



Joseph M. Demko School

Demko Dispatch

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Ben Stelter Day
May 27

Sign up to donate a cake for our Cake Walk on May 27!

Tickets on sale now through homeroom teachers. They are 50 cents each!

Sign Up to Bring a Cake
<https://bit.ly/4Ben>

Donations Needed
<https://bit.ly/BenDonations>

BEN STELTER FUND

Fight like Ben
wristbands on sale for \$5 and stickers for \$1 starting May 5

May has arrived with the NHL Hockey playoffs, and JMD's favourite fundraiser, Ben Stelter Day! Hopefully the Oilers are playing La Bamba throughout the playoffs and we raise crucial money for this worthy cause! If you can help in any way, whether it's a donation or a cool looking cake for our Cake Walk, we would appreciate it! Not only is it a very fun day for the students, but impactful for our community and The Ben Stelter Foundation.

May Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch FAQ

- Please order through Healthy Hunger 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!

HOT LUNCH



May 6, 2025	KFC
May 7, 2025	KERNELS
May 13, 2025	TACO BELL
May 20, 2025	DAIRY QUEEN
May 27, 2025	LOVE PIZZA

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

THANK YOU!

We appreciate all JMD families submitting their returning student registrations so promptly! It is beneficial to have for budget and planning for the next school year and with the growth the Jensen Lakes community has seen, it is so nice to have a head start!

JMD STAR SPORTS

May 2025

JMD Junior High Track and
Field Day Thursday, May 8 @
Fowler Track



**DEMKO
STARS**

TRACK AND FIELD - MAY 8

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for parent volunteers to help out with our Track and Field Day on May 8, running from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. No experience is needed — just a willingness to cheer on our students, help supervise events, and make the day fun and safe for everyone! If you're available, we'd love to have your support.
Thank you in advance for helping make this a great day for our kids!

Please email:
dillon.knoll@spschools.org



URGENT



Elementary (Gr 4-6) Track and Field Day coming June 10, 2025

What's Going On This Month?

MAY 2025

May is Asian Heritage Month at JMD!

May 1 Badminton Doubles FINALS

3:30 pm Seniors at Paul Kane

3:30 pm Juniors at Bellerose

May 7 Hats ON for Mental Health Day!

May 8 JMD Track and Field Day at Fowler Track

May 13 11: 10 am Logos K-6 Praise Service

1:20 pm Logos Praise Service 7-9

May 14 - 16 Grade 6 Camp at Yowochas

May 14 1:30 pm St. Albert Public Schools Public Board Meeting @
60 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, St. Albert.

May 15 10:15 am K-6 English Assembly - Respect

1:20 pm 7-9 English Assembly - Respect

May 16 **NO SCHOOL** Professional Development Day

May 19 **NO SCHOOL** Victoria Day

May 22 1:30 pm Student Assembly Spring Showcase

6:30 pm Spring Showcase

May 26 Kindergarten Grad Photos

May 26 Outdoor Class Photos

May 27 **BEN STELTER DAY** 9:15 am School Assembly

May 27 6:45 pm JMD Fundraising Society Meeting

7:45 pm JMD School Council Meeting

JMD Fundraising 6:45/School Council 7:45

Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/vjp-dtcb-sfd

May 28 9:00 am Grade 6 English Language Arts PAT Part A

May 28 1:30 pm St. Albert Public Schools Public Board Meeting @
60 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, St. Albert.

May 29 9:00 am Gr 9 English Language Arts PAT Part A

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER:

Each month, 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. There are **TWO** lost and found areas: one in the Grade 1-3 hallway near the small gym, the other in the hallway just outside the SIGIS area. 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.



Don't miss the bus!

Parents, the deadline for registering your child for yellow bus service for the 2025-2026 school year is **June 1st**.

Transportation routes are designed around applications received by the deadline.

Registering has never been easier!

You can register online through the transportation portal at transportation.spschools.org.



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OUT MORE
OR
TO REGISTER

Transportation Services
transportation@spschools.org
780.460.3712



Division Administration Office, 60 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
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Kindergarten students, join the First Rider's Night fun!



If your child is one of the many students who will be riding a yellow school bus for the first time this year, your family is invited to join us for First Rider's Night. Please watch our safety video with your child prior to attending, then join us for a bus ride together with your child.

There is no admission charge, but parents are asked to pre-register their children. All first-time yellow bus riders, regardless of which school division they're enrolled in, are welcome.

Please park at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School, Outreach School, Fowler Track or the division office parking lot.

Wed, Aug 27

Sessions:

4:00 pm 4:30 pm
5:00 pm 5:30 pm

SCAN HERE to
watch our short video
with your child.



St. Albert Public Schools
Division Office
60 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.



FOR REGISTRATION GO TO
www.spschools.org/division-operations/transportation/first-riders-night



Joseph M. Demko School Presents Our 3rd Annual Spring Showcase!



The Spring Showcase highlights our concert band programs, choirs and music options each year.

If your child is participating in the Showcase, you will have received an email from our Music Specialist, Mrs. Banu. There is a Dress Rehearsal for a student audience in the afternoon. There will be limited parent seating. The evening performance will have lots of room for our families to come and enjoy the performance.

Date: Thursday May 22, 2025
Time: 6:30pm (Doors open at 6:00pm)

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.





YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Capture the Memories!

Don't miss your chance to own a piece of
the 2024-2025 school year!

- ✓ Full-color pages
filled with school spirit
- ✓ Sports, clubs,
field trips, and fun!



Order through Smart Photography

www.smartphotography.ca

Use ONLINE CODE:
JMD_2425_YB

Deadline: August 31, 2025

\$30



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DEADLINE TO ORDER AUGUST 31, 2025



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

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.



Click here to register as a guest if you are not a current GSACRD student:

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/GSACRD/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=1919>

St. Albert Super Cool Summer School offers a variety of great programs for kids in Grades 1-8. Low student ratios provide extra help and enrichment with a focus on individualization. Emphasis is placed on positive learning while building skills, knowledge, and confidence. Interesting and innovative teaching revisits concepts that may have been difficult and prepares students for future grades. Certified teachers teach all academic courses.

Classes will run Monday through Friday, 9 am—noon and 12:30 to 3:30 pm, from June 30 to July 4 (no programming on July 1st) and July 7 to July 11, 2025. The program will operate from Sister Alphonse Academy (1 Joyal Way).

All courses are offered in age-appropriate instructional groupings.

Lunch supervision is available for \$20/week.

Course fee: \$140/course plus materials cost if needed

Online registration: Register and pay online by Visa, Mastercard or debit

Information: Contact Curtis Thompson at cthompson@gsacrd.ab.ca

TRY A TRI

**4
MAY 2025**

11:00AM - 2:00PM

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO ENJOYS SWIMMING, BIKING OR RUNNING?
MAYBE THEY SHOULD GIVE TRIATHLON A TRY!!**

**JOIN US AT KINSMEN
RECREATIONAL CENTRE
TO EXPERIENCE WHAT
IS INVOLVED WITH
TRIATHLON**

*Bring a swim suit, a
pair of running
shoes, and
a bike (if you have)
to try a tri with our
coaches*

*BBQ will be
provided with
triathletes available
to answer any
questions after
trying the sport*

*To RSVP or ask any questions
please email
sfr@edmontontriathlonacademy.com
or call (780)818-4716*

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ST. ALBERT MUSTANGS

MUSTANGS SUMMER CAMP

AGES 5-12 YRS.

Have Fun Under the Sun!

LOCATION
Fowler Athletic Park, St. Albert

TIMES
9:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

Registration Fee
\$160
Per week

DATES: Camps run 1 week in length (Mon- Fri)
 • July 7-11 • July 21-25 • Aug 11-15
 • July 14-18 • July 28- Aug 1 • Aug 18-22

Camp Information:
Kids will learn the fundamentals of track and explore their abilities in running, jumping, and throwing.
No experience required!

Special Features:
 • Certified & Experienced Coaches
 • Social Interaction
 • Outdoor Fitness & Skill Development
 • Sportsmanship & Fair Play
 • Designed for Kids in Elementary School

Register [here](#) today!

Visit us [online](#) to learn more!

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)

FEE \$225 PER SESSION

Sir Alexander Mackenzie School
61 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Jeff Paulus at jeff.paulus@spschools.org or 780.919.1153
www.spschools.org/programs/athletic-academy/soccer-academy

St. Albert PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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	Camp #2	Camp #3
Ages 10-14	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-17
July 7-10	July 14-17	August 11-14
9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm
\$395	\$395	\$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

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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

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.

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Credit card or Visa/Debit accepted

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