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Dear St. Mark Families:

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

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We hope this week's update finds our families well. We know that there are illnesses going around, and so we thank our families for keeping sick students home until they are well enough to come to school. Please continue to report your child's absence so we know they are safe.

We also know the challenges of the roads in residential areas, particularly around our school. Thank you to families for being cognizant of our bus lanes and supporting our buses who are doing their best to do their routes. We have heard that our roads are slated to be plowed in the very near future.

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

- Friday 16 January – Archbishop Macdonald High School presentation to those grade 9

students interested in enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year (11:00 am)

- Friday 16 January – Recreation 8/9: Rec Room Gaming (pm)
- Friday 16 January - Recreation Academy students: third payment of \$300 is also due.
- Monday 19 January – St. Joseph High School presentation to all grade 9 students (am)
- Monday 19 January – Recreation 8/9: Kick Sledding and Ice Biking
- Monday 19 January – School Council (6:30 pm)
 - Online meeting link: [School Council | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)
- Tuesday 20 January – Recreation 7: Kick Sledding
- Wednesday 21 January – Fun Flex Part 2 (am)
- Wednesday 21 January – Recreation 7: Skating
- Wednesday 21 January – Last day to book your student-led conferences with teachers.
 - Please see below for more details.
- Thursday 21 January – Student-led conferences (pm)
- Friday 23 January – ECSD Family Surveys returned to school or mailed using postage paid envelope

ECSD Annual Survey

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 is asking surveys to be completed and returned by **Friday 23 January 2026**.

Student-led Conferences – 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).**

GENERATIONS families: Ms. Kim Clarke or Ms. Anna Kulig will reach out to you to book your conference times.

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?ismsaljsauthenabed>
- For all **IN-PERSON** conferences (in the gym), please use the following link to book your appointments with the teachers:
https://outlook.office.com/book/StMarkBookings@ecsd.net/s/esSXE_IfzkaY11n6vQpJ8w2?ismsaljsauthenabed

Staffing

As some families may be aware, Mrs. Blackburn is now on leave for the near future. We are currently looking for a temporary teacher to fill in until her return. Once a teacher is secure, we will share the individual's name with families.

Also, we are in the process of finalizing our administrative assistant as Mrs. Nolette continues to be on leave. We thank Mrs. McCarthy-Durand for her support and help in the office over the last six (6) weeks. Mrs. McCarthy-Durand is officially retired and has blessed us with coming in for the short time that she has been here.

Once official, we will share our new admin assistant's name with families. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate these shifts.

Wishing you a good week.

J. Hertlein & A. Stabile

Administration



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