



École Racette School

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Locker Clean up - November 6th & 27th
- Picture Retakes - November 6th
- Remembrance Day Service - November 8th @ 10:45am
- Remembrance Day - No School - November 11th
- Fall Break - November 12th - 15th
- Camo Day - November 20th
- First Report Card - November 21st
- Parent Advisory Meeting - November 27th
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - November 28th - 5-9pm
- STEAM Day - November 29th

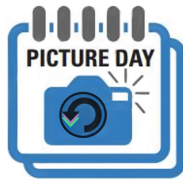
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REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

Remembrance Day Service
Friday, Nov. 8th @ 10:45 am



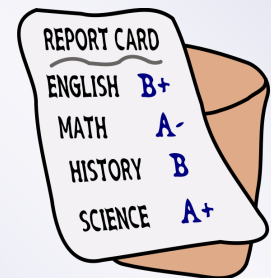
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Report Card #1 will be sent home on Thursday, November 21st.

The tear-off portion is due Tuesday, November 26th.

Please hand in to the Family Leader or the main office.



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 →



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.

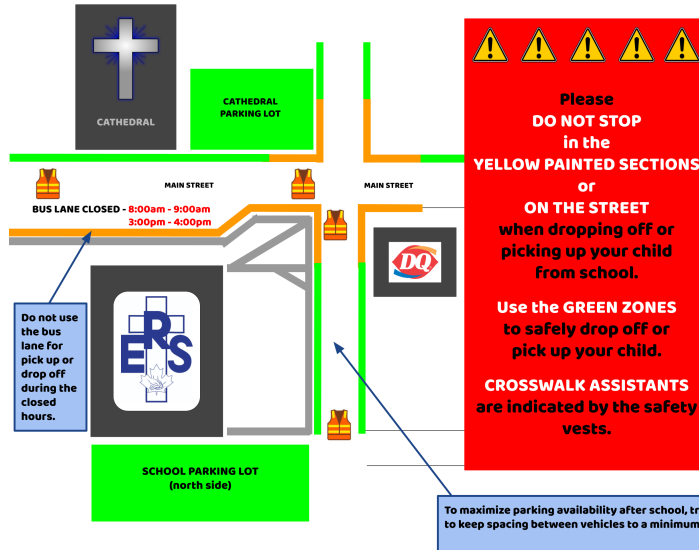
For Parents and Visitors

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.**



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

EXTREME WEATHER

Is my child's bus running? Coming home early?

Throughout the winter, weather and road conditions are constantly monitored with the safety of students and staff at the center of all of our decisions. We strive to inform parents of any delays or cancellations as quickly as possible. Here's how you may be notified:

- Bus driver contact
- Call/text from your school
- Local radio stations
- Bus Status app
- Division social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Division website <https://www.stpaueeducation.ab.ca/transportation/bus-status>

How we decide:

When temperatures and/or wind chill is -40 or colder, buses are CANCELLED. Notice may be given the night before or in the morning.

-40°C

Buses may run in the afternoon during extreme cold weather under certain circumstances.

Weather checks start very early with The Weather Network and phone calls to designated staff living in each local area.

Even if buses are cancelled schools remain **OPEN**.

- If your child attends: meaningful learning still occurs
- If your child is absent: efforts will be made to ensure they do not fall behind

Decision is based on:

- Local road conditions
- RCMP travel advisories
- Weather and wind warnings
- Local municipality

Your bus driver also has complete discretion to cancel a route should they feel travel is unsafe.

If a decision is required around temperature and/or road conditions, the Director of Transportation consults with:

- Local bus drivers
- School principals
- Superintendent of Schools

Parents always have the final say about their child's safety and well-being and can always choose whether or not to have their child take the bus.

The Nations of Saddle Lake, Whitefish Lake and Frog Lake make independent decisions about their buses. Please contact them directly for any questions regarding their transportation policies.

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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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 November 27th @ 7:00pm

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

[Parent Advisory 2024-2025](#)

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on November 28th from 5:00pm-9:00pm.

This year we will be using "School Appointment On-Line" to manage our scheduling. The link can be found here:

<http://racetteschool.parentteacherconferences.net/>

Booking will open on Monday, November 18th at 10:00am.

Parent instructions with how to register and schedule an appointment can be found [here](#).

Racette Commemorates Truth and Reconciliation Day

Ecole Racette School honoured the Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th with an event led by Ms. Houle. Ernest Houle & Linda Burns were our guest speakers and were presented with a gift from Lily Belland (pictured below). To close the event, Linda Burns shared an original song with the students. We thank them for taking the time to share their experiences.



Catholic Education Week

Racette participated in Catholic Education Week from Oct. 21-25th. Activities included learning about and praying the Angelus, learning of modern day saints, celebrating with liturgy at the cathedral, and wearing



blue for Catholic Education. The staff and students especially enjoyed having Chris Bray come to perform his music and speak about the importance of faith in our lives.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



WITH 45 MEMBERS, GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING THIS YEAR!

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ON THIS YEAR'S PROJECT AND ACTIVITIES

"Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst"
Revelation 7:16

Raider Days

Students and staff are encouraged to show their school pride every Thursday by wearing "Racette gear" or the color blue.



School gear can be purchased online at racetteschool.entripyshops.com



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

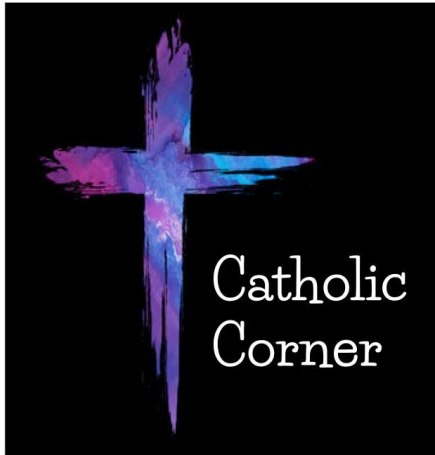
The Catholic teachings recognize the dignity and worth of all peoples, celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of individuals, cultures and faiths. We honour and respect that truths can be found in various religious traditions. Religious education classes teach the catechism of the Catholic Church based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

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

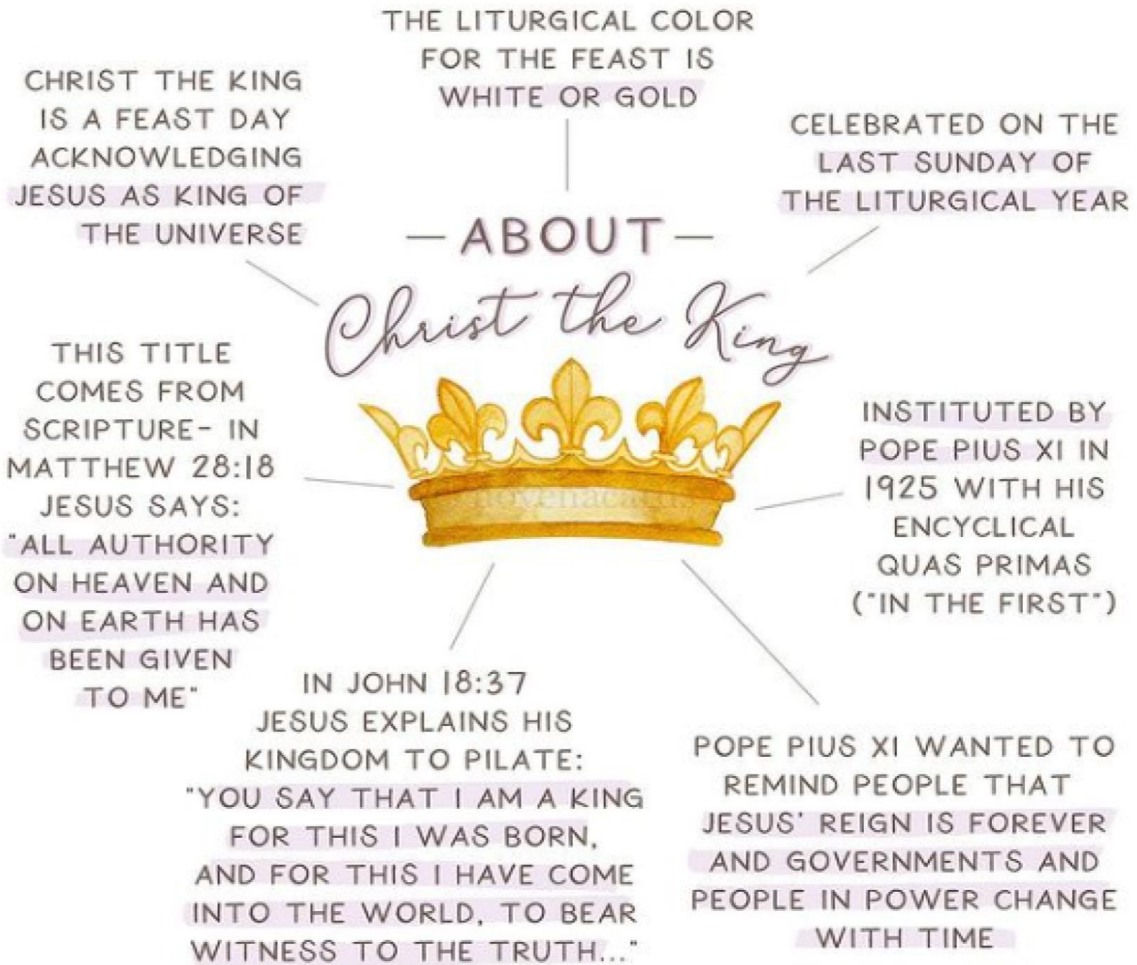
Students who are not Catholic or belong to another denomination or religion still learn about the sacraments in their religious education classes, however, respecting their own faith tradition, they are to receive their sacraments or religious rites and rituals in their own faith community. Everyone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





The end of November has a special solemnity (feast day) commonly known as "Christ the King" or more formally as "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." It marks the end of the liturgical year of the church as we begin to anticipate Christmas and the Advent season.



A Note From Mrs. Belland

Now that we are in the swing of things for the new year, here are a few things we are working on.

1. **Words Stick:** As I mentioned last month, my focus in SST this year is on a "Words Stick" program. I have visited the **7-1's and 7-2's** several times in September and October to give them the opportunity to write positive comments (Sparkles) to each of their classmates. Each student in 7-1 and 7-2 should have received a key ring of Sparkles written from their classmates. We are hoping that through a demonstration of the power of negative comments, practice writing positive comments, and receiving positive comments, students will begin to say and post more positive things to each other. Some of the comments from the 7-1's and 7-2's about this project included "I learned that there is always something good about everyone" and "Nobody is perfect". I will be continuing this program throughout the year with other classes.
2. **Heartmath:** In October the **Grade 9's** have been learning about the Heartmath program in SST. This program teaches how to regulate emotions. We have talked about the different domains of health and how emotions can renew or drain our energy. We will also be learning a couple techniques that can help students to access their inner sense of ease and to make decisions.
3. **Friendship:** Throughout the year I will be talking about conflict resolution skills with each grade. In November I am planning to talk to the **Grade 6's** in SST about how to cope with Changes in Friendship.
4. **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 Movement Games on Mondays, "icebreaker" style games on Tuesdays, Word Games on Wednesdays, Improv Games on Thursdays, and Traditional Board/Card games on Fridays.

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

For more info:

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



Together We're Better



Gotcha - Good Conscience

These students were “caught” doing something good for someone else! Their names went into a draw to receive a cafeteria gift card and an Ecole Racette School cup! The winners of the draw were Matthew Ashdown, Ayla Culp, Jaedyn Duchesneau, and Ryker Shirt.



- Matthew Ashdown
- Severin Bull-Roszell
- Ayla Culp
- Jaedyn Duchesneau
- Keiren Gratton
- Brady Lafrance
- Will Potratz
- Jeffrey Robinson
- Ryker Shirt

November

2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Day 6 Pizza by the Slice
Day 1 Poutine	Day 2 Soup & Sandwich	Day 3 Chicken Wings w/ Caesar Salad RE-TAKES!	Day 4 Taco in a Bag	Day 5 Perogies & Sausage REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE @ 10:45
SCHOOL CLOSED In Lieu of Remembrance Day				
Day 6 Poutine	Day 1 SPAA VOLLEYBALL Soup & Sandwich	Day 2 Chicken Fingers w/ Fries	Day 3 Baked Spaghetti 1st Report Card	Day 4 Pizza by the Slice
Day 5 Poutine	Day 6 Soup & Sandwich	Day 1 Chicken Wings w/ Caesar Salad	Day 2 Chicken Stir Fry Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm-9pm	Day 3 Perogies & Sausage

Contact Us!

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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.