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Welcome to ABJ's monthly newsletter, where our school staff will endeavor to bring you stories and information about many of the amazing things happening at our school. We begin this first issue with news about next year. Mrs. Thomson, one of our Assistant Principals, will be moving to Saint Andre Bessette High School in Fort Saskatchewan next year. ABJ is tremendously grateful for all of the hard work and dedication that Mrs. Thomson has demonstrated over the course of the past six years. Mrs. Thomson has been instrumental in supporting the leadership of a variety of programs at our school, including students services, health and wellness, OH&S, languages, sciences, and our student awards ceremonies, just to name a few. In addition, Mrs. Thomson's support for students has been greatly appreciated over her tenure, especially with her current grade 11 cohort. We would like to thank Mrs. Thomson for all of her hard work and we wish her all the best in her journey in the upcoming school year. May God Bless her as she transitions to serve the students and staff of SAB.

Diploma Exams

If you are a student who is required to write a diploma due to a special circumstance, please notify Mr. Dumont as soon as possible at josephd@eics.ab.ca. Alberta Education has cancelled all Diploma and PAT exam, unless there is a special request from a student. Thanks.

Learn for the Sake of Learning

Many students have shared that each week they try to get the work that is required by their teachers submitted as quickly as possible. However, this is a time for students to consider to not get all of their work completed quickly, but rather this is a time for students to make sure they understand the content. Students should attend their teacher's office hours, ask questions and do all of the learning activities to help them learn the most they can.



Upcoming Events

May 15

PD Day

May 18

Victoria Day

June 25

Graduation Video &
Commencements

Fee Money!!

ABJ AWARDS and Scholarship time!

Students can apply for scholarships and awards through the Grade 12 Google Classroom. The deadline is on May 25, 2020. If you need any assistance, please contact:

Mrs. Glass at sarag@eics.ab.ca
or
Mrs. Thomson
at heathert@eics.ab.ca

ABJ Graduation Information

As you are aware, the graduation ceremonies originally scheduled for May 2020 have been cancelled due to COVID-19. However, ABJ is committed to still honouring our Grads of 2020 in a special and meaningful way to celebrate our grade 12 students' hard-earned accomplishments. The grad advisors and student committee have been working hard to create a new plan moving forward as follows.

- Grad Mass to be streamed live from OLPH Parish with Father Jim on Thursday, June 25 at 11 a.m.
- Grad Commencement Video debut on Thursday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m.

The video will consist of dignitary speeches, toasts, and the valedictorian speech as well as a compilation of student videos. Note: There will be further information regarding videos in a couple of weeks once caps, tassels, and grad certificates are received and distributed.

- Banquet and Dance booked at the Edmonton Convention Centre for Thursday, February 18, 2021 (during Reading Week)

The committee wanted to ensure a date less likely to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Our hope is that students and families are able to come together once again in recognition of our grads. The event will include a short recap of the events from June as well.

Graduation is a cherished ABJ event that brings students, families, and staff together in joyful celebration and so we hope that you can save the dates and partake in the various ceremonies scheduled for the grads of 2020!

Sincerely,

ABJ Grad Advisors: Marge Hallonquist, Janelle Millious, Shelly Tyrkalo, Ruth Tymko



In the Community

May 21

Catholic Education Week – wear blue to show your support!

Road Map to Wellness

Each week our Family Wellness Worker hosts Road Map to Wellness for each grade group. Students are invited to attend at 2:30 p.m. based on the following schedule:

Monday – grade 9
Tuesday – grade 10
Wednesday – grade 11
Thursday – grade 12

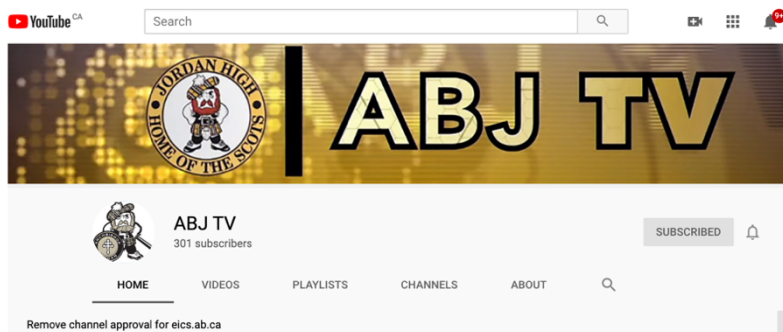
Email Michelle for more information:
Michelle.Horon@eics.ab.ca



ESL students made Time Capsules to commemorate their time learning and relaxing during the COVID-19 school closure.

What's on ABJ TV?

Check out ABJ TV on Youtube.com to hear important messages from school staff!



Hope during Uncertain Times

By Tricia Murphy
Chaplain at ABJ
Youth Coordinator at OLPH Parish

When we enter into times of uncertainty, it is easy to fall into a continuous state of worry and anxiety. We long for times that are predictable. We long for our routines to return. We long to hold people who we love and care about. We question what the summer will be like, what the return to school will be like. However, life always has uncertainties. Weather changes, plans change, and life will often offer plot twists. Once we realize that life is continuously unpredictable and uncertain, we begin to also understand that there is a necessity to be at peace with living in uncertainty.

How do we do that? With the one thing that we can be certain of - God's unconditional love for us. It is the one constant in our lives. We need that constant more now than ever before. Christ had told us in the Gospel of Matthew that he will take care of us, that he will provide and that we should trust and not worry: "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" (Matthew 6:27) Our heavenly Father does not abandon his children when they need Him the most. No, He continues to seek them and to comfort them. However, we can often turn away from His help just as we can turn away from the help of those people around us. That said, my final words are this; Let your heavenly Father embrace you. Let those who seek to help you, like your ABJ and OLPH family, reach out to you in your time of need. Be hopeful for tomorrow, knowing that your hope is found in the solid foundation of Christ.

"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34).

Other important information of faith supports:

- Students can still reach out to the chaplain for support. Email me to set up a time for us to meet on Google meets! triciam@eics.ab.ca
- Prayer will be sent out at the beginning of the week on the grade google classrooms.
- Students can send their faith-based questions to me via tmurphy@olph.ca to be answered on "Cup of Joe with JC". These videos will be posted via whole grade google classrooms and OLPH YOUTH social media, on Facebook, and Instagram. Here was the first video: <https://youtu.be/C-R08ITdpAw>
- The church is still alive! OLPH Parish is still providing mass times, adoration, times of prayer, etc. You can again follow OLPH YOUTH on Instagram or Facebook or you can also go to the OLPH.ca website and follow OLPH on Facebook. Here is the video of what is new at OLPH Parish: <https://youtu.be/0W4P0VT6O4o>

For more information on support offered through the school and through the church you can contact triciam@eics.ab.ca.

Sincerely, Tricia Murphy

Homework for Parents

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 this form in PowerSchool by Thursday, September 10, 2020.**

You can perform the following steps to access, review and submit the form:


- 1) Log into PowerSchool at <https://powerschool.eics.ab.ca>
- 2) Under the "Forms and Fees" menu click "SchoolEngage StudentForms"
- 3) For each of your students, complete any forms which have been assigned to them.

We would like to thank you in advance for completing these forms. Please don't hesitate to contact our office staff for any questions or information.

From your friendly ABJ Front Office Team – Mrs. Prud'homme (wendyp@eics.ab.ca), Mrs. Rishaug (michelle.rishaug@eics.ab.ca), Mrs. Couet (donnac@eics.ab.ca), Mrs. Desaulniers (susan.desaulniers@eics.ab.ca), Mrs. DeCecco (barbd@eics.ab.ca).

ABJ Poetry Night

ABJ POETRY NIGHT



*Pour yourself a cup
of tea or coffee, get cozy,
and prepare to share
a love of poetry
through reading or listening
in a safe space*

MONDAY, MAY 25 • 7-8 PM • GOOGLE MEET
TO JOIN: ENTER CODE ABJPOETRY

Do you love to write, read, or listen to poetry? Then ABJ Poetry Night on Monday, May 25 at 7 p.m. is for you! We are inviting our students to pour themselves a cup of tea or coffee, get cozy, and share in an evening of poetry and connection. We would love to have some students and staff share their writing and celebrate each other. All you need to do is join the google meet that day with the code ABJPoetry. Out of respect for those participating and sharing their work, we will not be recording this session and ask that if you join us, your presence is verified by having your camera on so we can ensure that this is a safe space for those who wish to participate.

Serenity

Elaine Munoz Morales piece "Serenity" had been selected for the AUarts show off contest in Calgary!!! Elaine's art is amazing – well done!



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Athletes of the Week Powered By **SPORTFACTOR**

May 11 - May 17

Julia Zyla Archbishop Jordan



Julia Zyla is an energetic, positive outgoing young woman. Julia has an unbelievable attitude and shows up as a willing participant each and everyday. Julia works hard, performs at everything she tries and competes daily in all adventures she stumbles upon. Julia has a great peer group that look at her as a true leader, in the classroom, in the gym, on the court or in the field! Julia participated in many sports including basketball, baseball and swimming extracurricularly!

Julia truly is one of a kind, a gift to work with. She inspires myself and those she surrounds to be better people by delivering smiles to our faces each and everyday!



ATHLETICS

UNITED IN PRAYER...

AS WE CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IN ALBERTA,

JOIN THE BISHOPS OF ALBERTA IN LIVESTREAM PRAYER AT 9:00 AM EACH DAY

- May 19 Bishop Terrio
 St Paul Diocese
 Holy Rosary- [Rosary Link](#)
- May 20 Archbishop Pettipas
 Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan
 Divine Mercy- [Link Here](#)
- May 21 Archbishop Smith
 Archdiocese of Edmonton
 Holy Mass- [Holy Mass](#)
- May 22 Bishop McGrattan
 Diocese of Calgary
 Special Liturgy & Blessing-
 [Blessing Link](#)

**Catholic
Education Week
May 18-22, 2020**

World
Catholic
Education
Day
May 21, 2020

Devote
yourselves to
prayer, being
watchful and
thankful.

Colossians 4:2



**United in
Prayer
and
Grateful
for**



ABJ Remote Charity Run Success

ABJ's Faith and Wellness Committee hosted a Remote Charity Run on Friday, May 8 where we encouraged staff, students, and community members to give what they could to the charity of their choice and then walk or run a 3 km, 5 km, or 10 km route. The goal was to focus on physical wellness, connection, and social justice.

Staff had fun making promo videos prior to the run and the response on the day of the run did not disappoint. It was amazing to see the support from staff and students flooding my inbox with screenshots of donations, run times, photos, and videos.

Participants had to share proof of donation, but were not obligated to share the amount they donated as there was no minimum or maximum amount. The only requirement was to give what they wished to a cause that spoke to them. So, our known donation total sits at \$1000 but includes many other unnamed donation amounts. Our school community donated to 15 causes including:

- Hope Mission
- YESS
- Red Cross
- Catholic Social Services/Valeda House
- Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank
- Meals on Wheels
- Edmonton Food Bank
- Strathcona Food Bank
- Mustard Seed
- Bissell Centre
- Saffron Centre
- AB Lung Association
- AB Cancer Society
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Zoe's Animal Rescue

This was incredible work, ABJ and a true testament to the fact that even though we may be physically distant, we are not running this race alone. As an added bonus, we have reached our next donation goal for our district initiative of supporting the Valeda House with these donations, so Mr. Bilyk will be making good on his promise to wax his legs!

