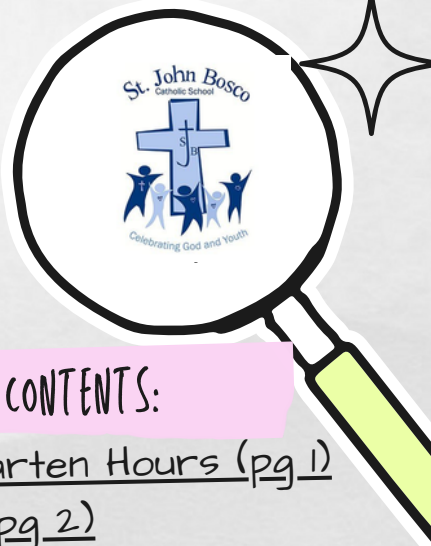


SJB KINDERGARTEN PARENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025



WELCOME MESSAGE

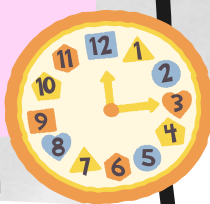
We are very excited to meet you and your child and look forward to a very exciting, eventful school year. Please take the time to read through the kindergarten parent handbook and inform us of any questions you may have that was not answered. We will help your child with the transition into Kindergarten during the staggered entry days in September. You should have received an email with information regarding your child's staggered entry date. See you in September. Welcome to St. John Bosco Catholic School Kindergarten!

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KINDERGARTEN HOURS



The first day of Kindergarten is on Friday, September 6. Classes are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. No Kindergarten on Thursdays with the exception of a few days throughout the school year before holidays.

Morning class hours:

8:05 am - 11:12 am (Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.)

Afternoon class hours:

11:43am - 2:50pm (Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.)



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SNACK

Each family is responsible for providing a snack for their own child. In your child's snack bag, please provide a spill proof water bottle filled with water and a small healthy snack. Your child should be able to open and close his/her own water bottle independently.

We encourage and discuss nutritious, healthy snacks to help promote healthy bodies. Students are encouraged to open packages and containers during snack time and sharing of snacks is not allowed due to allergies and germs. Discuss healthy snacks at home and have your child help pack his/her snack. It's best to avoid sending cookies, or food items that have a large amount of added sugar or items such as chips.

During snack time we look at students snack and discuss all of the healthy foods. This encourages students to have and eat their healthy snacks... great awareness!

Snack ideas: Fruits, veggies, crackers & cheese, yogurt, sausage, whole grain muffins, etc.



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ABSENCE

To report your child's absence, please log in to the Parent PowerSchool Portal and enter their absence directly; use each tab for your children to report each respective child that will be absent from school. *Attendance must be entered prior to 8:00 am for the morning and by 11:30 am for the afternoon to avoid an Unexcused Absence call from the school. It is helpful to also email/notify the classroom teacher of your child's absence if you know in advance.

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FOLLOW SJB ON



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DROP OFF

Your cooperation in bringing your child to school and picking up on time is greatly appreciated. All adults and children, who do not take the bus, wait outside the front of the school prior to classes commencing until a teacher/staff member greets students and leads them to the classroom. Please say good-bye to your child outside of the school as they need to gain independence and be able to get ready for class time on their own. Although this may be a difficult transition for you and your child at first, this will only help your child adjust quickly to coming to school and developing these skills.



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PICK UP

Students will be dismissed from the front of the school. Adults who are picking up a child are asked to wait outside at the front of the school until your child is dismissed directly to you. Students will be released one by one and are asked to wait until a staff member dismisses them. Please notify the classroom teacher or the school office if you have made alternate arrangements for someone else to pick up your child.



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MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

During the year we will have visitors from Edmonton Catholic School's Multidisciplinary team come to our Kindergarten class. This may include the following specialists: Speech and Language Pathologist/assistant, Occupational Therapist/assistant, Behaviour Specialist/assistant, and Consultant. We look forward to having them share their expertise with our class community.



8 INDEPENDENCE



One of the goals of Kindergarten is for children to develop personal independence. You can help by sending your child to school with clothing, shoes, and food containers that they can manage by themselves. At home, please work with your child to zip coats, do up buttons/snaps and tie shoe laces. It takes a long time to develop these skills and lots of practice and patience!



10 CLASSROOM NEWS

You will receive some reminders via email but otherwise, please get in the habit of checking the classroom website for dates and information. These are located under the Student Life section of the St. John Bosco school website. Please ensure that all forms and notes are returned in a timely manner.



11 PATHS KID OF THE DAY



The PATHS Kid of the day program is a way of getting to know every student a little better and giving them an opportunity to speak in front of the class. When it is your child's turn to be PATHS Kid of the Day, he/she is the classroom helper for the day. Your child will lead the classroom meeting and be the line leader for the day. This gives them an opportunity to develop their self-confidence and oral language skills.

9 SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Refer to the school website for a complete supply list. Please label belongings with child's name.

- One pair of indoor running shoes that your child can put on independently. It is strongly recommend velcro shoes with grip for physical education and non-scuff.
- Backpack (Large enough to hold a snack bag, water bottle, library book, agenda, extra set of clothes, etc.
- Snack bag and Spill proof water bottle (Your child should be able to open and close his/her water bottle independently)
- Extra set of clothing for your child (Socks, underwear, shirt, and pants) in case of an accident or getting wet or dirty during exploration. Place these clothes in a labeled, large ziplock bag. These clothes will be kept in your child's backpack and brought to and from school daily.

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THURSDAY/FRIDAY SWITCH

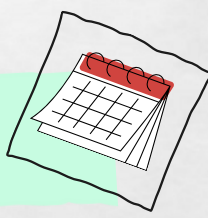
Throughout the school year the district switches the Thursday early dismissal days to the following Friday. Although Kindergarten does not have school on Thursdays, we are still required to switch these days as well. During these switches, Kindergarten will have class on Thursday but not on Friday.

The following Thursday's Kindergarten will have class:

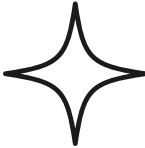
- Thursday, December 19, 2024
- No school for Kindergarten on Friday, December 20, 2024
- Thursday, March 20, 2025
- No school for Kindergarten on Friday, March 21, 2025

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NO SCHOOL



Labour Day.....	Sept 2
Truth & Reconciliation Day.....	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day.....	Oct 14
Remembrance Day Wknd & Fall Break.....	Nov 8-12
Christmas Vacation.....	Dec 23-Jan 3
Family Day.....	Feb 17
Faith Development Day/PD.....	Feb 26
Teachers' Convention.....	Feb 27-28
Spring Break.....	Mar 24-28
Good Friday.....	Apr 18
Easter Monday.....	Apr 21
Victoria Day Weekend.....	May 17-20
Last Day of School.....	June 25



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FIRE DRILLS & LOCKDOWN

We will be discussing fire drills and lockdown procedures throughout the school year. There may be practice drills beginning September. A lockdown practice can sometimes be frightening for a child. The example of a "bad dog" getting into the school instead of a "bad person" or other problem examples will be used. Talk to your child about what a practice drill means.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

A good way to get involved at St. John Bosco Catholic School is through the School Council. The School Council is the liaison between the parents and the school. The committee involves volunteering parents and the teachers who work together to provide an enriched and effective program. There are meetings held about once a month to share ideas.





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LIBRARY



Children may borrow one book at a time for up to a week. Please help your child establish routines to take good care of borrowed books.

****Helpful Hints****

1. Establish a regular place to keep borrowed books
2. Use clean hands when viewing books
3. Careful handling of pages.
4. Return book for exchange on or before library day.



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GYM



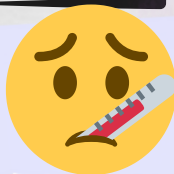
We value the importance of daily physical activity and will be implemented throughout each day. It may take place in the classroom, the gym, the playground or outside in the field.

****Clothing Tip****

T-shirts should be worn under sweatshirts/sweaters and shorts should be worn under dresses/skirts.

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ILLNESS



We ask that when your child is not well, that you keep them at home so they can rest and give their body time to deal with symptoms. Any students who are manifesting signs and symptoms of being unwell at school will be sent to the office and their parents called for pickup.

18 COLOUR OF THE WEEK

We will be discussing colours throughout the school year. On the classroom website calendar, there are days that are marked with a coloured circle. Please have your child wear something that corresponds to the colour for that day. If your child does not have any clothing or items to wear that match the colour, please do not go and buy items. You can place a coloured sticker on your child's shirt or he/she will get a stamp/dot of that colour. We will be discussing the chosen colour for two days and becoming "colour detectives." Allow your child the opportunity to help find objects at home that has the corresponding colour.



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PARKING

Please do not park in front of the school in the designated daycare/bus zones, in the layby, or in the staff parking lot. There is a designated handicap parking which you may use if you have a valid handicap placard. You may park on the opposite side of the school, on the street. Please be mindful not to use community residents driveways. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as this area may get quite congested as there are other classes arriving or being dismissed at the same time. Keeping this area clear will help ensure the safety of the students during drop off and dismissal. If you are parked across the street, please walk to the marked crosswalks. No jaywalking! Remember that your child will model the steps that you take.



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IMPORTANT DATES

May 1, 2025 - Spring concert

May 9, 2025 - Mother's Day event

June 5, 2025 - Father's Day event

June 24, 2025 - Full day of kindergarten

****The above events will take place during the daytime**

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