



Joseph M. Demko School

Demko Dispatch

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SPORT SHOE DONATIONS!
ANY SIZE

The PE Department is seeking donations of used sports shoes for students who may forget to bring their own. These shoes will ensure that all kids can safely participate in active events and physical activities during the school day, regardless of what they have on their feet. Your donation will help keep every student moving, engaged, and included in PE class. We will gladly accept shoe sizes ranging from 5-13!

**Please send donations to the office*

A Message from Our Principal

I am incredibly thankful to be working at JMD, where each day brings new moments of joy, growth, and learning. It has been truly inspiring to witness how much our students have grown over the course of the year — not just academically, but in confidence, kindness, and perseverance. We are so proud of each and every one of them! As we wrap up the school year, I want to wish everyone a wonderful June and a safe, relaxing summer. As we look ahead, if you happen to have any gently used sports shoes at home, we would greatly appreciate your donations to support our students' continued growth and activities.

All my love, Mrs. Anderson

June 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!



June 3, 2025 IHOP
June 4, 2025 KERNELS
June 10, 2025 SUBWAY**
June 17, 2025 RICE BOWL DELUXE
** Subway will be delivered to
Fowler Track for Gr 4-6

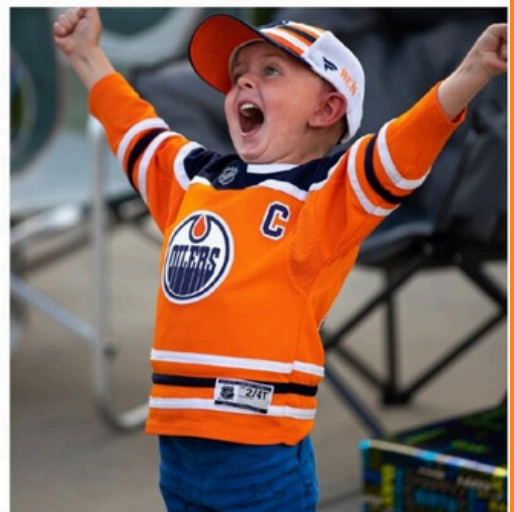
Reminder: orders for hot lunch must be placed no later than the Thursday the week before.



Ben Stelter Day



A truly unforgettable day was shared by all as we came together to honor Ben's 9th Heavenly Birthday! We celebrated his remarkable life by giving back and cherishing the memory of a brave boy who fought cancer with every ounce of courage. Each year, we eagerly look forward to this special event—the thrilling cake walk, the fun-filled activities, and the meaningful opportunity to support his fundraiser. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the funds raised go toward creating Magical Experiences for children and supporting the Proton machine, a vital tool that Canadians need in the fight against cancer.



What's Going On This Month?

June 2025

- June 2 **NO SCHOOL** Professional Development Day
- June 2 Kinder Blast Off - for our incoming kindergarten students
- June 5 Music & Theatre presents "Shh! At the Sugar Cube Café
Performance at JMD (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm)
- June 9-13 **P R I D E** Week
- June 10 Grade 4-6 Elementary Track and Field Day at Fowler Track
- June 11 K-9 LOGOS Praise Service & Commissioning (1:20 pm)
- June 12 Gr 6 Math Provincial Achievement Test Part A (9:00 am)
- June 12 K-9 English Assembly - Courage (10:15 am)
- June 12 JMD Family BBQ (5:30 pm)
- June 16 Junior High Assignment Deadline
- June 16 Gr 6 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test Part B (9:00 am)
- June 16 Gr 9 Math Provincial Achievement Test Part A (9:00 am)
- June 17 Gr 6 Math Provincial Achievement Test Part B (9:00 am)
- June 18 Gr 9 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test Part A (9:00 am)
- June 18 St. Albert Public Schools Public Board Meeting (1:30 pm)
- June 19 Gr 9 Math Provincial Achievement Test Part B (9:00 am)
- June 20
- June 20 Gr 6 Food Trucks (11:15 am)
Grade 4, 5, 7, 8, & 9 Food Trucks available 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm
- June 21 National Indigenous People's Day
- June 23 Grades 7-9 Honours Breakfast 7:30 am
Grade 1-6 Fun Field Day (full day)
Grade 7 - 9 Awards Night 6:00 pm
- June 24 Gr 9 Science Provincial Achievement Test (9:00 am)
- June 24 Kindergarten Aloha! Year End Celebration 10:30 am with Kona Ice Truck
- June 24 Gr 1-9 Kona Ice Truck will be available to all students at 11:30 am
- June 24 Grade 9 Farewell (4:00 pm)
- June 25 JMD's Got Talent School Wide Assembly (9:15 am)
- June 25 Last Day of Classes
- June 26 Report Cards released at 4:00 pm through Powerschool Parent Portal

PLEASE NOTE: Grade 7 and 8 will also write their exams on the same days as the Grade 9 PAT's listed above. Junior high students will be able to leave the school at 11:00 am if they have their Parent Permission form signed. This is in effect from June 17-23, 2025 inclusive, only.

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.

CLASS/ KINDER GRAD PHOTOS



Edge Imaging was at school on May 26 to take class photos and our Kindergarten Grad Photos.

Each student will receive a complimentary class photo that will be shipped directly to the school.

Kindergarten students should receive a proof package within 2 weeks with their individual ordering code on it. Orders can be placed up to June 10 with expected delivery by the end of the school year due to the (estimated) postal strike.

Smart Photography will be our photo service provider for the 25-26 school year.

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

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

SCAN HERE to
watch our short video
with your child.



FOR REGISTRATION GO TO

www.spschools.org/division-operations/transportation/first-riders-night

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.



DEADLINE TO ORDER: AUGUST 31, 2025



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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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

MUSICAL THEATRE

KIDS CAMP

For Ages 8 to 13 yrs

Daily Camps Will Include:

Improv & Acting Games
Voice Exploration/ Learning Lines
Character Development
Ensemble and Solo Singing
Choreography/Movement
A Final Sharing Presentation Will Take Place on the Last Day

Come Create With Us and Have Fun!

Location:

St. Albert Salvation Army
165 Liberton Drive



TO REGISTER:

EMAIL

CDHANSON67@GMAIL.COM

OR

CALL: 780-231-9401

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.VOICEBODYWORKS.CA



Week 1: August 5 - 8, 2025

Investment: \$160.00

Week 2: August 11 - 15th

Investment: \$200.00

9:00 - 3:00 Daily

*There will be a short final performance on the last day.
Time TBD.*

(A 15% 'family discount' will be applied when registering 2 or more students)

Cost Includes Materials for the Week

Scholarships available



Summer CAMPS 2025

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STEAM Fun for Ages 5-12

Register Now

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



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.

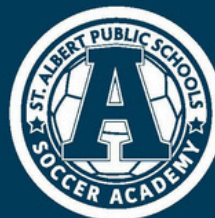
Play

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Jeff Paulus at jeff.paulus@spschools.org or 780.919.1153

www.spschools.org/programs/athletic-academy/soccer-academy



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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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)
11810-65 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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Credit card or Visa/Debit accepted

Camp Director Jason Harvey yegbasketball@gmail.com 780.966.3722

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 BY JUN 30!

Register here today!

Visit us online to learn more!