Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

ROOTED IN JOY

September 8 - 18

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year and our first bi-weekly newsletter! As our hallways fill once again with laughter, learning, and friendship, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiling faces, eager hearts, and a renewed sense of possibility.

This year, we continue to embrace our school theme, Rooted in Joy. Like a strong tree whose roots provide strength, nourishment, and stability, we are called to root ourselves in faith, kindness, gratitude, and community. Joy is more than happiness; it is a gift that comes from knowing we are loved by God and that we belong to a caring community of learners. As we journey through the school year together, may we seek opportunities to share that joy through our words, actions, and service to others.

September is an exciting month filled with opportunities to gather as a school community. We invite all families to join us for our Meet the Staff Night on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with teachers, visit classrooms, and learn more about your child's learning journey.

We will also celebrate our Opening School Mass on September 16 at St. John Bosco Parish. Families are most welcome to join us as we come together in prayer and ask God's blessing upon our students, staff, and school community throughout the year.

Later this month, we encourage parents and guardians to attend our first School Advisory Council Annual General Meeting at 6:00 p.m. School Council plays an important role in supporting our school and fostering strong partnerships between home, school, and parish. We hope many families will consider becoming involved.

As we begin this school year together, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Together, we can ensure that every child feels welcomed, valued, and inspired to grow in faith, learning, and joy.

Please be sure to review the following pages of this newsletter for important reminders, upcoming dates, and school information. Our next newsletter will be sent for the week of September 21.

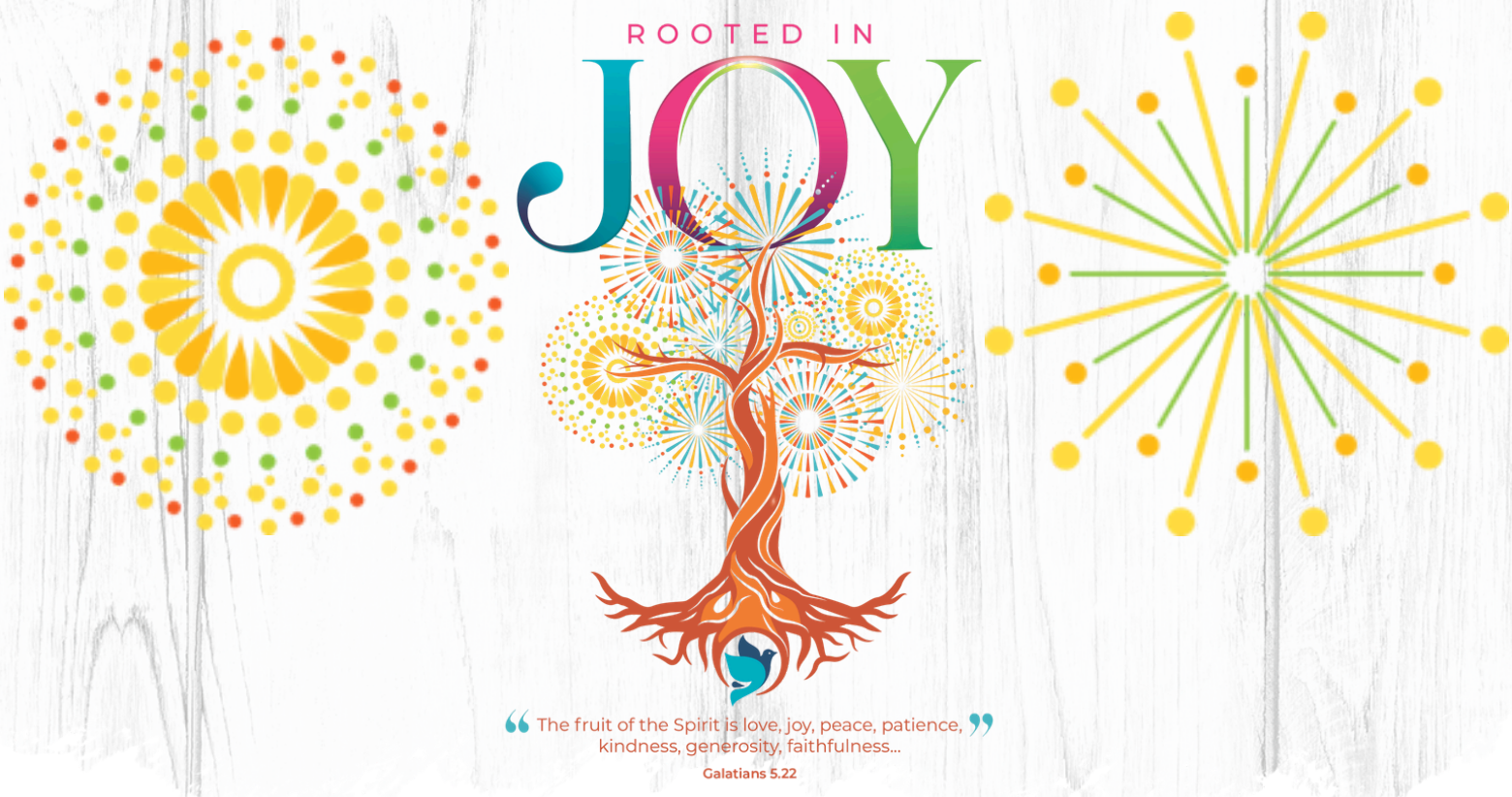
May God bless each of our families as we begin another wonderful year together.

Rooted in Joy,

D. Sadownyk
Principal

Important information:

- **Are you unsure on how to report an absence? Information can be found here as well as on our Information Page below.**
- **Please be advised that morning supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. Student dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. on regular school days and 12:10 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note that there is no student supervision before or after these designated times. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure appropriate care and supervision for their child outside of school supervision hours.**
- **Throughout the year, teachers in Grades 1-6 will share classroom updates through a live link that provides a month-at-a-glance overview of classroom activities and learning. Because the link is updated regularly, information may change throughout the month as teachers add details about learning activities, special events, field trips, important dates, and other classroom news. Please check your email from your child's homeroom teacher for the link. We encourage families to check the link regularly to stay informed and connected to what is happening in their child's classroom.**
- **Please take a moment to read our FSLW newsletter attached to this email.**
- **Please note that our Student Code of Conduct has been updated to reflect the revised language in the Education Act. You are welcome to check out the link from our SMG webpage for further details.**
- **Take a moment to be aware and review the Student Responsible Use Agreement with your child for technology and network use within ECSD.**
- **See our 2-week at a glance calendar below for more upcoming events!**



Personally Owned Device Reminders

We also like to remind families regarding personal mobile devices in alignment with Alberta Education standards to note the following:

A personal mobile device is any device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet and includes:

- **Cellphones**
- **Tablets**
- **Laptops**
- **Smartwatches**

General Restrictions:

- **No Use of Personal Mobile Devices During Instructional Time**
  Students will not be allowed to use personal mobile devices during instructional time unless directed by school staff for learning purposes only.

- **Devices Must Be Silent or Powered Off and Stored Away**
  If students bring personal mobile devices to school, they must be kept silent or turned off and stored in their backpack, or other location directed by their teacher. Students who choose to bring personal mobile devices and accessories to school do so at their own risk. The security and storage of these devices is the sole responsibility of the student.

- **Parent/Guardian Contact**
  Should a student require the need to contact their parents (i.e. Illness), contact will be provided by the office or homeroom teacher, and not their personal device during school hours.

- **No Access to Social Media**
  Students will not be able to access social media on school networks or school devices. Known social media sites will continue to be blocked from Division networks.

Exceptions
Students who require personal mobile devices for health reasons or specialized learning needs can coordinate with school administration to receive appropriate accommodations. Exceptions will be made to ensure that these students have the necessary tools to support their well-being and educational requirements.

If a student is found to be using a personal mobile device in class without their teacher's permission, we will work with the student to ensure they understand the rules moving forward. Should there be repeated infractions further consequences will be determined as necessary.



September

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
6	7 Labour Day - No School!	8	9	10 Meet the Staff 6pm	11	12
13	14	15	16 Opening Mass @St. John Bosco Church 10am	17	18	19

Keep informed with additional upcoming dates by visiting our school website calendar!



Information Page

4 Ways to Report Your Child's Absence:

When creating your account, please ensure to use the same email address and phone number that is used in PowerSchool.

1. On your Mobile device, download and install the **School Messenger app** from the apple store or Google play store.
   - When you open the app for the first time, select *"Sign Up"* to create your account, select attendance, followed by report an absence.

2. Using your PowerSchool Parent portal, go to the left hand menu bar and choose School Messenger at the very bottom. Select attendance then report an absence.

3. You can also report by telephone : 1-833-525-9071 and press 1.

4. You are also still welcome to contact the school directly. (780)-475-0158 press 1.



POWERSCHOOL - Parent Portal

Please log into your **POWERSCHOOL** parent portal to pay for **School Fees** Kinder $30 & Gr. 1-6 $45 **Fieldtrips / Extra Curricular Activities Recorders** (If required) Gr. 4-6 $10 **Headphones** (If required) Gr. 1-6 $3.50 We ask that parents refrain from sending cash and kindly use our convenient PowerSchool Parent Portal. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! If you require assistance, contact Mrs. Fabiano @780-475-0158 as she would be happy to help!

SCHOOL HOURS

First bell: 8:36am
Lunch: 12:00-12:34pm
Dismissal: 3:15pm
Thursday Dismissal: 12:10pm

Please ensure to check into the front office if your child is arriving late. If your child will be absent, kindly contact the office to let Mrs. Fabiano know. Thank you for your support!