



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](http://www.camilleschool.ca)) under News - Parent News!

**This week at Camille:**

**First Week of Advent**

**Monday, November 29 - Day 2**

First day of Term Two for Grs 1-9

**Tuesday, November 30 - Day 3**

**Wednesday, December 1 - Day 4**

**Ornament Raffle begins**

**Thursday, December 2 - Day 5**

**Pick up for Poinsettia Fundraiser**

4:00 pm - Ski Club - Canyon Ski Hill

**Friday, December 3 - Day 6**

**Tipi Raising Ceremony**

Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten classes in

Deadline for Giving Tree gift cards

## **December at Camille:**

Dec 9 - Deadline for Gifts for Grandparents and Christmas Bureau

Dec 10 - Teacher PD - No School for students

Dec 16 - Elementary Award Recognition

Dec 16 - Ski Club (Canyon Ski Hill)

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 School 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. Bower Mall is the preferred gift card as we now have many Walmart cards. The deadline for bringing in gift cards has been extended to **Friday, December 3rd**.

**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.

## **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.** Big thanks for families that have donated ornaments!

## **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**

Congratulations to our senior girls volleyball team for their excellent performance at the CWAJHAA Championships! Our girls took the BRONZE medal this year. A job well done for our senior boys volleyball team - boys made it to the quarter finals. Reminder to all volleyball players to return your clean uniform to your coach or to M. Cormier ASAP!

Now that one season is over, we immediately start with the next one - basketball. Our senior tryouts started this week and our junior tryouts are next week. The junior girls tryouts are Monday and Wednesday and the junior boys tryouts are Tuesday and Thursday. More information about the schedule will be shared soon.

The Ski and Snowboard Club are getting ready to hit the slopes at Canyon. If you would like to get involved, we need three trucks to carry the equipment at every outing. Please contact M. Cormier for more information .... you may want to ski too!

## **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.

## **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.

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