however, sometimes additional support may be required. Every day there is a 25-minute period just before lunch. It is referred to as SST (Student Support Team). During this scheduled period, students will be able to do AR reading, get caught up on missing assignments, study, or re-do assessments.