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Dear St. Mark Families:

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- [St. Mark Weekly Update - 21 January 2026 - Tigrinya.pdf](#)
- *Український переклад див. у цьому документі.* [St. Mark Weekly Update - 21 January 2026 - Tigrinya.pdf](#)
- *Để biết bản dịch tiếng Việt, vui lòng xem tài liệu này.* [St. Mark Weekly Update - 21 January 2026 - Vietnamese.pdf](#)

Alternatively, you may call the office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM for clarification.

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Good afternoon and welcome to another weekly update!

A reminder for families to please book their Student-Led Conference times using the links provided (further in this email). Our online conferences are set for 1:00-2:40. Our in-person conferences are set for 3:00-6:30. All conferences need to be booked by 6:30 AM tomorrow, Thursday morning, to allow teachers time to prepare for the day.

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

- Wednesday 21 January – Last day to book your student-led conferences with teachers.
 - Please see below for more details.

- Thursday 22 January – Student-led conferences (pm)
- Friday 23 January – MAAD student presentation (am)
- Friday 23 January – Recreation 8/9: Fly Free Movement (pm)
- Friday 23 January – ECSD Family Surveys returned to school or mailed using postage paid envelope
- Monday 26 January – Valentine’s Candygram sales begin
 - \$0.50 each or 3 for \$1.00
- Monday 26 January – Recreation 8/9: Swimming
- Monday 26 January – Driver’s Education Exam at AMA (pm)
- Tuesday 27 January – Recreation Academy skiing (all day)
- Wednesday 28 January – Generations Bowling
- Wednesday 28 January – Recreation 7: Swimming
- 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

Student-led Conferences – 22 January 2026

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CONFERENCE BOOKED BY 6:30 AM, Thursday 22 January 2026

As promised, please find the links to book your family (parent/guardian AND student) conference on Thursday 22 January. Online conferences (Microsoft Teams) take place from 1:00-2:40. In-person conferences will take place from 3:00-6:30 in the school gymnasium. **Students are expected to be present for each meeting with the teacher(s).**

We ask the following:

- Please book a separate appointment with **EACH** teacher you and your child wish to meet with.
 - Each appointment is 10 minutes long.
- *If possible*, for in-person conferences, we ask younger brothers and sisters DO NOT attend with you and your teen.
 - *If that is not possible*, we ask that all family members stay in the gym under a parent’s/guardian’s supervision.
- For all **ONLINE** (Microsoft Teams) conferences, please use the following link to book your appointments with the teachers:
<https://outlook.office.com/book/StMarkBookings@ecsd.net/s/IItWhJHDdEK8ZwVrzlhtPg2?ismsaljsauthenabled>
- For all **IN-PERSON** conferences (in the gym), please use the following link to book your appointments with the teachers:

GRADE 9 FAMILIES – St. Joseph High School information

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.

ECSD Annual Survey – due Friday 23 January 2026

A paper survey was sent home with students on Tuesday 6 January 2026. These surveys help guide decisions and direction by the school division over the course of future years.

Each family is asked to fill the survey and:

- Mail the survey using the postage paid envelope included, OR
- Return the survey to the school which will be sent to the division main offices

The division asks that surveys be completed and returned to school or sent in the mail by **Friday 23 January 2026**.

Wishing you a good week.

J. Hertlein & A. Stabile

Administration



The mission of St. Mark Catholic Junior High School is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to pursue excellence as they imagine, create, transform, achieve, and celebrate their individual potential and unique gifts given to them by God.
