



École Racette School

December 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Advent Liturgy -
Dec. 3rd @
11:15am
- Reconciliation -
December 10th -
AM
- Locker Clean up -
Dec. 18th
- Music & Fine
Arts Showcase -
December 19th @
7:30pm
- Christmas Break -
December 23rd -
Jan 3rd



ÉCOLE RACETTE SCHOOL

Presents:

MUSIC & FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

December 19, 2024
@ 7:30pm

Ecole Racette School
Gymnasium

Donations will be accepted at the Door.
All proceeds benefit our Music & Art programs

*GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO
AVOID THE EVENING CROWD AND ATTEND THE 1:00PM
REHEARSAL IN THE SCHOOL GYM.*

School Fees

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!

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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 →



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



Community Awareness
Christmas Candy Bags
\$3.00 EACH
 ON SALE THURSDAY, DEC. 19
 AT THE FINE ARTS SHOWCASE
 6:30 - 7:15
 ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. PAUL FOOD BANK

RACETTE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK!



DECEMBER 18 - 20

Wednesday
CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS DAY!



Thursday
UGLY SWEATER DAY!



Friday
CHRISTMAS EXPLOSION DAY!



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

On Friday, November 8th, Ecole Racette School staff and students took time to remember and honour the sacrifices of our soldiers and veterans who serve and have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Students and staff helped to lead the service with each Family laying a poppy on our wreath. Our guest speaker, Master Corporal Dawit Worku, shared his experiences as a Canadian soldier.

Mr. Levasseur and the grade 8/9 band students performed music for the service and Mrs. Poirier's Art 8 students shared their work.



**REPORT CARD DATES
FOR 2024/2025**

- **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.

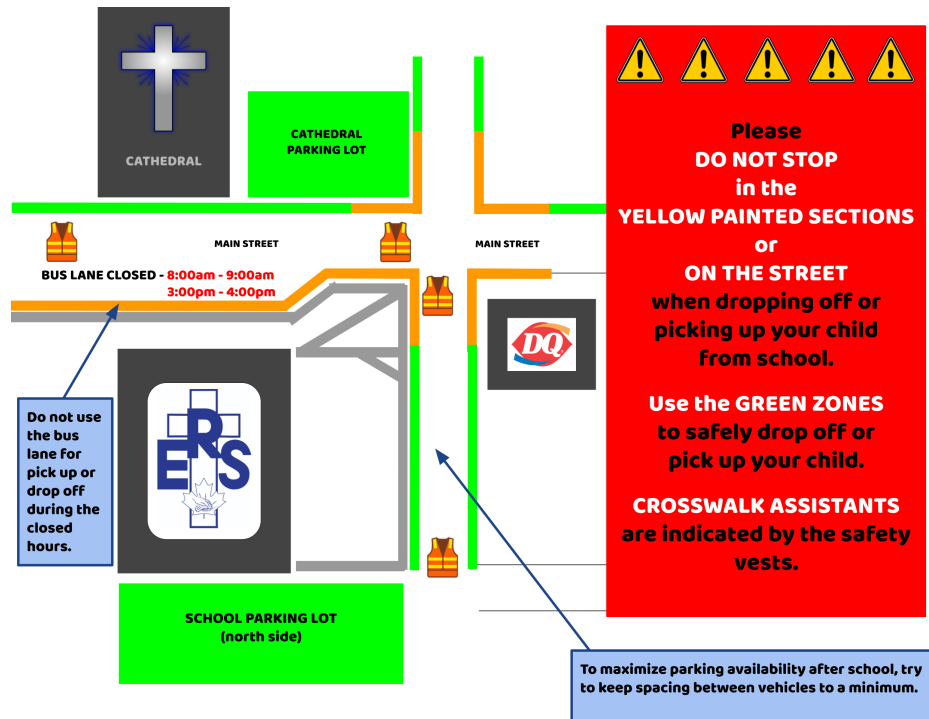
For Parents and Visitors

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.



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 22nd @ 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](#)

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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Good Conscience Students receiving their gift cards.
Left to Right: Asher Eddingfield, Dafydd Simons, Tori Stark, Jakin Parenteau, Odin St. Arnault

Missing: Elise Bruneau, Jeremy Schoff

Gotcha - Good Conscience

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

They were all given a cafeteria gift card!

- Elise Bruneau
- Asher Eddingfield
- Jakin Parenteau
- Jeremy Schoff
- Dafydd Simons
- Tori Stark
- Odin St. Arnault

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.

Community Awareness

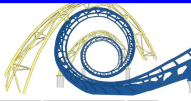
Our team is very busy these days! On November 20th, one of our groups had the opportunity to set up and serve at the Seniors' Festival. The students set up a festive venue and had a great time visiting with our seniors!

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events:

- Food collections for the St. Paul Food Bank
- Food Bank fundraisers
- Christmas cards for seniors



Update from Racette's

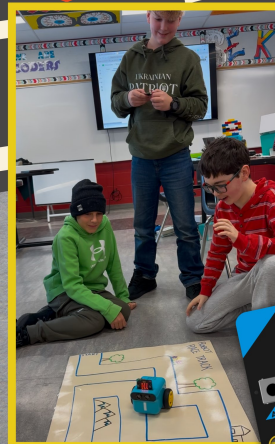


STEAM LAB!

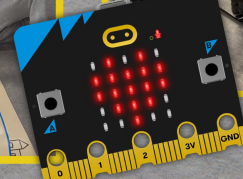


Over the next week, classes will be rotating through the lab, taking their turn at designing paper roller coasters for a marble. Here are some of our first successful designs - we love seeing students' design thinking in action!

Robotics 1



Students used MakeCode and the Micro:bits to program their TPbots to drive. Some groups even used a second Micro:bit and the radio feature to create a remote control!



Sr. Girls Volleyball

The 2024-2025 volleyball season was a very successful season for the girls volleyball team!

With only five returning players, the plan at the start of the season was to have a strong defense with a building team for next year. We focused on passing and court positioning but very quickly noticed the strength in many of our new players and started to add more focus to our offence.

This team played well during league and in their last tournament that they found their groove and confidence.

Lady Raiders had a 22-8 league season finishing second place overall. They played in two tournaments finishing 3rd at FG Miller and 1st at Mallaig. The biggest success and highlight of the season was their hard fought 1st place finish at SPAA championship.

Thanks to the dedication of the players and some great leaders on and off the court and , this group achieved more than I had imagined.

Congrats, ladies!

Jennifer Leroux
Head Coach

Racette Raiders Sr. Girls Volleyball Team



RACETTE RAIDERS SR. GIRLS
SPAA
CHAMPIONS

Sr. Boys Volleyball

The 2024-2025 volleyball season for the Sr. Boys was amazing. Many of the players never played volleyball before, but their willingness to learn and give it their all showed throughout the season. I want to thank the players who stepped up as leaders on the team throughout the season and provided help for other players.

One major achievement this season was our second place finishing at the Ecole du Sommet tournament.


Despite the wins and losses, the team grew not only in confidence as players, but in collaboration and working as a team by end of the season. It was inspiring to witness. I personally learned so much from this team, and I am excited to bring knowledge into next year.

A huge thank you to the parents for supporting and cheering on the team!

Sincerely,

Katie Lysy
 Head Coach
 Racette Raiders Sr. Boys Volleyball Team






RACETTE CURLING TEAM

GR. 6

SARA ANDERSON
 MYRA ATEMBOH
 MATTHEW CHUDYK
 AMYRA KOSS
 LOGAN KULCZYCKI
 MACEY LOOY
 CASEY ROBINSON
 JOE ROBINSON
 LYRIK YACEYKO

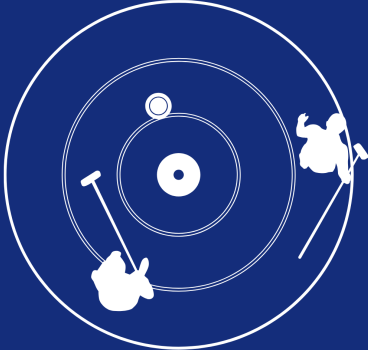


GR. 8

CONNER KOSS
 MAYBELLINE LABRIE
 TALIA MALCOLMSON
 LEAH PASHKO
 ABBEY ROBINSON
 CHARLEE SCHONECK
 MASYNN SMYL

GR. 7

CALEB FOISY
 MAELLE NOEL
 AVA PLUHOWY
 CINDY YAREMKO



GR. 9

BRODIE HUSER
 RYAN NOEL
 GUS ROBINSON
 BRYNN RUDIAK
 KURT YAREMKO



Very soon, Christmas will be upon us. We look forward to the celebration and festivities, but we don't have to cram it all into a day or two. The Church celebrates Christmas as a season, giving us plenty of time to celebrate the coming of Christ to the world.

This year, Christmas season will end on January 12th, giving us over two weeks to celebrate. So leave up the tree and decorations and celebrate a little longer this year!













THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

We are likely all familiar with THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS song, but did you know that it has Catholic roots?

From 1558 - 1829, Catholics in England were prohibited by law from ANY practice of their faith, both public and private. It was a crime to BE Catholic.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS was written to teach the faith to children in secret and safety.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

1 	A Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God	7 	Swans A-Swimming = Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit - the Seven Sacraments
2 	Turtle Doves = Old and New Testaments	8 	Maids A-Milking = Eight Beatitudes
3 	French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity - the Theological Virtues	9 	Ladies Dancing = Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
4 	Calling Birds = Four Gospels and Four Evangelists	10 	Lords A-Leaping = Ten Commandments
5 	Golden Rings = First Five Books of the Old Testament - "Pentateuch"	11 	Pipers Piping = Eleven Faithful Apostles
6 	Geese A-Laying = Six Days of Creation	12 	Drummers Drumming = Twelve Articles of the Apostle's Creed

Academic Awards Night

On October 3rd, Ecole Racette School held a Celebration of Academics and Achievement for the 2023/24 academic year. Congratulations to all the award recipients!



2024/2025 Term 1 - Academic Achievement

Honour Roll

Andersen, Blake
Anderson, Ethan
Boulianne, Addison
Braun, Erin
Culp, Ayla
Culp, Brynn
Dada, Faithfulness
Eddingfield, Atlas
Espejo, Xyreb
FERENCE, Keagan
Ferris, Tyson
Finlay, Hazel
Gerlinsky, Kara
Gustafson, Jolene
Hall, Emry
Hladunewich, Marco
Hnatiw, Hailey
Jean, Olivia
Koss, Conner
Kudrynytska, Eva
Labrie, Maybelline
Lachance, Félix
Lampron, Antoine
Landiak, Sadie
Lemay, Caryse
Levasseur, Brielle
Martin, Caleb
Martin, Emmitt
McShannock, Georgia
McShannock, Sophia
Morin, David

Morrison, Kyler
Murray, Ava
Naundorf, Mason
Noel, Ryan
Noel, Zoey
Ordon, Gillian-Raine
Ouellette, Shanine
Parenteau, Jakin
Picken, Domanic
Premak, Maximus
Pruden, Jasmine
Quilonio, Elijah Josh
Robinson, Laetyn
Sales, Hailey
Sapigao, Jillian Faith
Severin, Alexander
Shepert, Cassandra
Sheppard, Easton
Sheppard, Elijah
Smyl, Masynn
Smyl, Piper
Smyl, Quinn
St. Arnault, Hjordis
Stolth, Maddison
Swiegocki, Adam
Tremblay, Blake
Yaremchuk, Avery
Yaremchuk, Orysia
Yaremko, Kurt
Zapisocki, Sarah

Award of Excellence

Anderson, Elizabeth
Anderson, Emberlie
Anderson, Madalyne
Audette, Gavin
Bolante, Jeruel Sean
Brousseau, Tenley
Charbonneau, Joshua
Corriveau, Suri
Dizon, Mayumi
Duchesneau, Jaedyn
Escorido, Kristoffer
Fontaine, Jillian
Graham, Juliet
Harris, Landon
Haugen, Finn
Morris, Ashlyn
Noël, Maëlle
Pashko, Leah
Penner, Ellawyn
Pigeon, Hera
Pilipchuk, Thomas
Potts, Ethan
Robinson, Abbey
Rudiak, Brynn
Sanjith, Alvita
Sejwal, Maira
Sesay, Tadiwa
Thai, Jessica

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. **Words Stick:** I am continuing to facilitate this program during SST in December with the **8-1's and 8-2's**. I continue to hope 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.
2. **Heartmath:** In November 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, and have learned a couple techniques that can help students to self-regulate and access their inner sense of ease.
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. **SMART Goals:** I have visited the **6-1 and 6-2 health classes** to help them learn about SMART Goals. By learning to make their goals Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timed, we hope they will be able to take steps towards their academic and wellness pursuits.

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>



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 Alberta Health Services
Mental Health
Capacity Building

DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 DAY 4 POUTINE	3 DAY 5 SOUP & SANDWICH ADVENT LITURGY @ 11:15AM	4 DAY 6 CHICKEN FINGERS W/ FRIES	5 DAY 1 CHICKEN FETTUCINE	6 DAY 2 PIZZA BY THE SLICE
9 DAY 3 POUTINE	10 DAY 4 SOUP & SANDWICH	11 DAY 5 CHICKEN WINGS W/ CAESAR SALAD	12 DAY 6 BAKED SPAGHETTI	13 DAY 1 PEROGY PLATE
16 DAY 2 POUTINE	17 DAY 3 SOUP & SANDWICH	18 DAY 4 CHICKEN FINGERS W/ FRIES	19 DAY 5 TACO IN A BAG MUSIC & FINE ARTS SHOWCASE	20 DAY 6 NO CAFETERIA CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR STUDENTS & STAFF <i>Early Dismissal @ 2pm</i>
23 [Decorative: Snowflakes]	24 [Decorative: Christmas tree, gifts]	25 [Decorative: Nativity scene]	26 [Decorative: MERRY Christmas]	27 [Decorative: Snowflakes]
30 [Decorative: Christmas trees, snowflakes]	31 Christmas Break			[Decorative: Christmas trees, snowflakes]

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St. Paul Education

Learning Together, Growing Together

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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.