

Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

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Students, Parents, Staff, and Parish,

Whew, the first two weeks (four-days each and one more this week!) has come and gone at Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School. This year our Division theme is *Altar'd in Faith*. This theme is new for this school year and builds on the foundations of our 2015-16 *Where is Jesus? Right Here! Right Now!*, 2014-15 *Joyful Hearts ...Sharing The Good News*, 2013-14 *Many Parts – One Body in Christ* and 2012-13 *Mission Possible*. This is very appropriate as we continue to be an inviting and evangelizing faith community.

The entire team at Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School would like to thank all the families for a great start to the school year. We are 1295 students strong this year up 93 students from last year! We appreciate each of your efforts in arriving on time for classes. This is such a key habit to ensure your children experience as much academic success as possible and grow in a deeper understanding of God's love.

Our opening school mass will be held Thursday, September 29 IN THE SCHOOL GYM. This year, because of the increased size of students and staff, we will be doing two masses. The first mass will be for the Grade 9 & 10 beginning at 9:00am. The second mass for our Grade 11 & 12 students will begin at 10:15. A big thank you to Fr. Jack and Fr. Pierre for arranging their schedules to celebrate the Eucharist - we invite each of you to consider joining with us for song and prayer – What a great experience together in faith and learning.

All families should now have functional PowerSchool usernames and passwords for students and parents in Grade 9-12 to better monitor student progress. This effective tool is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week! Increasingly, we are integrating PowerSchool into more and more facets of school-home communication. Each of you should now have set up a PowerSchool parent account. PowerSchool will now need to be used to verify data information through the Data Verification Form that all parents/guardians must complete at the start of each school year – if you haven't done this please take the time to complete the process. School fees can be conveniently paid for through PowerSchool. As has been the case in the past, PowerSchool is an up-to-date tool parents can use to monitor and support student academic progress and attendance. In the future, PowerSchool will be used to publish and distribute report cards. **PLEASE, IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY, SET-UP A POWERSCHOOL PARENT ACCOUNT.** For all parents who have set up an account in the past, please verify that it is still active. If you experience any issues, please contact the school office for assistance 780-467-2121.

We will begin a review of our school goals, improvement opportunities and wants / needs of the students, staff and parent communities. If you would like to be a participant in this process please let Mr. Cox know at brettc@eics.ab.ca

Please use the far west entrance when dropping off or picking up students. But please be respectful to **NOT drop-off in the bus lane or staff parking lot.**

Parent School Council (PSC)

Your next Parent School Council meeting will be **Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00pm** – If you'd like to be active with the PSC please contact the school or e-mail talockhart@shaw.ca

Important Dates to remember and put on your fridge calendar, Google Calendar or calendar of choice:

September

- 12 Dress in PJ's for the Day
- 12-13 Grade 12 Classroom Visits - Counsellors
- 13 Jersey Day – dig out the favorite old Oiler Jersey!

- 14 ABJ Breakfast – come enjoy some flapjacks! / ABJ Cross Country Race at Hawrelak Park @ Rundle 4:15pm
- 15 ABJ Swag Day – wear your Scots gear / Orlando Brown Leadership speaker 1:00pm
- 16 School Professional Development Day – Technology Focus – **No school for students**
- 15 & 19 Grade 11 Classroom Visits - Counsellors
- 21 ABJ Terry Fox Run 9:00am / School PSC Meeting at 7:00pm
- 23 MacEwan University One on One Sessions at ABJ (all day) – see Mrs. Miskiw-Chetek for info
- 27 Concordia One on Ones / display at ABJ (9:30-11:30) – see Mrs. Miskiw-Chetek for info
- 29 School Opening Mass Celebrations
 - 9:00am Grades 9 & 10 school gymnasium *All invited and encouraged
 - 10:15am Grade 11 & 12 school gymnasium *All invited and encouraged

October – Read-in MONTH!

- 1 Most University applications open (MacEwan/NAIT)
Emerald Hills Pool opening (yes it’s finally going to be functional!)
- 4 UBC at ABJ (11:30-12:30 pm – lunch presentation)
- 5 Early Out - 2:11pm dismissal
- 6 Grade 12 Retreat for those that signed up (see Mrs. Damur for information)
- 7 No School – School PD Day
- 10 Thanksgiving Day – No school
- 12 University of Alberta Program Fair at ABJ (12:40-1:40 pm)
- 14-15 NAIT Open House
- 15 Concordia University College Open House
- 16 Grade 12 Overnight Retreat
- 16 Concordia One on One Displays
- 19 Elections Canada using ABJ as a Polling Station *Students involvement in running Polling Station!
- 22 University of Alberta Open House / King’s University Open House
- 23 Choir Retreat
- 24 ABJ Annual Awards Night

Just for a laugh: Taken from the website - ParentsShouldntText.com as a conversation between a parent and child

- Parent text “What does IDK, LY and TTYL mean?”
- Child text “I don’t know, love you, talk to you later”
- Parent text “OK, I will ask your sister then.”



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