

Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

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Students, Parents, Staff, and Parish,

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 1291 students strong this year up 89 students from last year on September 30.

A huge thank you to everyone that was able to join us for our TWO opening school year masses. This year, because of the increased size of students and staff, we will be doing two masses. The first mass was for the Grade 9 & 10 and the second mass was for our Grade 11 & 12 students. A big thank you to Fr. Jack, Fr. Pierre and to Fr. Slavko for arranging their schedules to celebrate the Eucharist with our school community.

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.

Thank you to the parents and students that contributed to suggested improvements to our school. We will use these suggestions to guide changes and improvements to our school, programming and budget considerations.

Parent School Council (PSC)

Your next Parent School Council meeting will be **announced very shortly** – 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:

October – Read-in MONTH!

- 1 Most University applications open (MacEwan / NAIT / U of A / Concordia)
Emerald Hills Pool opening (yes it's finally going to be functional!)
- 4 UBC at ABJ (11:30-12:30 pm – lunch presentation) / EICS Administrator meetings
- 5 Early Out - 2:11pm dismissal / X-Country Zones 1:00pm at Gold Bar
- 6 Grade 12 Retreat for those that signed up (see Mrs. Damur for information)
- 7 No School – School PD Day beginning with 8:30am mass at OLPH Church
- 10 Thanksgiving Day – No school

- 11 Linking Generations Info session at 11:30am / Post-Secondary & Scholarship session at 6:30pm (library)
- 12 University of Alberta Program Fair at ABJ (12:40-1:40 pm)
- 13 Photo Retakes pm TBA
- 14 Grade 10 Retreat for those that signed up (see Mrs. Damur for information)
- 14-15 NAIT Open House
- 15 Concordia University College Open House (at Concordia Campus) / X-Country Provincials
- 19 Mayor Carr's Battle of the Strathcona Chefs
- 21 Grade 11 Retreat for those that signed up (see Mrs. Damur for information)
- 22 University of Alberta Open House / King's University Open House
- 23 Choir Retreat
- 24 ABJ Annual Awards Night at Festival Place
- 24-28 Halloween Week at ABJ
- 26 ABJ Band Fall Concert 7:00pm in the gymnasium
- 28 Grade 9 Retreat for those that signed up (see Mrs. Damur for information)

November

- 1 Post-Secondary Fair at ABJ (morning)
- 2-3 Three Way Conferences (Parent-Student-Staff conferences)
- 5-6 Catholic Education Sunday (Weekend masses at OLPH Parish)
- 6 Grade 12 Retreat for those that signed up (see Mrs. Damur for information)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12-20 Fall Break – no school
- 21 First day back to school
- 22 NAIT one on one sessions
- 27 First day of Advent
- 29 Grade 9 P.A.R.T.Y Program at ABJ
- 29-Dec 1 Drama 30 Production



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