



# École Racette School

February 2025

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Locker Clean up - February 11
- Grade 9 Retreat - February 11
- Early Dismissal @ 2pm - February 12
- Teachers' Convention— NO SCHOOL - February 13/14
- Family Day - NO SCHOOL - February 17
- PLC Day - NO SCHOOL - February 18
- Parent Advisory Meeting - February 19
- Student/Staff Swap Spirit Day - February 20th
- Gr. 8 Ski Trip - February 26
- Pink Shirt Day - February 26

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## Spirit Days

**WEAR PINK DAY**  
 KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS  
 #BeKind  
 SPREAD Kindness  
 Kindness MATTERS  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

**SPIRIT DAY!**  
**STUDENT/STAFF SWAP DAY!**  
 On Tuesday, February 20th,  
 we invite students to dress up like the staff and our staff will be dressed up as the students!

\*Sorry, roles are not changing, only outfits are!  
 Teachers will still be teaching classes and students will still be responsible for completing assignments.



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!

## École 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**

- **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 February 19th @ 7:00pm.

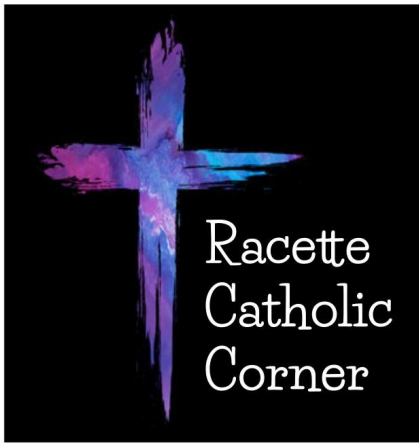
For more information, please view the Racette website or click on the link below to see the minutes and activities.

[Parent Advisory 2024-2025](#)

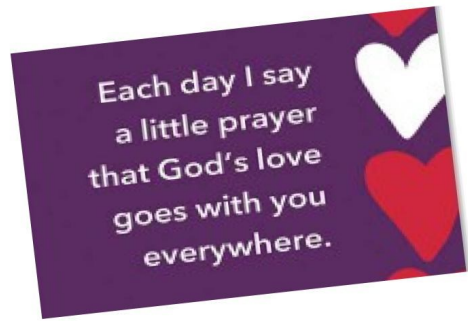
## Gotcha - Good Conscience

These students were "caught" doing something good for someone else! Their names were entered into a draw for a cafeteria coupon.

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| • Blake Andersen  | • Kyrone Guardiana   |
| • Sophie Bonner   | • Finn Haugen        |
| • Nyxon Brodziak  | • Mackenzie Knight   |
| • Zephyryn Cadrin | • Antoine Lampron    |
| • Vincent Chaulk  | • Stavr Pereslavskyi |
| • Emma Deacon     | • Hailey Reid        |
| • Liam Fujisaki   | • Tadiwa Sesay       |



February brings thoughts of love as St. Valentine's Day nears and is celebrated. Read on to learn more about this popular saint.



St. Valentine was a Christian priest who lived in 270 A.D. At that time, the Roman government controlled much of the world. It needed many soldiers to protect its lands. Emperor Claudius II decided that married men did not make good soldiers because they wanted to stay at home with their wives and children. He made a very strange law that said young men were not allowed to marry. He also said that any priest who married a young couple would be put to death. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the Emperor. He secretly married many young couples. When the Emperor found out, he had Valentine imprisoned. Since Valentine had helped lovers, the day he died became a day for people to express love for others.

Prayer to St. Valentine

O' St. Valentine,  
lover of Christ and of the Church,  
we ask for your intercession  
that we may learn how to  
love God  
above all things,  
and to selflessly love  
one another.  
Amen.



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.

## Racette Curling

The Junior High SPAA Curling Championship took place in St. Paul on January 29-30. The tournament was held in conjunction with the High School SPAA curling playoffs to create a more competitive environment for all participating teams.

Six teams competed in the mixed category, representing Two Hills, École du Sommet, Racette (two teams), and Mallaig (two teams). Racette emerged victorious, defeating Mallaig in the final to win the SPAA banner.

While there were no boys' teams participating, the girls' competition featured three teams: Racette, Mallaig, and FG Miller. Racette also captured gold in the girls' category, defeating Mallaig in the final game.

The event was well-attended, with a rink full of spectators. All teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament.



# A Note From Mrs. Belland

Welcome to February, a month full of love and kindness! Here are some things I have been working on and talking about:

1. **Words Stick:** I am just finishing up with the **7-3's** and **8-3's** with this program and will be starting with the **9-1's** and **9-2's** soon. This is a program that I am using for all students at Racette this year. Students are learning about the power of negative comments, practicing writing positive comments, and receiving positive comments. I am hopeful this will help students to think carefully about what they say online and offline.
2. **Alcohol and Addiction:** As part of the health curriculum, I have visited the **8-1's** and all of the **grade 9 health classes** to discuss the physical and mental health concerns around substance use and addictions.
3. **Noon Games:** On days when I am at Racette, I continue to facilitate a noon game. Typically 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.
4. **Pink Shirt Day:** This is a time when we focus on kindness to prevent bullying. Our Words Stick program is working on this throughout the school year, but I also have a small project planned specific to Pink Shirt Day. There will be more details soon!



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>



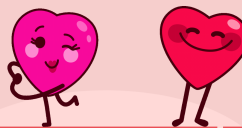
Together We're Better



...‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 22:37-39

# FEBRUARY 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 DAY 2 Poutine	4 DAY 3 Regular Menu Items No Special	5 DAY 4 Chicken Fingers w/ Fries	6 DAY 5 Regular Menu Items No Special	7 DAY 6 Pizza by the Slice
10 DAY 1 Poutine	11 DAY 2 Regular Menu Items No Special	12 DAY 3 Pulled Pork w/ Coleslaw EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2PM	13 TEACHERS' CONVENTION NO SCHOOL	14 HAPPY Valentine's DAY CONVENTION NO SCHOOL
17 HAPPY family DAS NO SCHOOL	18 PLC NO SCHOOL	19 DAY 4 Spaghetti	20 DAY 5 Regular Menu Items No Special	21 DAY 6 Perogy Plate
24 DAY 1 Poutine	25 DAY 2 Regular Menu Items No Special	26 DAY 3 Popcorn Chicken w/ Fries	27 DAY 4 Regular Menu Items No Special	28 DAY 5 Perogy Plate

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### Racette

Website: [www.racetteschool.ca](http://www.racetteschool.ca)

Facebook 

### St. Paul Education Regional Division:

Website: [www.stpauleducation.ab.ca](http://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca)

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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.