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Scot's Week at a Glance September 3 - 6

Monday - Labour Day

- No School
- Go Esks!

Tuesday - 1st Day of School

- Students who were unable to attend registrations must come to the office for their ID card, their locker, etc.
- Student council members available in the morning before Block 1 to answer questions for new students/help them find their classes if needed

Wednesday

- "Welcome Back" Pancake breakfast 7:30-8 a.m.
- Early Dismissal @ 2:11
- Staff Meeting @ 2:30 in the library
- Last day for course changes
- ABJ Football Team Meal

Thursday

- Student Council executive meet in Room 189 at lunch to prep for Pep Rally/make posters

Friday

- Pep Rally - see condensed schedule below
- Ukranian Flag Ceremony

September 9 - Grade Level Assemblies

September 10 - Linking Generations in E-Campus @ 11:30

September 12 - Opening Mass

September 11 - First PEP Day

September 16 - Parent Advisory Council @ 6:30

September 20 - ABJ 50th Anniversary 5-7 @ ABJ, 7-11 @ OLPH Hall

Parents and Students Info:

- **Parents please remember to login to your Parent Powerschool account to update all forms for the 2019/20 school year. The following forms can all be done online: Technology Use agreement, Locker Use agreement, Annual Field Trip Consent Form, FOIP and annual student Demographics.** Alberta Education requires that we obtain a detailed update of student demographics on an annual basis. Funding they provide for your child's education is conditional to us receiving these updates and making them part of the student's record. We ask that you complete these forms online, please disregard if they have been completed. If you need assistance with your Parent PowerSchool login (<https://powerschool.eics.ab.ca/public/>), please contact the school.
- Very Important Transportation information for rural students:
 - Rural students must show their bus pass to access the departure bus at ABJ in the afternoon.
 - Rural students who transfer onto a bus at **BETHEL** take one of the three **Strathcona Transit** buses which will be in the bus lane at ABJ: departure **3:18**.
 - Rural students who transfer onto a bus at **St. Theresa's** take **55 and 36** (yellow buses); departure **3:18**.
- ABJ School Policies are here for the upcoming school year - <https://abj.eics.ab.ca/about/school-policies>
- Parking info is [here](#) and a drop off MAP for parents/guardians is [here](#)
- Bell Schedule is [here](#)
- ABJ Technical Theatre is looking for students who want an opportunity to work backstage on an ABJ Fine Arts theatre production! Students enrolled in Technical Theatre get an opportunity to work on sets, costumes, lights, sound, special effects, make-up and more! If you are interested, Technical Theatre is open to all grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Students can take the class after school on Tues/Thurs from 3:30-5:30 (Semester 1 or 2) or Mondays from 3:30-6:00 (Sept-April). There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 in the theatre. Come and check it out!"
- From the Cafeteria - Welcome back, Scots! On Tuesday, we will have a variety of snacks available (wraps, hummus and crackers, banana bread, yogurt parfaits, chicken caesar salad, fruit bagels, and hot and cold beverages. Hot lunches will start on Monday, September 9th with Mexican Monday! Taco in a Bag will be served as the lunchtime special. Remember, we sell cafeteria cards to save time in the debit line and save you the hassle of carrying cash. They are available in \$20 denominations. Have a great first week, Scots!
- Grade 12 Graduation Dates are set
 - Grad Blessing Ceremony - Friday May 29, 2020 ABJ
 - Grad Mass - Saturday May 30, 2020 OLPH
 - Grad Ceremonies/Banquet/Dance - Sunday May 31st, 2020 Edm Convention Centre (SHAW)
- 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
- Grade 9 Volleyball Tryouts
 - GIRLS ●Thursday, September 5th 3:15 - 5:00pm (Large Gym) ●Friday, September 6th 3:15 - 5:00pm (Large Gym)
 - BOYS ●Thursday, September 5th 3:15 - 5:00pm (Small Gym) ●Friday, September 6th 3:15 - 5:00pm (Small Gym)
- Grade 10, 11 & 12 Volleyball Tryouts
 - GIRLS ●Tuesday, September 3rd 3:15 - 5:00pm (Large Gym) ●Wednesday, September 4th 3:15 - 5:00 (Large Gym)
 - BOYS ●Tuesday, September 3rd 5:00- 6:30pm (Large Gym) ●Wednesday, September 4th 5:00- 6:30pm (Large Gym)

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| Legend | |
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| First Instruction Day --Semester 1 & 2 | |
| PD Days/Operational - School closed to students | |
| Early Dismissal/Staff Meeting | |
| Statutory Holiday/ Vacation/ School Closure | |
| Day in Lieu Interviews Operation Day -no students/staff | |
| Last Student Day | |

| SCHOOL CLOSURES | | OPERATIONAL DAYS | | STUDENT DAYS |
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| Labour Day | September 2 | August | 3 | 0 |
| Thanksgiving Day | October 14 | September | 0 | 20 |
| Remembrance Day | November 11 | October | 1 | 21 |
| Day in Lieu for Interviews | November 15, March 27 | November | 2 | 15 |
| Fall Break | November 11 - 15 | December | 0 | 15 |
| Christmas Vacation | December 23-January 3 | January | 0 | 20 |
| Semester 2 Starts | January 31 | February | 3 | 16 |
| Teachers' Convention | February 6-7 | March | 2 | 18 |
| Family Day | February 17 | April | 0 | 17 |
| Spring Break | March 30 - April 3 | May | 1 | 19 |
| Good Friday | April 10 | June | 1 | 20 |
| Easter Monday | April 13 | Total | 13 | 181 |
| Victoria Day | May 18 | | | |
| OPENING AND CLOSING DATES | | MISSION STATEMENT "We are a Catholic community committed to developing educational opportunities in the context of Gospel values, where students' gifts and talents are celebrated and nurtured through lifelong spiritual and personal experiences" | | |
| First day for Teachers | August 28 | | | |
| First day for Students | September 3 | | | |
| Last day for Students | June 26 | | | |
| Last day for Teachers | June 29 | | | |
| STAFF MEETINGS | | | | |
| First Staff Meeting - September 4 | | | | |
| All subsequent staff meetings shall be the first instructional Wednesday of the month. | | | | |
| Dismissal on a staff meeting Wednesday shall be 60 minutes prior to regular dismissal time. | | | | |

For Diploma Examinations and Provincial Achievement Testing Schedules, please see the Alberta Education website at www.education.gov.ab.ca

Period Times

| Period | Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri | Length |
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| 1 | 8:35 - 9:59 | 84 min |
| 2 | 10:06 - 11:30 | 84 min |
| Lunch Break | 11:30 - 12:16 | 46 min |

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| 3 | <u>12:16 – 1:40</u> | <u>84 min</u> |
| 4 | <u>1:47 – 3:11</u> | <u>84 min</u> |

Wednesday classes (early dismissal, and PEP/Flex)

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| Block 1 | 8:35 - 9:44 | 69 minutes |
| Block 2 | 9:49 - 10:58 | 69 minutes |
| Lunch | 10:58 - 11:43 | 45 minutes |
| Block 3 | 11:43 - 12:52 | 69 minutes |
| Block 4 | 12:57 - 2:06 | 69 minutes |
| PEP Block or Early Dismissal | 2:11 - 3:11 | 60 minutes |

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.

- 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)

Fall Session! Connect Group

5 SESSIONS

SEPTEMBER 25- OCTOBER 23, 2019

6:00 - 7:30PM

ABJ HIGH SCHOOL
LEARNING COMMONS AREA

4001 EMERALD DRIVE
SHERWOOD PARK

**This course is FREE of
charge but you must
PRE-REGISTER!!**



This is an attachment based program that provides adults with a new perspective on parent-teen development.

It is our goal to strengthen the relationship between you and your teenager and create a space for parents to connect and support one another.

For more information please contact:

Michelle Horon
Family Wellness Worker
780.467-2121 ext 1190
780.781.1239
michelle.horon@eics.ab.ca



*** Please note that this course fills up fast! Reserve your spot ASAP!*

**“Relationships are the agents of
change and the most powerful
therapy is human love.”**

Dr. Bruce Perry



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Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in joining the ABJ Cross Country Team for 2019 must attend a meeting [on Tuesday, Sept 3rd at 11:30](#) in the ABJ Office Conference Room. All necessary information on the team will be shared at the meeting. First practice is [Thursday, Sept 5th](#). All are welcome! Any questions? Contact Mr. Lakeman gregl@eics.ab.ca

Gospel Reading

[Luke 14:1,7-14](#)

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Family Connection

Parents and children often enter into “negotiations” over how much allowance is to be earned at certain ages. Typically, when a child seeks an increase in allowance, parents will attach an increase in chores and responsibilities for them to better earn the increase. Talk about what kind of allowance you received as a child and what kind of responsibilities your parents expected of you to earn your allowance.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about doing good deeds for others and expecting nothing in return. Read aloud Luke 14:1,7-14. Ask your children how they would feel if you told them to take on more chores without ever expecting another raise in allowance. Emphasize that Jesus teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. Discuss what other types of rewards we can find when doing good things for others.

Point out that we sometimes fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the Our Father, we pray for “our daily bread,” meaning that we pray for only that which we really need in life. Conclude this time together by praying aloud the Our Father.



“I know in whom I place my trust” 2 Tim 1:12