

# Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

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## January 2018

Students, Parents, Staff, and Parish,

**God's blessing in 2018! La bénédiction de Dieu en 2018! Bozhe blahoslovennya v 2018 rotsi!**

### **Division Theme & Social Justice Goal**

This year our Division theme is *Challenge Accepted*. Our division has *accepted the challenge* of supporting Valeda House as our large scale social justice project for our community. This month our Superintendent, Michael Hauptman, has challenged each of us to ask ourselves - *How are we preparing our heart as a gift for Jesus (who wants all of us) this Advent*. As a school Faith Team we talked about our daily advent prayers, as well our actions in supporting GEOMEER. ***Wherever each of us are at in our faith journey...*** we have the individual and collective opportunity to have our prayers and actions this month help prepare our hearts as a gift to Jesus. What will you do to Accept the Challenge?

**Want to know what your child is up to...** check their bedrooms, backpacks and device(s). It is difficult being a parent but the better we know our children the better we can support them. The student's bedroom is often the source of much conversation in better understanding their world – **parenting is tough but vitally important – Challenge Accepted**

### **How To Support Your Child And Connect With The School**

- If you feel your child may need supports at school please feel free to contact one of the listed e-mails below. This can be done confidentially and with the goal of supporting the student:
  - Facilitator & Counsellor E-Mail: [Nadined@eics.ab.ca](mailto:Nadined@eics.ab.ca)
  - Michelle Steeves – ABJ Family Support Liaison Worker (FSLW)
    - office located in Learning Commons ( Room #170D)  
[michelle.steeves@eics.ab.ca](mailto:michelle.steeves@eics.ab.ca) - ext. 1704

VAPING: A PROBLEMATIC TREND presentation to all Grade 9 Health classes over the next 2 weeks  
by Jennifer P. from Alberta Health Services

Many people who have taken up vaping believe that the vapour they are inhaling is 'just harmless water vapour'. In reality, this product poses many potential risks to users—in the short and long term. We will explore what the risks are in general – as well as what risks may be unique to youth users. Students will find out what's really in at that vapour and gain a better understanding of what is real and what is misinformation to help them make a more informed choice. Feel free to have a conversation with your child about vaping.

**Please use the far west entrance when dropping off or picking up students. But please be respectful to NOT drop-off in the bus lane or drive through the staff parking lot.**

### **Parent School Council (PSC)**

Your next Parent School Council meeting will be **Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30pm** – If you'd like to be active with the PSC please contact the school or e-mail our Chairperson - Melanie at [mswilvers@gmail.com](mailto:mwilvers@gmail.com)

Important Dates to remember and put on your fridge calendar, Google Calendar or calendar of choice:

### **January 2018**

- 8 First Day back at school – we start on the Monday! Look at Exam Schedule TODAY  
Exam schedule is posted at <https://abj.eics.ab.ca/>**
- 10** Early Out – students dismissed at 2:14pm / Improv Fundraiser at 7:00pm
- 11** Diploma Exam – English Part A (written)  
NAIL Improv Competition at the Citadel
- 12** Diploma Exam – Social Studies Part A (written)
- 12-13** Junior’s Basketball Tourney at Leduc
- 15** Diploma Exam – FLA Part A (written)  
**ABJ Parent School Council Meeting at 6:30pm**
- 18 Last day of regular classes for all students \*Please discuss your child’s exam schedule \***
- 19** HOPE Mission volunteer opportunity (See Mrs. Murphy)
- 22** FLA Diploma Part B
- 23** English Diploma Part B
- 24** Social Studies Diploma Part B
- 25** Math Diploma / Jr. Girls B-Ball volunteering at Strathcona Food Bank
- 26** Biology Diploma
- 29** Chemistry Diploma
- 30** Physics Diploma / Science Diploma
- 31 No classes / PD Day**

### **February 2018**

- 1 First Day back of Term 2 (Thursday)**
- 7** Early Out – students dismissed at 2:14pm
- 8-9** Teachers’ Convention – no classes
- 13 Shrove Tuesday**
- 14 Ash Wednesday**
- 16** PD Day – no classes
- 19** Family Day – school closed
- 28** Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School Open House 2018



*"I know in whom I place my trust" 2 Tim 1:12*