

WELCOME TO ABJ FOR 2021-2022



Greetings! The staff of ABJ are very excited to welcome our new and returning students for this upcoming school year. We hope that the summer has given you time to rest and recharge for the year ahead. ABJ is a vibrant school community focused on student learning, wellness, and our Catholic faith. As we return to a semblance of normalcy, we look forward to the many sports, fine arts, social, and faith-based events we have in a typical school year. It will be an amazing year!

Following 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, pick up timetables, pick up transit passes (if eligible), have school ID photos taken and pick up their student ID card, drop off overdue textbooks (if any), request student parking pass on Google forms link, complete school fee payments, choose a locker on the Locker Assignment program (Gr.11's and 12's only-bring your old ABJ lock, Gr.9 and 10 lockers are assigned with a lock in place) and have the opportunity to meet with grade level administrators to discuss graduation, educational plans, learning needs, etc.

School fees may be paid at the start of the school year (in person or online), at registration, or parents/guardians may also choose a 10 month payment plan (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 and submitted by November in order to allow for processing time. For more information on the fee waiver program and to obtain the fee waiver form, please follow this link:

<https://www.eics.ab.ca/parents-and-students/school-fees>

The ABJ Front Office opens on August 20 for email and telephone communication.

REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

Grade 12	Tuesday, August 24	Surnames A-M 8:30 am - 10:15 am Surnames N-Z 10:15 am - noon
Grade 11	Tuesday, August 24	Surnames A-M 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Surnames N-Z 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Grade 10	Wednesday, August 25	Surnames A-G 8:30 am - 10:15 am Surnames H-M 10:15 am - noon Surnames N-R 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Surnames S-Z 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Grade 9	Thursday, August 26 <i>Sign up for a tour timeslot with our awesome Student Council members at bit.ly/Gr9Tour21. There will also be a scavenger hunt with prizes for those who take the tour!</i>	Surnames A-G 8:30 am - 10:15 am Surnames H-M 10:15 am - noon Surnames N-R 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Surnames S-Z 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

NEW Grade 10-12 Students to ABJ can sign up for tours at bit.ly/NewTour21.

Please note: During registration, the school will be closed from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Staggered Entry- September 1 and 2

- Students in all schools of EICS will be starting the school year with staggered entry. This provides a wonderful opportunity for students to experience their first day of school in a more relaxed manner with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the physical space with fewer students. Students will attend **only** as noted below during staggered entry. The schedule for the day will be compressed so that students can experience both their Day A and Day B classes. The first day of classes for *all* students will be Friday, September 3 as per the regular bell schedule.

	Students Attending	Schedule
Wednesday, September 1	Surnames A - L	8:32 - 9:12 Day A, Period 1 9:17 - 9:57 Day A, Period 2
Thursday, September 2	Surnames M - Z	10:02 - 10:42 Day A, Period 3 10:47 - 11:27 Day A, Period 4 LUNCH 11:27-12:15 12:15 - 12:55 Day B, Period 1 1:00 - 1:40 Day B, Period 2 1:45 - 2:25 Day B, Period 3 2:30 - 3:10 Day B, Period 4
Friday, September 3	All Students	Regular Day A/B Schedule * September 3 will be a Day A schedule

Bell Schedule

Block Rotation

Day A	Day B
1	1
2	2
Lunch	Lunch
3	3
4	4

Period Times- Monday /Tuesday /Thursday /Friday

Period	Times
1	8:32 - 9:57
2	10:04 - 11:29
	45 Minute - Lunch Break
3	12:14 - 1:39
4	1:46 - 3:11

Period Times- Wednesday (PEP / Early Dismissal)

Period	Times
1	8:32 - 9:42
2	9:49 - 10:59
	45 Minute - Lunch Break
3	11:44 - 12:54
4	1:01 - 2:11
Personalized Education Period (PEP) - see next page for details OR Early Dismissal (first Wednesday of each month)	2:11 - 3:11

Personalized Education Period (PEP)

- Personalized Education Period (PEP) is an opportunity for students to direct their learning for a more personalized educational experience. PEP will offer students the opportunity to access support for academic needs or engage in a health and wellness activity. Examples of PEP opportunities include fitness training in the workout room, Science lab reviews, essay writing review, etc. Sessions will occur every Wednesday for 60 minutes **except** on early dismissal Wednesdays. Offerings will be determined by individual teachers the week prior to a PEP period and students will have the ability to sign up for any relevant sessions of their choosing via PowerSchool. Teachers and parents will also be able to select a PEP opportunity for a student, whenever they feel there is a need. Attendance will be taken at PEP sessions. The first PEP day will be Wednesday, September 15. More detailed information will be shared in September.

School Supplies

- Students are recommended to acquire school supplies based on their courses and respective teacher expectations. Generally, students require a binder, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, eraser, etc. for most courses. Any supplies beyond the basics will be directed by their individual teacher based on the nature of the course.
- Students taking Math 10C require a TI84+ calculator.
- 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>

Timetables and Course Change Requests

- Timetables are now accessible through PowerSchool and can also be picked up at registration.
- Course changes will only be permitted for students who have an exceptional circumstance such as a course sequencing that is incorrect, completion of a course in summer school, insufficient prerequisites (course failure from previous year), or for other reasons as detailed in our course change procedures here: bit.ly/ABJCourseChangeInfo. Course change requests can be made electronically from students' school accounts using this form: bit.ly/ABJCourseChangeRequest beginning **Monday, August 23**.

Student Supports and Services

- Each grade level has an administrator assigned as the key contact to 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. You may also email our principal for general inquiries- Mrs. Ruth Tymko, ruthb@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 9- Mr. Chad Starko, chad.starko@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 10- Mrs. Fiona Wimmer, fiona.wimmer@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 11- Mr. Marc St. Jean, marcs@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 12- Mr. Greg Lakeman, gregl@eics.ab.ca

- Our Student Services team offers a variety of supports to students. Student Services is located across from the small gym.
 - Counsellors- academic planning, post-secondary planning, career planning, mental health supports, and more
 - Sara Glass, sarag@eics.ab.ca
 - Courtney St. Amand, courtney.stamand@eics.ab.ca
 - Family Wellness Workers (FWWs)- mental health supports, community resources, family-school liaison, parent groups, and more
 - Kimberly Baumle, email TBD
 - Michelle Horon, michelle.horon@eics.ab.ca
 - Chaplain- Tricia Murphy, triciam@eics.ab.ca
 - Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Work Experience (WE) Lead- James Grondin, jamesg@eics.ab.ca
 - Indigenous Education Lead- Janelle Millious, janelle.millious@eics.ab.ca
 - ECampus Coordinator- Karry McGhan, karrym@eics.ab.ca



Be sure to use this QR code or this linked **Transition to Grade 9 at ABJ Guide** to access a comprehensive guide developed by the awesome Mrs. Glass! It is full of information for both students and parents new to ABJ.

- The Learning Support Team works to address the needs of students at all levels of development ranging from complex needs to gifted and talented. The Learning Support Team is located in the Learning Commons.
 - Collaborative Response Coordinators (CRCs) support students requiring additional academic supports, engagement strategies, assistance with programming, and more. CRCs work in collaboration with grade-level administrators in addressing student learning needs.
 - Grade 9- Michelle Gau, michelleg@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 10- Michelle Pope, michellep@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 11- Elaan Zaleschuk, elaanz@eics.ab.ca
 - Grade 12- please contact the grade 12 level administrator or any of the above CRCs
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructional Coach- works with students and staff to establish supports and programming for English Language Learner
 - Anna Deligianis, anna.deligianis@eics.ab.ca

New Staff

We are also excited and blessed to welcome the following staff new or returning to ABJ for the 2021-2022 school year!

Ms. Kimberly Baumle, Family Wellness Worker

Mrs. Nadine Bonsant, Library Tech/Educational Assistant

Mr. Scott Crosbie, Teacher

Mrs. Kalay Dumont, Teacher
Mrs. Shannon Flanagan, Educational Assistant
Mrs. Joanne Kuly, Educational Assistant
Ms. Louise Labonte, Teacher
Miss Anita Lakusta, Teacher
Mrs. Erin Montgomery, Teacher
Mrs. Tricia Murphy, Chaplain/Teacher
Mrs. Lori Slade, Educational Assistant
Mrs. Fiona Wimmer, Assistant Principal/Teacher
Mrs. Crystal Yarmuch, Educational Assistant
Ms. Elaan Zaleschuk, CRC/Teacher

Once again, we look forward to welcoming all students back for the 2021-2022 school year!
Further communications will be shared as re-entry plans and further divisional and school-based decisions are made.