

Ecole Camille J. Lerouge

Weekly Voyageur News - Dec 4-8



Division Theme

Inspiré par Dieu dans une aventure à découvrir, grandir et servir. Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture, and Serve.

Important Dates

December 4, Day 6

Deadline for Gifts for Grandparents

Ornament Raffle draws start today

2pm - Poinsettia order pick up

December 6, Day 2

Deadline for Giving Tree

12pm - Gr 3 Field Trip to Christmas Spectacular

December 7, Day 3

9:30am - Advent Celebration - Gym

5pm - Parents Night Out - Pajama Party

7pm - [Faith Day Parent Night Event](#)

December 8

Teacher Faith PD - NO SCHOOL for students

2023 Faith Day Parent Night Event

Living Joy: A Parent's Night with Chris Stefanick on December 7th at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish. No charge.

Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith.

Recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput calls Chris "one of the most engaging defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today." Chris's live seminars reach more than 85,000 people per year. His reality TV show, videos, and radio spots reach millions of people, and his educational initiatives are turning the tide in the Church. He authored the Chosen Confirmation program which has already formed more than 500,000 teens.

A graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Chris is also the founder and president of Real Life Catholic, a non-profit which operates as the headquarters for Chris's various initiatives. Above all, Chris is proud to be the husband to his wife Natalie and father to their six children.

We are honored and blessed to have Chris travel to Red Deer to speak to us.

Upcoming Events at Camille:

December 12 - MS Band Concert

December 18 - K-2 Advent Concert at 6pm

December 19 - Grs 3-5 Advent Concert at 6pm

December 21 - Parents Night Out - 5pm - Info coming soon

December 22 - Pyjama Day - Last day of school - Christmas Break

Food Bank Advent Calendar

The Food Bank shelves are empty and there is an increase in people needing support. On Monday, November 27, we began collecting food for the Food Bank and one of the Grade 5s will be delivering to the Food Bank every Friday until the Christmas break. Items we are collecting are on our Food Bank Advent [Calendar](#). Thank you for your support!



THE GIVING TREE



Contribute to the Catholic Social Services Giving Tree Campaign **to help local families this holiday season** by purchasing a Walmart gift card valued at \$25 or \$50. In addition, our office is happy to accept cash donations of any amount. Please label the donation "CSS Giving Tree ."



GIVE SUPPORT
Need support?

Contact Mme Julie at the school

Christmas Bureau

We are once again collecting toys for the Christmas Bureau. Please do not wrap these toys. The Christmas Bureau box is located by the office. The deadline is **December 15**.

Giving Tree and Gifts for Grandparents

It's that time of year again.

Giving Tree - see poster above. We are proud to be partnering with Catholic Social Services' Giving Tree campaign again this year! Families in need of support this Christmas can apply directly through Catholic Social Services or through our school's Family School Enhancement Counsellor. Again, this year gift cards (instead of gifts) will be collected. Tags are available in our gathering area and will remain available throughout school days until they are gone. The TAGS are \$25 or \$50 gift cards from Walmart only. Please return your gift card back to the school office by **December 5th**. Our goal is to collect \$1750 and we are at **\$950!!!** If you have questions, please contact Julie Masson at julie.masson@rdcrs.ca.

Gifts for Grandparents

The Gifts for Grandparents program is a community program which helps spread the joy of Christmas to seniors and shut ins in our community. These are the items that can be donated:

- lightweight blankets
- boxes of cookies (small boxes)
- chocolates (small boxes)

- crackers (small boxes)
- large print word search/crossword with pens
- cash/grocery store gift cards

These items are not to be wrapped. Deadline for bringing in donations is **December 4th**.

The Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

The [Knights of Columbus Poster Contest](#) is open to all Catholic Elementary schools located in the City of Red Deer. Posters to be completed in color on white paper either 8.5" by 14" or 11" by 17". Student's name, grade(combined grades must be specific) and classroom should be clearly printed on the bottom of the poster and the school name on the back of the poster so that the posters can be returned to the appropriate school and classroom. Entries will be judged based on Christian message, content, originality, and artistic composition/talent. This year there are five separate categories: grade 1, grade 2, grade 3, grade 4, and grade 5. Teachers from each participating class are to select the two best entries from their class for final judging, and based on potential health restrictions, only these two should be submitted. Teachers will keep the rest for display at school, as we will only be displaying the three winning posters for each grade at St. Mary's Church over the Christmas season. Prizes of first, second, and third will be awarded in each of the categories. The prizes will be dropped off at the Schools for presentation the week of December 18 – 22.

Ornament Raffle

The Ornament Raffle begins Monday, December 4th! Proceeds of this fundraiser will be used towards our Christmas Hamper Program which supplies food, gifts/gift certificates for children in the family to families in our school who are in need during the Christmas season.

Draws are made daily throughout the month of December. Students may purchase tickets from their teacher. Tickets are 1 for \$.25 or 6 for \$1.00. All tickets are placed in the draw bin at the office. Each day, 10 student names are drawn and these students are called to the office to select an ornament to take home from our office Christmas tree. The first draw is Monday, December 4th. To date, we have raised **\$210!!!**

Thank you so much for the many donated fun Christmas tree ornaments!

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Poinsettias will be ready for pick up at the school on December 4th after 2 pm.

School Fees

Second notices are being sent out by email. Please check your email inbox and/or spam mail. Fees need to be paid ASAP!

Payments can be made as follows:

- RYCOR Online Payments can be accessed on PowerSchool
- by cash at the school office
- or by cheque made payable to RDCRS.

Fees are as follows:

Gr 5 Band Fee - \$10

Gr 6-9 Option Fee - \$25

Gr K-5 Transportation Fee - \$150/year if between 1.6 km - 2.4 km

Gr 6-9 Transportation Fee - \$300/year if between 1.6 km - 2.4 km

Gr K-9 - Use of 2nd bus - \$150/year

Schoology

Please see this [link](#) for schoology info on registering, accessing, notifications and what you can see in Schoology.

Ski Club

Our Middle School Ski Club will be running as of Thursday, January 11th. Middle School Ski Club forms and money are due December 15th. Forms can be found online on PowerSchool under Forms and Fees. Follow these steps to fill out the form:

- Go to camilleschool.ca
- Click on sidebar link to access PowerSchool
- Sign in using your PowerSchool username and password
- Click on this link 'School Fees and Forms' located on the left hand side
- Click on 'Ski/Snowboard Form' and fill out this form

Student Information Update Form

To date, we are still missing 184 Student Information Update Forms. Third requests were sent by email on Wednesday, October 18. According to Alberta Education, this is a legal document and is required to be revised every school year. Please check your inbox and/or spam mail and take the time to review your child's form. If you have forgotten your username or need your password reset, please call the office at 403-347-7830. Any changes to address, phone number, email address, etc, need to be made on the Student Information Update Form ASAP.

Voyageur Athletic Program

Volleyball News

All volleyball players, please wash and return your jerseys to your coaches and we will return your deposit.

Congratulations to the Jr Boys for FIRST place in the league and winning GOLD at the City Tournament!

Congratulations to our Sr Girls team who were our 2J CWAJHAA finalists!

Basketball News

Congratulations to these athletes for making the Sr Basketball Teams:

Sr Girls Basketball Team: Raeann A, Kaitlyn A, Finley B, Isabelle B, Ruby B, Juliana C, Brooklyn C, Alexis C, Glenizelle K, Francesca M, Maya P, Fatima S

Coach: M. Swensrude & Ms. Best

Sr Boys Basketball Team: Brett A, Alex B, Zach B, Luc C, Cameron H, Breyden L, Christian M, Emilio N, Chibueze N, Everett O, Antonio S, Torlan S

Coach: Mme Letaba & Mr. Harper

Jr Basketball teams will be decided this week!

Please be sure to refer to our Gym Calendar on our website for practice/game times and days.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- [Canada Home Stay](#) - International students needing a home away from home
- [Wellness Exchange Free Workshops](#) - Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 and 5

Bus Lanes/Parent Parking

Parent/Visitor parking is located in the North-East parking lot. The north lot is for staff ONLY. Please do not park or drop off in the staff parking lot or bus lanes in the south parking lot!

Bus Status App

Bus Status has a new App, just in time for the new school year! Ensure you download the new App from the App Store or Google Play Store and select your preferences before September 29 to continue to receive notifications.

The new App has improved speed and reliability. It will look and function the same as the current Bus Status app.

The Bus Status app currently installed on your phone will not update automatically to the new version of the app. You must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app to receive notifications after September 29.

Don't know how to download the app? Step-by-Step Instructions can be found [here](#)!

Cafeteria News

Our cafeteria is open for breakfast and at lunch time. Through this venue, a hot lunch program, for all students, is available.

Our school offers online ordering for the cafeteria. Families need to re-register if returning from last year. All credits from last year are saved. Be sure to use the same email address to register as last year and the credits will automatically be applied to your account. And new families can register online. The link for cafeteria online ordering is: camille.hotlunches.net. Access Code = ECJL

Red Deer Child Care

Did you know that Red Deer Child Care offers a quality Out of School Care Program for your child right here at Camille J. Lerouge School? The program is subsidy eligible and fees include care on PD days as well as Christmas, winter and spring breaks. Our educators are inspired by a curriculum that views children as strong, capable, and resourceful learners. Everyday experiences are used as the main source for curriculum meaning making. For more information, please contact Jessie at: 403-347-7973 x113 or jcollings@reddeerchildcare.ca.

Upcoming Events for 2023/24

Please see the [attached](#) for this year's school events.

Weather

With the wet and cold weather, we remind our students to dress for the weather. All students will be outside for all recess breaks unless it is pouring out or the weather is colder than -25 degrees with the wind chill, according to Environment Canada.



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