



ÉCOLE CAMILLE
J. LEROUGE SCHOOL

WEEKLY PARENT NEWS

“Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Fearless, You Are Never Alone”

“Sois fort, sois courageux et n’aie pas peur, Dieu est toujours avec toi.”

The Weekly Parent News is posted weekly on our website (www.camilleschool.ca) under News - Parent News!

This week at Camille:

Monday, November 22 - Day 4

Tuesday, November 23 - Day 5

7:00 pm - EDGE - Black and White Formal

Wednesday, November 24 - Day 6

Thursday, November 25 - Day 1

Twin Day

Deadline for Giving Tree

La Fête de Ste Catherine

End of Term 1 for Grs 1-9

Friday, November 26

PD Day - No School for students

December at Camille:

Dec 1 - Ornament Raffle begins
Dec 2 - Pick up of Poinsettias
Dec 2 & 16 - Ski Club (Canyon Ski Hill)
Dec 9 - Deadline for Gifts for Grandparents
Dec 10 - Teacher PD - No School for students
Dec 16 - Elementary Award Recognition
Dec 22 - Jan 4 - Christmas Break

Draft Curriculum - Parent Feedback

As we move closer to the date of the draft curriculum being launched we implore parents to provide feedback to both the provincial government and our school division. The Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees has advocated to our provincial government to go back and make changes to this draft curriculum before implementation in September 2022. Please take some time to provide your thoughts and opinions at either of the following sites:

[Have Your Say - Parent survey](#) and [RDCRS Draft Curriculum Feedback](#)

Christmas School-Wide Social Justice Projects

Catholic Social Services works with us to facilitate the **Giving Tree**, which allows you to purchase gifts for children. This year, we are collecting gift cards for families in the amount of \$25 and \$50. Walmart and Bower Mall are the preferred gift cards. The deadline for bringing in gift cards is **Friday, November 26**.

Gifts for Grandparents is a program that provides small toiletry and gifts for shut-ins and elderly folk. Our school is accepting the following:

- Small store bought boxed cookies
- Small boxes of chocolates
- Boxes of crackers
- Bags of candy/diabetic candy
- Word search, crossword, Sudoku books (large print)
- Lap blankets
- Cash/grocery store gift cards

Deadline for collecting these gifts is **Thursday, December 9th**.

Cold Weather

As the weather gets colder we remind our students to dress for the weather. All students will be outside for all recess breaks unless the weather is colder than -25 degrees with the wind chill, according to the Environment Canada website. If the weather is colder than -25 the doors will be opened at 8:25 am for morning drop off and students will remain inside for their recess breaks.

Feast Day of Saint Catherine

This week we are recognizing the Feast Day of Saint Catherine (We honor Marguerite Bourgeoys on this day, November 25th) Canada's first teacher. Part of the tradition is to make "La tire Ste. Catherine". As the story goes, Marguerite invented this candy to encourage children to come to school. Many of our grade 3-9 students will be preparing "La tire" with their class.

Ornament Raffle

We are once again excited to bring the Ornament Raffle to our school. Proceeds of this fundraiser will be used towards our Christmas Hamper Program which supplies food, gifts for children in the family, or gift certificates to families in our school who are in need during the Christmas Season.

Draws will be made daily throughout the month of December. Students may purchase tickets beginning Wednesday, December 1st. Tickets are 1 for \$.25 or 6 for \$1.00. All tickets will be placed in the draw bin at the office. Each day, 10 student names will be drawn and these students will be called to the office to select an ornament to take home from our office Christmas tree.

We are looking for donations of Christmas ornaments. If you have some, we would love for you to send them to school with your child.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our School Council's poinsettia fundraiser. Pick up for poinsettias will be **Thursday, December 2nd** at our school.

Red Deer Christmas Bureau

Our school is accepting donations for the Red Deer Christmas Bureau, who help children and families in need. Every year, the Red Deer Christmas Bureau relies

on goodwill and donations from the public. The children are so appreciative and it warms our hearts when we see the joy in receiving. Unwrapped toys can be brought into the school on/or before **Friday, December 9th.**

School Fees

School fees are only for: Gr 5 Music (\$10), Gr 6-9 Options (\$20), and transportation fees, for those living less than 1.6 km, and between 1.6 and 2.4 km from the school. These fees were due in September.

Payment for fees can be sent to the office with your child or you can come by the office, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm, with payment in cash, credit card or cheque (made payable to RDCRS).

First notice emails have been sent home.

Voyageurs News

After a great season, our volleyball teams are entering the playoffs in good shape.

Our champion senior boys won the CENAA title/trophy and now go to compete in the 2 JJ CWAJHAA in Ponoka as the #1 seed from Red Deer. Our senior girls ended their season with a bronze medal in their playoffs and now also go to compete in the 2 JJ CWAJHAA here at Camille as the host team.

Our junior boys capped their season winning GOLD at their playoff this week at St-Joe's.

Our junior girls team 1 played in the bronze game and finished in fourth place!

Our junior girls team 2 made it to the quarter finals!

With volleyball season now over... it's time for basketball... we will start with our senior teams tryouts with boys going Monday and Wednesday, and senior girls Tuesday/Thursday this week. Once our senior teams are selected it will be our juniors' turn.

In other news, our Ski/Snowboard Club begins on December 2nd. Students need to bring their forms back to the office by Wednesday Nov 24. We have 6 ski evenings planned.

Previous News:

Dental Outreach of Red Deer

The Dental Outreach of Red Deer (DOoR) program provides free dental treatment for children with: pain, infection, visible decay, broken teeth, no dental insurance, lower income, trouble paying. DOoR serves families with children from 5-18 years with lower income who do not have Alberta Child Health Benefits or other health benefits to cover dental treatment. Call the Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre at 403-356-6302 to see if your family qualifies.

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist Registration

Registration ONLINE is OPEN for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist for students in Grades 2 and up. This includes students who would like to catch up with their sacraments (Grades 3-12). They need to be baptized in a recognized faith and would like to continue their faith journey in the Catholic Church.

Confirmation registration will open up November 29, 2021.

FREE All-Access Family Recreation Pass

At Camille, we are so excited for the opportunity to provide our students and their families with free access to the recreation centres in partnership with the City of Red Deer! **Sign out** our ***Family ALL Access Recreation Pass**, available for *all* families to borrow and valid for *all* [drop-in activities](#), at *all* of the city's recreation centres.

To borrow the Family Recreation Pass and to check availability, fill out an appointment slot on the ECJL [Family Recreation Pass Booking Calendar](#). In the notes section, you must indicate the full name of your child who will be picking it up at the Learning Commons.

The pass will be signed out on a first come first served basis and must be **returned within 24 hours for the next booking** (ex. Signed out Monday and returned the next day, Tuesday morning). If the pass is signed out on a Friday it can be used for the weekend and returned Monday. If you would like to sign it out for two consecutive weekdays, you will need to make two consecutive bookings. Read our full letter [here](#).

Please familiarize yourself with the City of Red Deer's [Provincial Restriction Exemption Program](#) before booking.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP



Parent Workshop - Connecting with Your Child - November 23rd 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Would you like to strengthen your parent child relationship? Come and learn what is a Developmental Relationship and how to make yours stronger to help your child grow up great!

[Link](#)

Kal Tire High Five Fundraiser

Community Partnership ECJL was approached by Kal Tire as a community partner to offer Camille a unique fundraising opportunity. Kal Tire runs a “High Five” program which benefits community clubs, organizations and schools **For every purchase made, at any Kal Tire store in Red Deer, a donation of 5% will be given back to our school community.** These donations will be used to enhance our technology, athletics and French learning materials for students. MERCI BEAUCOUP to Kal Tire for this amazing opportunity - we are grateful for your support! Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

Lifetouch Fall Photo Retakes in the Studio

These sessions are by appointment only and are being held at the Clearview Meadows Community Centre, 93 Cornett, Red Deer, AB.

https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1dqj327c/?e_id=12405

[SCHEDULE NOW](#)

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