



École Racette School

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Last Day of CTS
Term 1 - Dec. 4th
- Advent Liturgy -
Dec. 5th @
11:15am
- Locker Clean up -
Dec. 7th & 20th
- PLC Day - Dec.
8th
- Reconciliation -
December 11th
- Music & Fine
Arts Concert -
December 21st @
7:30pm
- Christmas Break -
December 25th -
Jan 5th

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ÉCOLE RACETTE SCHOOL PRESENTS

The Sparkle of the Season

MUSIC CONCERT
&
FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST @ 7:30PM
ÉCOLE RACETTE SCHOOL GYM

GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO AVOID THE EVENING CROWD AND ATTEND THE 2:00PM REHEARSAL IN THE SCHOOL GYM.



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

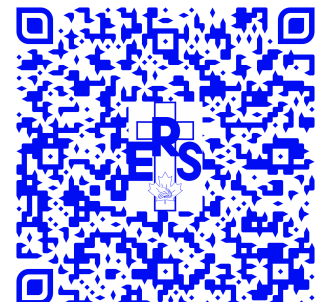
New to [School Cash Online](#)?
Click the link to register!

Racette School Public Calendar

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

- You can view the [Calendar here](#)

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



Midterms

Teachers are preparing students for midterm exams. Exams will be scheduled in the mornings during the third week of January.

For more information, please refer to the course outlines that your child received at the beginning of the school year.

RACETTE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK!



DECEMBER 18 - 22



MAY THE
birth of Christ RENEW YOU IN
God's love
and may you,
your families & your loved ones
WALK ALWAYS IN THE *light* OF THE *Lord.*

Remembrance Day

A beautiful and commemorative Remembrance Day assembly was held at Racette on November 8th. We were honoured to have Connie and Kay Landsiedel share about their father and husband, Private Harold Landseidel. Thank you as well to all of our special guests in attendance.



REPORT CARD DATES

FOR 2023/2024

- **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.



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



Parent Advisory Committee

Guided by our Catholic Community, Ecole Racette School fosters the attitudes, skills, and values that develop the potential of each individual.

Ecole Racette School Parent Advisory Committee’s goal is to support the mission of the school. The committee will undertake discussions and activities that enhance student learning and foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community.

The committee meets once a month at the school and all parents are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24th @ 7:00pm

For more information, please view the Racette website or click on the link below to see the minutes and activities.

[Parent Advisory 2023-2024](#)

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



SEND TO SCHOOL

- A runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.
- Sore throat but no other symptoms.
- No fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.



KEEP AT HOME

- Fever higher than 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C).
- Sore throat, with other symptoms such as a persistent cough.
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Eyes are pink and crusty.
- Has been exposed to an illness where isolation is recommended.



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Gotcha - Good Conscience

These students were “caught” doing something good for someone else!

The students were entered into a draw for a school water bottle.

Caryse Lemay, Matthias Agnemark, John Taggert, and Ava Murray’s names were drawn!

**Ava Murray not pictured*

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| • Matthias Agnemark | • Sarah Leister |
| • Joshua Charbonneau | • Caryse Lemay |
| • Ayla Culp | • Kyler Morrison |
| • Randon Dunlop | • Ava Murray |
| • Keiren Gratton | • Gus Penosky |
| • Finn Haugen | • Deagan Robinson |
| | • John Taggert |



Community Awareness

Our team has had a busy month. On November 15, Group 3 attended the Seniors Santa's Festival at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. They collected tickets at the door and graciously served tea & coffee to St. Paul seniors.



Our Lost & Found is full of expensive, reusable water bottles.

Unfortunately, if they are not claimed by the end of the month, they must be thrown away or donated.

Parents, please mark your child's name on the personal items they bring to school. Also, have them check the Lost & Found basket in the office if they are missing anything.

On the 28th, Group 2 visited St. Paul Extencicare and had so much fun decorating Christmas cookies with some of the residents.



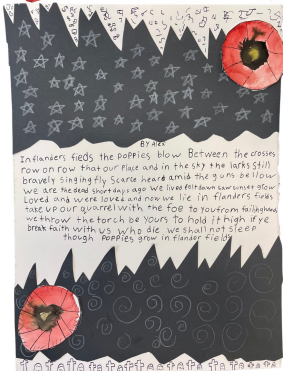
We also hosted a bake sale in support of Regional High School's Santa's Elves program, raising just over \$300.00! Thank you to all who supported this cause.



Upcoming, we will be making Christmas cards for seniors in our community and having a hot dog sale for Santa's Elves.



ART 7 & 8 November Projects



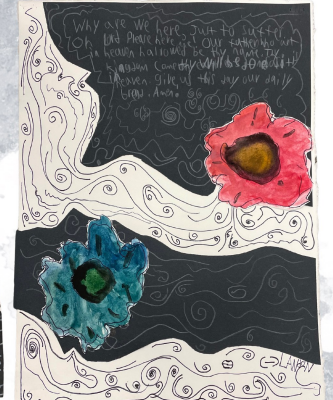
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KASHTEN



SCOTT



LANDON



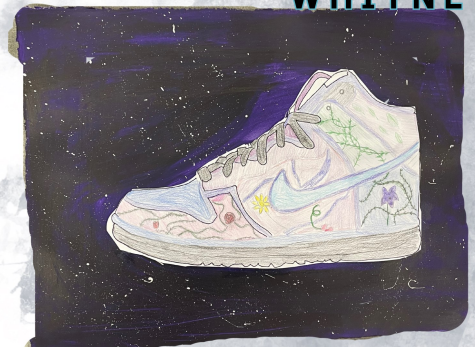
WHITNEY



AVILA

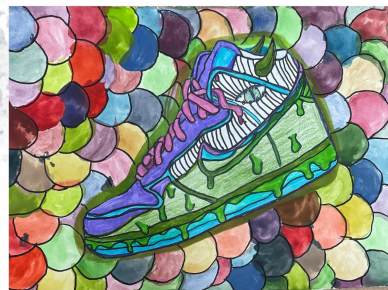


BRAYDEN



JAMES

ART 7
LAYERED
POPPY
FIELDS



ADAM



ART 8
CREATIVE
SHOE
DESIGN



KADEN



DRAYDEN



CREW

Racette Curling

	<u>Grade 7</u> Hailey Hnatiw Maybelline Labrie Abbey Robinson Masynn Smyl	
<u>Grade 6</u> Caleb Foisy Kale Fontaine Sadie Landiak Maelle Noel Ava Pluhowy Ethan Selkirk Cindy Yaremko	<u>Grade 8</u> Ethan Anderson Brodie Huser Olivia Jean Mason Naundorf Ryan Noel Brynn Rudiak Gus Robinson Kurt Yaremko	<u>Grade 9</u> Karlee Blain Paige Bohn Kalli Foisy Molly Gratton Hailey Noel

Sr. Girls Volleyball

This year was a roller coaster of highs and lows ... We started the season out really strong winning 1st in the first two tournaments. This was a huge boost for the team and got us off to a great start. The season posed many challenges and the girls fought hard in every game.

We used our SPAA games to grow and learn leading up to the finals.

Unfortunately, we came up short and lost in the semi-finals to GA at the final SPAA tournament.

Even though we lost, we hold our heads high as we never gave up and pushed right to the end. I could not be more proud of this group of girls and wish nothing but greatness for them all in the future.

Coach Rick



Sr. Boys Volleyball

The Raiders Senior Boys Volleyball team had an exceptional season of development and high quality competition. There were a great number of very talented boys who tried out this season and it's a coaches least favorite aspect in forming a team when we have to release players who are good enough to make it. This bodes well for continued success for the Raiders brand and volleyball within the Lakeland Area.

The Boys fought hard at their first three tournaments this season achieving 2nd place at the Glen Avon tournament, taking 5th place at the FG Miller tournament, and 2nd at the Mallaig tournament.

The final tournament of the volleyball season, the SPAA Championships, were held Nov 20, 2023 on our home court. Through hard work, perseverance and a dedication to mastering the fundamentals of serving, passing, and tactical knowledge, we were in a three way tie for first place in league play. The tie breaker would fall to us giving us both first place as well as homecourt advantage. Finishing first in our pool set up a semi-final versus Ecole du Sommet. We were able to emerge victorious besting the Sommet boys in two sets. The final was a dramatic affair as we battled fatigue, high emotions and even higher expectations. We won the first set handily. The second set was another story as they could feel the mounting pressure and the hardened experience of the Crusaders. The third set was a test the boys will likely remember for years to come. I saw a light go off in their heads as they decided that second place was not enough.

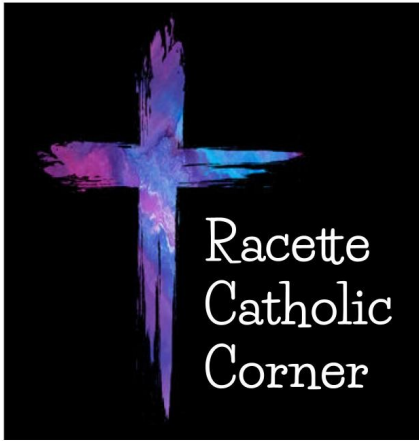
Though emotional, I can say that the whole of them matured beyond my expectations in that final set. Quality serving, tight passing and setting, and heavy and tactical attacks kept the FG Miller squad subdued through 15 points. The boys had declared that taking home the banner was their goal for the season; mine was continued passion for volleyball and for healthy competition.

I would say with confidence that we achieved both and I look forward to watching these young men continue to develop over the coming years.

I thank all the members of this team for a remarkable and memorable season and I wish them all the best in their athletic pursuits to come.

Sincerely,
PJ Dechaine
Head Coach Racette Raiders
Sr. Boys Volleyball Team





What is a Catholic school?

A Catholic school is like any other school in that it focuses on student learning, but it does so with a unique perspective. With the Catholic faith at its core, a Catholic school strives to support the formation of the whole child: body, mind, & spirit.

The **Five Marks of a Catholic School** were created to help guide the practice of a Catholic school. They become a school's identity. Over five months, we will look at each mark more closely.

5 Marks of a Catholic School

1 Created in the Image of God

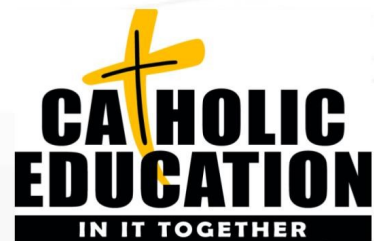
2 Catholic Worldview

- Our Catholic perspective is evident in:
 - our school activities and events.
 - our physical spaces and decor.
 - opportunities to reflect, serve, and celebrate.
 - our decision-making and how it relates to Gospel teachings.
 - our routines and celebrations of faith.

3 Faith Permeation

4 Witness

5 Community



Academic Awards Night

On October 11th, Ecole Racette School held a Celebration of Academics and Achievement for the 2022/2023 academic year. Congratulations to all the award recipients!



2023/2024 Term 1 Honour Roll

Anderson, Elizabeth
Anderson, Emberlie
Anderson, Ethan
Anderson, Tanner
Areeckal, Alex
Audette, Gavin
Austria, Caleb
Barlada, Rose
Basingan, Shulamite
Black, Brianna
Blain, Karlee
Bohn, Paige
Bolante, Jeruel Sean
Bonner, Sophie
Brousseau, Emmersyn
Corriveau, Miller
Crook, Avery
Culp, Brynn
de la Salle, Ellie
Dechaine, Aleksander
Delos Santos, Aaliyah Zuri
Deschaine, Fallyn
Dizon, Mayumi
Duchesneau, Jaedyn
Farrell, Brayden
Foisly, Kalli
Fontaine, Jillian
Fontaine, Savannah
Garcia, Kerwin
Gerlinsky, Kara
Graham, Keira
Gratton, Keiren
Gray, Addasyn
Gustafson, Jolene

Hall, Emry
Harris, Landon
Harris, Lynium
Hebert, Jayde
Hebert, Taylor
Hladunewich, Marco
Hnatiw, Hailey
Huser, Brodie
Jean, Olivia
Labrie, Maybelline
Lachance, Félix
LaCroix, Lauren
Lampron, Antoine
Lee, Ryder
Lemay, Caryse
Levasseur, Brielle
Looy, Bentley
Loughran, Irelyn
Mahe, Linken
Malcolmson, Talia
Martin, Elena
Martin, Emmitt
McShannock, Georgia
Morris, Ashlyn
Naundorf, Mason
Noel, Hayley
Noel, Ryan
Oribe, Samiya
Pashko, Leah
Pawlyk, Blake
Penner, Amelia
Petruk, Kiera
Pigeon, Hera
Pilipchuk, Thomas

Pinca, Aubrey
Premak, Maximus
Pruden, Jasmine
Robinson, Abbey
Robinson, Amber
Robinson, Cameron
Robinson, Deklyn
Robinson, Laetyn
Roche, Cohen
Rudiak, Brynn
Sales, Hailey
Sanjith, Alivia
Sanjith, Alvita
Sapigao, Jillian Faith
Sejwal, Maira
Sesay, Patrick
Sesay, Tadiwa
Severin, Alexander
Smyl, Masynn
Smyl, Piper
Swiegocka, Maya
Thai, Jenna
Use, Hannah Lizchalaine
Whiteford, Melanie
Wilson, Jadyne
Woodgate-Beauregard, Tiana
Yaremchuk, Orysia
Yaremko, Kurt
Zapisocki, Sarah
Zarowny, Makenna

A Note From Mrs. Belland

Merry Christmas! We are looking forward to a wonderful break, but in the meantime, here are some things I have been working on and talking about:

1. **Grade 6:** We are continuing to learn about the importance of Hope through our **Hopeful Minds** program. We have also had a discussion on the importance of Friendship and coping with changes in **Friendships**. I was also able to talk to the 6-4's about **Self Compassion and Compassion** towards others.
2. **Grade 7:** We have been learning about using **Active Listening** to resolve conflict. We are also learning the steps involved in **Decision-Making**.
3. **Grade 8:** We have been discussing how to **Solve a Conflict** in a way that creates a win-win scenario. Some of the Grade 8 classes will be learning about the dangers of **Vaping**.
4. **Grade 9:** We will be discussing Ingredients of a **Healthy Relationship** and warning signs of an **Unhealthy Relationship**. Some of our Grade 9's have been discussing **Aggressive, Passive, and Assertive Communication**, while others will be discussing **Conflict Resolution**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our school, and we will do our best to answer them.

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Leadership 9 Update

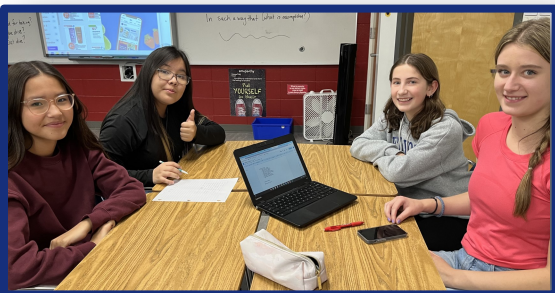
This year, we have a new Leadership CTF course in grade 9. Every grade 9 student will take the Leadership class for one semester. The goal of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of others while developing personal leadership skills.

In Term 1, we applied for and received a grant from United Way's *Make Your Mark* program. This initiative educates students on empathy, social issues, and students' ability to be leaders who can make a difference in their community at any age. United Way provides guidance and funding of up to \$1,000 to project teams to help develop and execute projects addressing poverty.

Our project this year is called Dignity in a Bag. Term 1 students decided to make toiletry bags to give to the Mannawanis Centre to help those in need. The students decided what to put in the bags and created a budget. We have already had a trip to the local Dollar Tree, where students purchased items for the bags and assembled 50 bags. Term 2 students will finish the bags and deliver them to the Mannawannis Centre before Christmas.

Seeing the students' dedication to this project and their growth in understanding poverty has been remarkable. I would like to thank the students involved for their hard work. Thank you to Mrs. Belland, our Together We're Better Mental Health Capacity Building program manager, for her help in this project.

Sharon Dunne Kotowich
Leadership teacher



DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>★</p> <p>LAST DAY OF TERM 1 CTS</p>	<p>★</p>		<p>❄️</p>	<p>1 DAY 5</p> <p>GRILLED HAM & CHEESE W/ CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP</p>
<p>4 DAY 6</p> <p>CHICKEN STRIPS W/ TOSSED SALAD & ITALIAN DRESSING</p>	<p>5 DAY 1</p> <p>SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT SAUCE & GARLIC BREAD</p> <p>✝️ ADVENT LITURGY @ 11:15AM</p>	<p>6 DAY 2</p> <p>WAFFLES W/ WHIPPED CREAM, STRAWBERRIES, & PORK SAUSAGE</p>	<p>7 DAY 3</p> <p>CHICKEN STRIP WRAP W/ FRIES</p>	<p>8 PLC DAY</p>
<p>11 DAY 4</p> <p>HOT DOG W/ FRIES</p>	<p>12 DAY 5</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS W/ FRIES</p>	<p>13 DAY 6</p> <p>NACHO SUPREME</p>	<p>14 DAY 1</p> <p>PIZZA SUB W/ JELLIED FRUIT COCKTAIL</p>	<p>15 DAY 2</p> <p>CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD W/ GARLIC BREAD</p>
<p>18 DAY 3</p> <p>CHICKEN STRIP WRAP W/ CAESAR SALAD</p>	<p>19 DAY 4</p> <p>BACON CHEESEBURGER W/ POUTINE</p>	<p>20 DAY 5</p> <p>MAC & CHEESE W/ WIENERS</p>	<p>21 DAY 6</p> <p>BURGER SPECIAL W/ FRIES</p> <p>🎵 MUSIC & FINE ARTS CONCERT</p>	<p>22 DAY 1</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DINNER</p>
<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <h1>Christmas Break</h1>	
				<p>29</p>

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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.