

WELCOME TO ABJ FOR 2019-2020!

Greetings! The staff of ABJ would like to welcome back all of our returning students, and we are excited to welcome all of our new students joining us for the upcoming school year. ABJ is an amazing school that is focused on student learning, connecting students with our Catholic faith, and preparing our students for their future beyond high school!

Below is a schedule for student registration, where students and their parent/guardian will come to ABJ to register for the upcoming school year – to complete forms, receive locker assignments, pick up Transit passes (if eligible), have school photos taken, get ID photos taken and pick up their student ID card, complete fee payments, and make course changes (if required).

ABJ Admin will be back in the office on August 21, so you can email any questions at that time.



Grades 11 and 12 – Friday, August 23

Grade 10 – Monday, August 26

Grade 9 – Tuesday, August 27

Daily Schedule based on Last Name

A – G 8:30 am - 10:15 am

H – M 10:15 am - 12 noon

(Closed at Lunch from 12:00 – 1:00)

N – R 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

S – Z 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Important Reminders:

- School supplies are no longer being offered by Elk Island Catholic Schools. Students are recommended to acquire school supplies based on their courses and respective teacher expectations. Students taking Math 10C may purchase a TI84+ calculator from the school as long as limited supplies last, for \$120.00 (GST incl). Students that have previously “rented” a TI84 calculator and paid the \$100 deposit, can request that \$20 be added to their school fees and purchase the rented calculator. This price is less than the current store price of up to \$160.00 plus GST. Please email wendyp@eics.ab.ca to request the \$20 be added to your student’s account (Wendy Prud’homme, Business Manager).
- Returning students should bring their assigned school lock from last year or they will need to purchase a new one for \$10.00.
- Students are invited to bring a device to school as part of our “One to One Project”. ABJ recommends that students bring a device that will work best for them and their learning style. The device should be compatible with Google Apps for Education (also known as the Google Suite) – Google Docs, Google Drive, etc. We recommend that the screen is large enough for a student to complete assignments, take notes, and edit work, etc. The amount that a student may use the device will vary depending on the nature of the course and their teacher’s expertise. **Students will not be permitted to use a smartphone as their One to One device.** Please also note that students are expected to follow the One to One User Agreement - <https://www.eics.ab.ca/download/100432>
- Course changes will only be permitted for new students or for returning students who have an exceptional circumstance; such as a student completed a course in summer school, failed a course

last term, or the existing schedule has course sequencing that is incorrect. Course changes can be made during registration and during the first two days of school in September. Students will not be able to make course changes after September 4, 2019. Also, please note that students/guardians may not request a course change for teacher preference. [Course change forms](#) must be completed and signed prior to request consideration.

- Grade-level administrators for the upcoming school year will be the following. For students and parents, please note that the administrator assigned to that grade level is your key contact who will assist with any questions or concerns beyond the classroom. (Any concerns students or parents/guardians may have during the school year regarding teaching and learning in the classroom should be addressed with the teacher initially.)
 - Grade 9 – Mr. Dumont, josephd@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 10 - Mr. Lakeman, gregl@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 11 - Mrs. Thomson, heathert@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 12 - Mrs. Tymko, ruthb@eics.ab.ca
- School fees may be paid at the start of the school year or parents/guardians may also choose a 10 month payment plan (to be done through PowerSchool). For any families who require financial assistance with school fees, Elk Island Catholic Schools offers a fee waiver program (all necessary forms should be completed no later than October). See link here <https://www.eics.ab.ca/transportation/fees> (it also links to the fee waiver).