



École Racette School

October 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Picture Day - Oct. 2nd
- Celebration of Academics & Achievement - Oct. 3rd @ 7:00pm
- WORLD TEACHERS DAY! - Oct. 5th
- Locker Clean up - Oct. 8th
- Catholic Education Formation Day for Staff - Oct. 10th - NO SCHOOL
- PLC DAY - Oct. 11th—NO SCHOOL
- Thanksgiving Day - Oct. 14th - NO SCHOOL
- Parent Advisory Meeting – Oct. 16th @ 7:00pm
- Catholic Education Week— Oct. 19th-25th
- Feast of St. John Paul II - Oct. 22nd
- Catholic Education Liturgy - Oct. 22nd
- Halloween Dress Up - Oct. 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.

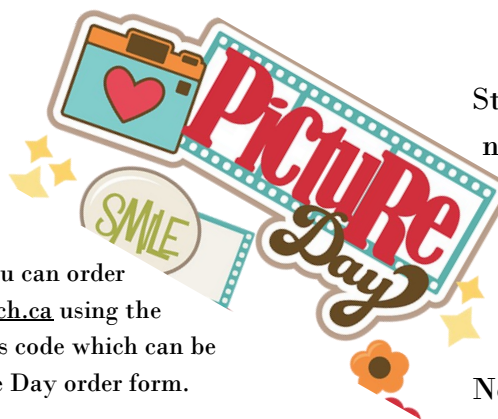
Yours in education,

Andrea Austin
Principal

Picture Day is Wednesday, October 2nd!

After Picture Day, you can order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using the Portrait ID and access code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

Families who purchase their photo packages online at, www.mylifetouch.ca, will receive a Shutterfly coupon for \$30 off any Shutterfly purchase and a free 8x11 photo book.



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 2024/2025

- **Thursday, November 21, 2024**
- **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**
- **Final report cards will be ready at the end of June 2025**

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 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

We are now using the SafeArrival app for attendance in our school. We thank you for your patience while we work out the quirks of our new system. For more information, please visit [SafeArival Absence Reporting](#).

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.



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/>

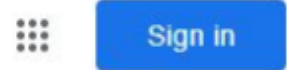


Students work on many tasks using Google apps.

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

DID YOU KNOW

Catholic Education Week 2024

October 19 - 25



Catholic Schools in Alberta are **fully funded** by the Alberta Government and constitutionally protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms?



We have over **180,000** students in Catholic schools across the province?

Catholic schools integrate **faith** into all aspects of the curriculum?



Catholic schools are governed by locally elected **Catholic School Trustees**?



Catholic Education is supported by the **Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA)** who provide professional development to our superintendents and promote the uniqueness of Catholic education?



Our **Bishops** play a significant role in overseeing and providing spiritual leadership for Catholic education?

Alberta is home to 23 Catholic **Francophone** schools, providing Catholic education in French for our Francophone community?



Studies consistently show that students in Catholic schools often **outperform** their peers in public schools according to the Alberta Education Assurance Measure?



Parents and community members can actively support Catholic education by participating in **Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE)**? Sign up for the monthly newsletter here!



All Catholic School Families have access to an online resource: **Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ?** Reach out to your Catholic School Division for more information!



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Catholic Education Week – October 21 – 25, 2024

“Testify! Share the Reason for your Hope!”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Among the many beautiful gifts flowing to us from the font of God’s providential love is that of our Catholic schools. At their centre stands the person of Jesus Christ, who seeks a personal and life-transforming encounter with each of the students. From our knowledge and love of Christ arises an unshakable hope that fills us with peace and joy.

In his first letter, Saint Peter teaches us always to be ready to share with others the reason for our hope (cf. *1Peter* 3:15). The urgency of this call is underscored in our day by the widespread anxiety and, at times, despair seizing the hearts of many people, including some of our students and their families. For this reason, the Catholic educational community of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon has chosen as the theme of Catholic Education Week: “Testify! Share the Reason for your Hope”. Let us all be ready and eager to give an account of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

There are many opportunities to share this hope. We learn how to do so in the home, first of all. How beautiful it is when parents share with their children the story of their relationship with Jesus and the hope they have drawn from his love! Our participation in the life of the parish is another privileged venue where we become ever more deeply grounded in the love of our Lord and the hope he alone can give. In Catholic Education Week, we give particular attention to our schools as places where hope in Christ is not only fostered but also shared. In these Catholic institutions, students and staff alike are called to have a clear understanding of our faith and articulate it before others. So, let us ask: How might we share with one another the hope that springs from our relationship with Jesus Christ and fidelity to his Gospel? What opportunities can we create for these discussions – in the classroom, the staff room, the administration offices, or the trustee boardroom?



TESTIFY!
 SHARE THE REASON FOR YOUR HOPE



**Catholic Education Week 2024
 October 19 - 25**

“But in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.”

1 Peter 3:15



Of course, our readiness to explain our faith is about not only intellectual knowledge but also living it out authentically. When our words and actions align with Christ’s teachings of love, compassion, and grace, the credibility of our testimony is strengthened. How can we help one another grow as authentic witnesses to the Lord?

With this letter, we, the Bishops of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon, wish to thank everyone involved in the ministry and mission of Catholic Education: our students, teachers, support staff, administrators, trustees, parents, and parish priests. We are grateful for the many ways you accept the call to lead our students to Jesus and help them embrace the hope he alone can give.

Together, let us joyfully share with others, in both word and deed, the joy we have found in Jesus Christ, who is the all-sufficient reason for the hope that animates our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

Most Reverend Richard W. Smith
 Alberta Liaison Bishop for Catholic Education
 Archbishop of Edmonton

Most Reverend Gary Franken
 Bishop of St. Paul

Most Reverend David Motiuk
 Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton

Most Reverend Héctor Vila
 Bishop of Whitehorse

Most Reverend William McGrattan
 Bishop of Calgary

Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas
 Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan

Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR
 Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith

Sr. Volleyball

Congratulations to all those who made the Senior Volleyball teams!

Sr. Girls Team
 Ouellette, Shanine
 Boulianne, Addison Rudiak, Brynn
 Boulianne, Payton Smyl, Masynn
 Culp, Ayla Yaremchuk, Orysia
 Culp, Brynn Zarowny, Alyssa
 Gerlinsky, Kara
 Gray, Addasyn
 Labrie, Maybelline

Sr. Boys Team
 Koss, Conner
 Lachance, Felix
 Lampron, Antoine
 Levasseur, Camden
 Morrison, Kyler
 Noel, Ryan
 Stepp, Griffin
 Johnsen, Vann



Jr. Volleyball

Jr. Girls Team
 Kudrynytska, Eva
 Landiak, Sadie
 Leister, Becca
 Levasseur, Charlotte
 Looy, Macey
 Malcolmson, Tenley
 Martin, Madelyn
 Nelson, Madilyn
 Nkakan, Chiniada
 Noel, Zoey
 Partridge, Zalika
 Penner, Ellawyn
 Piquette, Maelle
 Plante, Myriam
 Robinson, Casey
 Robinson, Ryleigh
 Urlacher, Ruby
 Woodgate-Beauregard, Jaida
 Yaceyko, Melody

Jr. Boys Team
 Lee, Ayden
 McIntosh, Owen
 Monzones, Kaiser
 Potts, Ethan
 Robinson, Joe
 Swiegocki, Adam
 Yaceyko, Lyrik
 Bolante, Jethro
 Crook, Zayne
 Eddingfield, Asher
 Ferris, Tyson
 Gray, Keagan
 Lachance, Javier
 Lamoureux, Jaxon

Golf

What a fantastic season for Ecole Racette School golf teams!

The boys grade 8 team captured the championship banner with their hard work and determination. Their dedication to practice and teamwork paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievement!

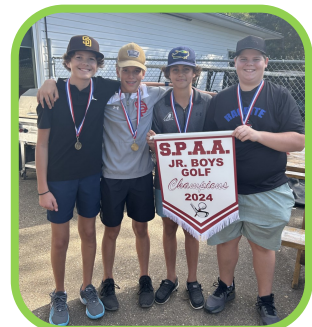
The girls team also displayed incredible talent and resilience, finishing in an impressive third place. Their commitment to the sport and each other was inspiring.

A special shout out goes to our grade 9 boys team for their efforts! To all the students who tried out for the teams this season, your efforts and enthusiasm were commendable, and we encourage you to come back again next year.

Congratulations to all teams on a memorable season, and we look forward to another exciting year ahead!

Roster:

Girls team: Orysia Yaremchuk, Olivia Jean, Brynn Culp, Talia Malcolmson
 Boys - Grade 8: Camden Levasseur, Brady LaFrance, Reid Mahe, Colby Sadlowski
 Boys - Grade 9: Bentley Looy, Marco Hladunewich, Ashton Shirt, Ryan Noel



Cross Country

GIRLS

Boulianne, Payton	Kabyn, Emersyn
Boulianne, Addison	Koss, Amyra
Corriveau, Suri	Kudrynytska, Eva
Culp, Brynn	Looy, Macey
Culp, Ayla	Noel, Maelle
Dizon, Mayumi	Penner, Ellawyn
Gerlinsky, Kara	Smyl, Masynn
Graham, Juliet	Stark, Tori
Gray, Addasyn	Yaremchuk, Avery
Hall, Emry	Yaremchuk, Orysia
Hurtubise, Julia	Zarowny, Alyssa

It was a quick but great Cross Country Running season. We had a couple of weeks to train on the trail and the hill at Lagasse Park, and our athletes had a fantastic day at the SPAA Championship September 26 at Ross Lake. All of our 50 runners put forth awesome effort, and we brought home both the boys and girls banners!

BOYS

Ashdown, Matthew	Lamoureux, Lochlan
Bardal, Xavier	Lampron, Antoine
Corriveau, Miller	Looy, Bentley
Ference, Keagan	Martin, Emmitt
Ferris, Tyson	Martin, Caleb
Fontaine, Rylan	Morrison, Kyler
Gray, Keagan	Noel, Ryan
Hladunewich, Marco	Penosky, Gus
Huser, Brodie	Pilipchuk, Thomas
Johnsen, Vann	Robinson, Deagan
Knight, Mackenzie	Robinson, Deklyn
Koss, Conner	Sheppard, Easton
Krankowsky, Nickolas	Sheppard, Elijah
Lachance, Javier	Stepp, Griffin
Lachance, Felix	Whitson, Ethan
LaFrance, Crew	



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



School Parent

Advisory

October 16th,

@ 7:00pm

Terry Fox Run

Students participated in our Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 27th following a weather delay earlier in the month. For the month of September, fundraising efforts were made in each of our Family groups. Thank you to all those who donated and supported this effort through our school.

We ALL run or walk for somebody!



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

I am the Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) staff for Racette School. Historically, our program has been funded through AHS, but due to the restructuring, we are now funded through Recovery Alberta, under the Ministry of Mental Health. We continue to be operated through St Paul Education. I am looking forward to another amazing year at Racette!

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. **Words Stick:** This year in SST, my focus will be on a program called "Words Stick". Students will be given the opportunity to see the positive and negative outcomes of the things they say to others, and then will be given the opportunity to give, and receive, positive comments to each of their classmates. I have begun this process with the 7-1's and 7-2's and will gradually make my way to each class as the year goes on.
3. **Feeding Your Brain:** I have visited the 7-3's and 7-1's to talk about the effects that nutrition has on our brain and mental health.
4. **Heartmath:** In October the Grade 9's will be learning about the Heartmath program in SST. This program teaches about regulating our emotions. We will talk about the different domains of health, how emotions can renew or drain our energy, and a few techniques to shift into a calmer more regulated state.
5. **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



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



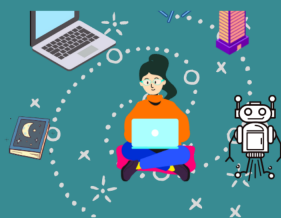
UPCOMING STEAM ACTIVITIES

November 9th is International STEAM day. Planning is underway to create activities for students in our STEAM Lab. This initiative is in collaboration with Terra-Lee Gratton, our division's Technology and Innovative Teaching Consultant.

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



This year our STEAM Lab is home to our Art program, Project Hub 8 and Robotics 7.

Week of Welcome 2024!



Various students competed for their Family over the lunch hour from Monday-Thursday. The Week of Welcome concluded with an afternoon of activities including 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 cafeteria gift card!

- Adam Swiegocki
- Alyssa Zarowny
- Bentley Looy
- Brady LaFrance
- Brodie Huser
- Caleb Foisy
- Camden Duchesneau
- Chloe Smith
- Crew LaFrance
- Dominic Picken
- Grayson Desjarlais
- Griffin Stepp
- Hera Pigeon
- Jaedyn Duchesneau
- Jakin Parenteau
- Jeffrey Robinson
- Jeremy Schoff
- Jillian Fontaine
- Joshua Charbonneau
- Kaden Gervais
- Karsen Brodziak
- Kayven Matthews
- Kiera Petruk
- Laetyn Robinson
- Leah Pashk
- Lochlan Lamoureux
- Logan Kulczycki
- Marco Hladunewich
- Miller Corriveau
- Nickolas Krankowshy
- Oliver Stepp
- Reid Mahe
- Stephan Pinca
- Tadiwa Sesay
- Talia Malcolmson
- Tenley Malcolmson
- Tori Stark

OCTOBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
DAY 2 30 MYSTERY SPECIAL	DAY 3 1 MARINARA MEATBALL & MOZZA SUB	DAY 4 2 CHICKEN TENDERS W/ FRIES & PLUM SAUCE PICTURE DAY! 	DAY 5 3 TACO IN A BAG CELEBRATION OF ACADEMICS AND ACHIEVEMENT @ 7PM	DAY 6 4 PEROGY PLATE
DAY 1 7 LARGE CHEESE POUTINE	DAY 2 8 CHICKEN BURGER W/ TATORS	DAY 3 9 CHICKEN WINGS W/ CAESAR SALAD	CATHOLIC FORMATION DAY 10 NO SCHOOL 	PLC 11 DAY - NO SCHOOL
Happy Thanksgiving 14 BE THANKFUL BE GRATEFUL BE BLESSED	DAY 5 15 CHEESY PULLED PORK QUESADILLA	DAY 6 16 CHICKEN TENDERS W/ FRIES & PLUM SAUCE	DAY 1 17 CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	DAY 2 18 PIZZA BY THE SLICE
DAY 3 21 DILL PICKLE POUTINE	DAY 4 22 BBQ CHICKEN RANCH SALAD	DAY 5 23 CHICKEN WINGS W/ CAESAR SALAD	DAY 6 24 TACO IN A BAG	DAY 1 25 PEROGY PLATE
DAY 2 28 HOT DOGS	DAY 3 29 CHEESEBURGER W/ TATORS	DAY 4 30 CHICKEN TENDERS W/ FRIES & PLUM SAUCE	DAY 5 31 MAC & CHEESE HALLOWEEN 	 

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St. Paul Education Regional Division:

Website: www.stpauleducation.ab.ca

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St. Paul Education

Learning Together, Growing Together

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[September Board Highlights](#)

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 23-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.