

Week at a Glance for Sept 17 - 21

Monday

- Grade 9 Outdoor Ed Trip - Canoeing
- X-Country Practice 3:30-4:30
- Volleyball Games:
 - SR Girls vs SPA
 - SR Boys vs PK

Tuesday

- Swim Team - First Practice @ 7:00 am at Emerald Hills Pool
- Scotsman newspaper meeting at lunch in Room 189
- Linking Generations - We are hosting our Student Information Session at ABJ on Tuesdays [September 18th](#), 2018 during the lunch hour. I welcome the opportunity to meet you, and introduce you to our High School Program Coordinator, Roxanne Popowich.
- The first ALPHA session begins at lunch in the library.
- Volleyball Games:
 - JR Girls at Bev Facey
 - JR Boys at Paul Kane

Wednesday

- Prayer @ 8:15 in the Chapel
- First Aid Training in the Small Gym OED - all day
- Miss Story's Sports Performance 9 class gone biking all afternoon
- Ukrainian Liturgy at St. Basil's Church at 9 - 12
- X-Country Race at Rundle Park @ 4:30
- Post Secondary Info Night at 6:30 pm in the Drama Theatre - [Post Secondary Info Night Flyer 1.pdf](#)
- Yearbook meeting at lunch in room 226. Everyone welcome
- Volleyball Games:
 - SR Girls at McNally
 - SR Boys at SC

Thursday

- First Aid Training in the Small Gym OED - all day
- First improv club meeting of the year at lunch in the drama theatre
- Football Game Versus FX Rams
- X-Country Practice 3:30-4:30pm
- Volleyball Games:
 - JR Girls vs Holy Trinity
 - JR Boys vs O'Leary

Friday - PD Day

- No School

Upcoming Dates:

September 19 Post Secondary Info Night

September 24 PAC Meeting

September 25, 26 P.A.R.T.Y. Program for all Grade 9 students

September 28 Terry Fox Run

October 1 Orange T-shirt Day

Student/Parents Information:

- The first PAC Meeting will be on September 24 at 6:30 and we will be discussing graduation requirements and topics around Student Services (counselling, guidance, etc)
- Our counselors will be hosting a Post Secondary Info Night at ABJ in the Drama Theatre on Wednesday September 19th at 6:30 pm. We will cover application opportunities, how and where to apply, what the application process looks like, times lines, scholarship info among other things! Come on out!
- Orange Shirt Day is Sept 30th (but we are honoring this event on Oct 1st at ABJ) - Orange Shirts are going on sale this Wednesday for \$5.00. Please see the information below about Orange Shirt Day.
- Student Attendance reporting procedures have changed over the summer; please note new 1-877 phone number, or new website or App.
 - There are multiple ways to report an absence: -
 - 1. Calling 1-877-246-9970, option 3
 - 2. Using the SchoolMessenger App
 - 3. Using the “SchoolMessenger” link in the EICS App (requires SchoolMessenger App installed on the phone)
 - 4. Using <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>, then Sign-up
- Visitors and Guests
 - In an effort to ensure we have a safe learning environment for all students and staff, ABJ students are asked to not invite their friends from other schools to visit ABJ during the school day. If a student requires an exception to this policy, please speak to your grade level principal.
 - All guests or visitors to the school must be approved by an administrator in advance, and are asked to sign in at the school office and wear a visitor name tag. Anyone who is not a student of ABJ and who is found on school property that has not been approved by an administrator, may be charged by RCMP with trespassing. Please be reminded that our school has a number of cameras as well and that video will be entered as evidence if required.
- Huge thanks to our amazing volleyball coaches, teacher reps and athletes for their outstanding performances this weekend. All 6 teams were in action, here are the results:
 - Sr Boys - 4th place
 - Sr. Girls - Lost a close match in quarter finals
 - Jr Boys - Silver
 - Jr Girls - Gold
 - Grade 9 Boys - Bronze
 - Grade 9 Girls - Bronze
- For more ABJ Athletics news follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/archbishopjordanathletics/>)

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day is a commemorative annual event held across Canada in the month of September. It is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and faith as a united step towards healing. We wear an orange shirt as a symbol of the shirt stolen from a child as well as a symbol for the many losses experienced by thousands of students, and their families and communities, over several generations including: loss of family, language, culture, freedom, parenting, self-esteem and worth and

painful experiences of abuse and neglect. Wearing orange shirts are a symbol of defiance against those things that undermine children's self-esteem, and of our commitment to anti-racism and anti-bullying in general.

The Story Behind Orange Shirt Day

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years...I want my orange shirt back!"

- Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, Dog Creek, BC

Gospel Reading

[Mark 8:27-35](#)

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Family Connection

Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more that we can ever imagine. As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 8:31-35. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination. Conclude by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 116.

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