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Dear St. Mark Families:

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Good afternoon and welcome to our last January update!

Thank you to all our families that joined us for Student-led Conferences last Thursday. If you did not have an opportunity to meet or talk with your child's teachers, you are always welcome to call or email them for information. Please see your child's school agenda book or our website for a list of our teachers and/or their contact information.

ECSD's first report card, the January Summary Report Card, was released yesterday afternoon

in PowerSchool. Please see further in this email for information on how to access.

A reminder that St. Mark has NO school tomorrow, Thursday 29 January 2026. Teachers will be learning for the day. Our office will be closed from 11:15 am for the remainder of the day as we are taking some of our learning off-site. School will resume on Friday at its regular time.

Here are our activities to note for the days as known:

- **Thursday 29 January – NO SCHOOL: Staff professional development**
 - **Please note our office will be closed from 11:15 am to the end of this day**
- Friday 30 January – Lion's Day (full day of activities)
- Monday 2 February – Valentines Candygrams sale continues this week
 - \$0.50 per candygram
 - \$1.00 for 3 candygrams
- Monday 2 February – Recreation 8/9: Snowtubing
- Tuesday 3 February – Recreation 7: Snowtubing

Staffing Update

Over the past few weeks, we have had a few staffing changes.

Ms. Blackburn is currently on a leave of absence. We welcomed Carlos Lopez to our St. Mark family last week – those who were at our student-led Conferences may have met him in your visit. Please reach out to him should you have any questions or concerns for those classes he is now teaching and assessing for.

Mrs. Nolette, who is currently on leave, has decided to retire from ECSD. We thank Mrs. Nolette for her years of service and dedication to St. Mark Catholic Junior High School. We welcome to St. Mark in the Admin Support position Sasha Greenways. Please help us welcome her to our St. Mark family!

January Summary Report – PowerSchool

January Summary Reports for students in Grades 1 to 9 are available in PowerSchool. To help families understand what the report includes and how to access it, we have created a webpage with step-by-step instructions and additional supports. Please visit our [January Summary Report webpage](#) to learn more.

To access your child's reports, please follow these steps:

- Log in to Powerschool.ecsd.net
- Click on the Report Card icon in the left-hand menu
- Under Current Year Report Card, click Launch Report Card

A video can be found [here](#) to see these steps visually.

We are aware that some students' marks may not accurately reflect their work in Ms. Blackburn's classes due to her present leave. Please know we will take this into consideration for calculation of first term honours and adjust calculations as we see needed to honour our students' work this first semester.

A reminder that we will be extending our 1st Semester option classes for two (2) additional weeks. Our 2nd Semester option switch will take place after Family Day holiday (17 February 2026).

GRADE 9 FAMILIES – St. Joseph High School information (Repeat)

Please read below for information from principal Todd Eistetter regarding high school registration.

St. Joseph High School Open House – February 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Our event is intended to provide families with as much information about the amazing programs and opportunities that St. Joe's offers. The evening will be led by our students and showcase the legacy of our school.

In our courtyard, there will be numerous post-secondary institutions and career providers, highlighting the connection between high school learning, and the world beyond graduation.

Families will be able to participate in student-led tours of our school or walk through the building on your own.

St. Joe's is the only high school in Canada, that offers the programming that we do:

- *Traditional Classroom Learning (TCL) – offers a structured, teacher-led environment: students attend five weekly classes focused on curricular outcomes, providing consistent classroom instruction and routine pacing.*
- *Guided Customized Learning (GCL) - has consistently prepared graduates for post-secondary success, fostering habits of self-regulation and independent learning valued in university and college. GCL offers a well-structured, customizable learning environment. With dedicated advisor support, personalized pacing, and meaningful assessment, students graduate equipped with both academic competence and the self-directed learning habits essential for lifelong success.*
- *Online Learning - is asynchronous, allowing students to work independently using the Desire 2 Learn (D2L) digital platform and Learning Guides. Teachers are available for assistance through Teams and email.*

In addition, we have the largest, and most complete offerings in Career and Technology Studies (CTS), in Edmonton:

- *Baking – amazing learning in a fully-equipped lab*
- *Culinary Arts – award winning program offered by a Red Seal teacher and 2 Red Seal*

Chefs

- *Foods – fully-equipped lab*
- *Welding – large and fully equipped lab*
- *Autobody – one of only two high schools in Alberta that offer this program, with a Red Seal teacher*
- *Mechanics – very large, fully equipped lab with a Red Seal teacher*
- *Cosmetology – large, and fully equipped lab with a Red Seal teacher and a Red Seal instructor*
- *Construction – very well-equipped lab with a Red Seal teacher.*
- *Cabinetmaking First Period Apprentice Program – this is the first-year of this program, permitting students to complete their First Period Apprenticeship and move into industry and post-secondary completion for their Red Seal certification*
- *Communication Technology – graphic art computer-based programming, in a well-equipped lab*
- *Robotics – full programming in a well-equipped lab, with a CISCO certified teacher, to prepare students for IT and networking industry credentials*

Fine Arts and Music programming is outstanding, with many offerings available for students:

- *Instrumental Music*
- *General Music*
- *Instrumental Jazz*
- *Guitar*
- *Technical Theatre*
- *Drama*
- *Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre*
- *Art*

Second languages and cultural programs:

- *Cree*
- *French*
- *Spanish*

Athletics are offered in many sports:

- *Cross Country Running*
- *Volleyball*
- *Golf*
- *Curling*
- *Football*
- *Basketball*
- *Swimming*
- *Ninja Warrior*
- *Soccer*
- *Track and Field*
- *Badminton*

Braided Journeys is available to assist Indigenous learners, offering academic supports, and cultural learnings.

PASS (Part-Time alternative Self-Paced School) is offered every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 pm through Alternative Education at St. Joe's, for students wishing to take additional courses, or repeat courses.

Dual Credit courses are also offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in conjunction with post-secondary institutions, permitting students to earn post-secondary credits and high school credits at the same time. This year at St. Joe's, through Alternative Education, the following programs were offered in-person:

- *Aviation Avionic Technology – through Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)*
- *Police Studies – MacEwan University*
- *Other dual credit programs are offered in an online format*

A full academic program is offered for all students, in all subject areas. We currently program for 146 different in-person courses, and 96 online courses. St. Joe's offers something for every student.

Wishing you a good week.

J. Hertlein & A. Stabile

Administration



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