



# Joseph M. Demko School

# Demko Dispatch

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JMD Staff at 2025 Open House

As the days grow longer and the weather warms, we are excited to welcome the vibrant season of spring! This time of year brings new beginnings and fresh opportunities for growth and learning. With blooming flowers, outdoor activities, and a renewed sense of energy, we look forward to watching our students thrive as they continue to explore, create, and engage with the world around them. Together, let's embrace the season of renewal and encourage our children to enjoy the beauty and promise that spring has to offer.

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# April Hot Lunch

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## Hot Lunch FAQ

- Please order through Healthy Hunger [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca)
- If your child is absent on hot lunch day (Tuesday), please complete the [Student Absence Form](#). Complete the form no later than 11:00 am
- JMD's fundraising group appreciates your support. The form lets us know what to do with your child's food order (have it ready for pick up, have it delivered to a sibling, or no arrangements). What we can't manage is a line up of parents trying to pick up food while still preparing deliveries for classes. Food for absent students will not be set aside unless this form is completed. Pick ups must be after 1:00 pm. Your cooperation is appreciated!
- We kindly ask if you have not purchased hot lunch from Healthy Hunger/Friends of Demko, [please refrain from dropping food off from any other food vendor during this time](#). It becomes very time consuming for our office staff to process and is counterproductive to the fundraiser. Thank you for your support and cooperation!



April 1, 2025	MCDONALDS
April 2, 2025	KERNELS
April 8, 2025	TIM HORTONS
April 15, 2025	PIZZA HUT
April 29, 2025	DAIRY QUEEN

**Reminder: orders for hot lunch must be placed no later than the Thursday the week before.**

### IMPORTANT!!

If you have not yet submitted your returning student registration form, it was due March 18. Please submit ASAP

# JMD STAR SPORTS

## April 2025

### Week of April 1 - 4

April 1 Jr.High Boys Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 2 Jr.High Girls Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 3 Badminton OPEN GYM 8:00 am  
April 3 Jr.High Girls Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 4 Badminton OPEN GYM 8:00 am

### Week of April 21-May 2

Badminton play offs begin with  
dates and times TBD

### Week of April 7-11

April 7 Jr.High Boys Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 8 Jr.High Boys Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 9 Jr.High Girls Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 10 Badminton OPEN GYM 8:00 am  
April 10 Jr.High Girls Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 11 Badminton OPEN GYM 8:00 am

### Week of April 14-18

April 14 Jr.High Boys Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 15 Jr.High Boys Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 16 Jr.High Girls Badminton 3:30 pm  
April 17 Badminton OPEN GYM 8:00 am  
April 17 Jr.High Girls Badminton 3:30 pm



## LOST AND FOUND REMINDER:

Going forward, clothing accumulated in the lost and found **will be donated the morning of the last school day of EACH month**. Parents are always welcome to drop in to look for an item. Our lost and found is located in the hallway just outside the SIGIS area. There is also a bin in the Portables area in division 1 hallway. We donate any winter coats, snowpants to the Coats for Kids program that is run through Page the Cleaner, and other donations are shared with Goodwill and Loseca.

# What's Going On This Month?

## April 2025

### April 1:

- Classes Resume after Spring Break
- Spellathon starts, continues to April 30

### April 3:

- Division 2 Ski Day

### April 4:

- Night of Music Band and Choir Rehearsal at Paul Kane 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### April 7-11:

- Education Week!

### April 7:

- Logos Steering Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

### April 9

- Night of Music Band and Choir Rehearsal at Jubilee 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- District Night of Music at Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium 5:00 - 9:00 pm

### April 10:

- LOGOS Goodies and Games Evening 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm

### April 16:

- Logos Praise Service Gr K-9 1:20 pm
- Public Board Meeting at 60 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, 1:30 pm

### April 17:

- Grade 6 Immunizations
- English Assembly K-9 10:15 am

### April 18:

- NO SCHOOL: Good Friday

### April 21:

- NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday

### April 22:

- NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
- JMD Fundraising Meeting 6:45 pm <https://meet.google.com/vjp-dtcb-sfd>
- JMD Parent Council Meeting 7:45 pm <https://meet.google.com/vjp-dtcb-sfd>

### April 24:

- Logos Praise Service Gr K-9 1:20pm
- Idea Lab Evening - all welcome! 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

# Junior High Chromebooks

Hey JMD Junior High Families!

As a school, we no longer have the capacity to supply 1-to-1 computer technology to our junior high students. We are asking parents to provide a Chromebook for the year. For those families who are unable to supply one, you will have to speak with administration, we will do our best to provide one from the school.

## Why Chromebooks Matter

Chromebooks are essential for:

- **Enhanced Learning:** They provide access to interactive lessons, educational apps, and online resources that enrich your child's learning experience.
- **Skill Development:** They help students build crucial digital skills that are increasingly important in today's world.
- **Personalized Education:** They allow for tailored learning experiences and facilitate collaborative projects.

## How You Can Help

To ensure every student has the opportunity to benefit from this digital tool, **we are encouraging families to consider purchasing a Chromebook for their child.** While our school continues to strive to provide as many devices as possible, having personal Chromebooks will greatly enhance the learning experience and ensure that no student misses out.

## How to Purchase a Chromebook

We recommend the following:



- **Buying a Chromebook that does not expire soon:** Yes, Chromebooks can expire! These include security updates, bug fixes and new features. And without those updates, things like apps and browser extensions might no longer function properly.
- **Purchase Option:** Here is a great [website](#) with good options. You can purchase thorough places like [BCOM Computer](#) or [Staples](#), just make sure they are not about to expire.

## Thank You for Your Support

Your partnership is crucial as we work together to provide the best educational experience for our students. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.



ST. ALBERT PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS PRESENTS:



NIGHT OF  
MUSIC

APRIL 9TH, 2025

JUBILEE AUDITORIUM, EDMONTON  
7PM

Experience the incredible talent of our students as they take the stage for an unforgettable evening of music! Enjoy performances from every level - beginner to advanced bands, along with the powerful voices of our division choirs.

Wednesday, April 9

7 pm

Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Tickets: \$20

[Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster](#)

JMD SCHOOL COUNCIL AND  
**idealab**<sup>st.albert</sup>

INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR A

# FAMILY NIGHT

Come enjoy the free, fun filled, educational and hands on activities!

<p>Kinder - Grade 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEGO Hexbug Robot Mazes</li> <li>• Art &amp; Technology: Light-Up Greeting Cards</li> <li>• Marshmallow Catapult Challenge</li> </ul>	<p>Grades 7 - 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Building Challenge</li> <li>• Escape Room Challenge: The Science Mystery</li> <li>• Egg Drop Engineering / Egg Zipline Challenge</li> </ul>
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24  
 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
 JMD GYM

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**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 7, 6:30 pm Logos Steering Committee Meeting in Library
- April 10, 6:15 pm Family Worship Night



# St. Albert Public Schools ART SHOW

**WHEN:**

Opening Night April 8 from 5-7 pm  
Music and Refreshments  
Show closes April 17

**WHERE:**

St. Albert Place  
5 St. Anne Street, St. Albert

**WHO:**

Art students from  
Kindergarten to Grade 12

**WHAT:**

Art pieces that were created in 2024-25 school year

Poster art created by Nera Letourneau, a grade 2 art student at  
E.S. Gish Elementary/Jr. High School

## High School Summer School

Catch up or get ahead! Registration opens March 10 for high school summer school classes.

Summer School 2025 will be held at Paul Kane High School.

Email: [summerschool@spschools.org](mailto:summerschool@spschools.org)

Phone: 587.764.1230

All courses will run subject to enrollment. Please register early to ensure a class is offered. Please refer to the [Summer School website](#) for information on courses and registration.







# **JMD YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!**

**Available September 2025**

**Go to: [Smartphotography.ca](http://Smartphotography.ca)**

**Order by August 31, 2025**

**Books will ship to school /home**

**FALL 2025**

**ONLINE CODE: JMD\_2425\_YB**

**Contact for more  
information:**

**[info@smartphotography.ca](mailto:info@smartphotography.ca)**

**780-944-0800**

**SMART  
PHOTOGRAPHY**

For those families looking for OSC, this is a new facility that has opened that will transport to Joseph M. Demko. ↓



Watch your Little Caterpillars Blossom  
Into Butterflies

## Daycare & OSC

Now Enrolling

### Our Promise:

- A safe, supportive, and stimulating environment
- Experienced, caring educators dedicated to your child's success
- Regular updates and open communication with parents
- Opportunities for parent involvement and community engagement

Sibling Discount



## Why Choose Us?

- No hassle of packing meals- AHS and dietician approved meals will be provided
- First Aid and CPR certified educators
- Multicultural community
- Program tailored to your schedule
- Flexible options for every family
- Extended hours available upon request
- Special emphasis on Life skills, ethics and values.
- Flight curriculum (Learn through play with educational toys)
- Ensuring academic and social growth of your little ones for their bright future
- Open-door policy
- Safety and security



Location: 910 1115 St Albert Trail, St. Albert,  
AB T8N 7X6

Call Us: 780 -203-1017

Email: [info@littlecaterpillarsacademy.ca](mailto:info@littlecaterpillarsacademy.ca)

Website: [www.littlecaterpillarsacademy.ca](http://www.littlecaterpillarsacademy.ca)

# Edmonton Police Cadet Corps

## Edmonton Police Cadet program builds essential skills for youth

The Edmonton Police Cadet program instills a sense of community and citizenship in youth. The program aims to foster leadership, citizenship, pride, discipline, and challenge while acquainting youth with the foundation and connection to a career in policing.

Applications are open from April 1 - 30, 2025. The program meets at EPS' Northwest Campus (18440 127 Street NW) on Wednesday evenings.

### What students will learn

- Develop an understanding of the police
- Develop an understanding of the role of a police officer in the community
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Build a foundation for a future career in law enforcement
- Discover new challenges
- Increase physical fitness
- Have an opportunity to earn HS credits



### Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the program, youth must:

- Have an interest in policing and considering a future career in law enforcement
- Be of 14 - 18 years of age; No younger than 14 years of age or older than 18 years of age.
  - Please note: Applicants must be 18 years old maximum by the completion of the cadet year.
- Have completed the application form
- Have 2 reference details - (Professional, volunteer or academic reference, one must be teacher or principle); no family or friends' references
- Be attending school full time.
- Undergo a screening process which includes an Enhanced Police Information Check. (this check includes a review of immediate family members and residents of the household)
- Undergo a panel interview
- Maintain a high level of integrity and demonstrate good ethical character
- Maintain a minimum 70% attendance record with the program
- Have Canadian citizenship or Permanent Resident status;
- Have no criminal convictions or association with known criminals
- Be willing to volunteer time to the Edmonton Police Service in order to gain knowledge and understanding of the law and respect for police personnel
- Able to arrange own transportation to and from NW Campus on class nights

Fill out the application form by scanning the QR code here!



Visit [edmontonpolice.ca/cadets](https://edmontonpolice.ca/cadets) for more information.



For any questions about the program or application process, contact: [cadets@edmontonpolice.ca](mailto:cadets@edmontonpolice.ca).

# SUMMER **YEG** CAMPS

## BASKETBALL

Experienced Instructors with over 25 years of coaching in University, High School, Club, Junior High and Community.

### 2025 BASKETBALL CAMP DETAILS

**Camp #1**  
Ages 10-14  
**July 7-10**  
9am-4pm  
\$395

**Camp #2**  
Ages 10-14  
**July 14-17**  
9am-4pm  
\$395

**Camp #3**  
Ages 15-17  
**August 11-14**  
9am-4pm  
\$395

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
(SAVILLE SPORTS CENTRE)  
11610-65 AVE NW  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

- YEG BB Water Bottle and T-shirt Included
  - Canada Basketball LTAD Model
- Sanctioned by Alberta Basketball Association



- Participants divided by skill level
- Exciting drills, tournaments, games, activities and prizes!
- Space is limited
- No refunds



**REGISTER TODAY**

<http://yegbball.rampregistrations.com/>

Credit card or Visa/Debit accepted

Camp Director **Jason Harvey** [yegbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:yegbasketball@gmail.com) 780.966.3722

# Soccer Summer Camp

July 2-16

SESSION 1: **9:00am-12:00pm**  
(8:30am early drop-off)

OR

SESSION 2: **12:30-3:30pm**  
(4:00pm late pick-up)

**Sir Alexander Mackenzie School**  
61 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.

FEE  
**\$225**  
PER SESSION



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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[www.spschools.org/programs/athletic-academy/soccer-academy](http://www.spschools.org/programs/athletic-academy/soccer-academy)



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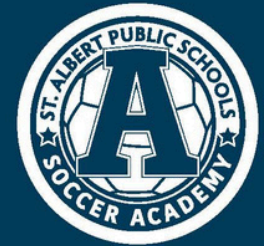
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## More than drills...

Led by a professional soccer staff of licensed coaches, the St. Albert Public Schools Soccer Academy offers a unique soccer and athletic experience for young athletes. Along with individual athlete development through game-play, ball mastery, 1v1 attacking and the core foundational soccer skills, students will also experience a holistic environment that puts an emphasis on physical literacy. The ABCs of development – agility, balance and coordination – foster the development of the complete athlete and will not only benefit them on the soccer pitch, but in all sports and daily active life.

## Play

Play is when children choose to explore, imagine and have fun in their own way. In soccer development it is important that we design programming that allows children to be children, gives them an opportunity to explore with the ball or without it, and provides an environment that encourages them to keep coming back. The Play program is designed to provide each child with maximum touches in an environment that provokes their curiosity with the ball, engages their minds and keeps the game fun.

## Grades 1-3

At this age, sport should be playful, exploratory and non-specialized, focusing on holistic development rather than performance. In our Grades 1-3 program we will encourage children to explore their creativity with the ball, while placing an emphasis on physical literacy.

- Physical literacy (coordination, agility and balance)
- Running with the ball and dribbling
- Basic ball mastery
- Lots of ball striking and lots of goal scoring
- 3v3 game play

## Grades 4-6

Students will receive individual attention while working on ball mastery, 1v1 attacking and defending play, and developing their core foundational soccer skills. Games will be played in a 4v4 format to maximize both touches on the ball and opportunities to make decisions.

- Physical literacy
- Ball mastery
- 1v1 play
- Basic attacking principles (width and depth)
- Core foundational skills (passing, 1st touch, etc.)
- 4v4 game play and basic positioning

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