

ST. DAMIEN SCHOOL

# Celebrating Diversity and Inspiring Creativity

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## March Administrator Message:

We are praying for Spring. What a cold month February we have endured! We have had weeks of indoor recess and we are all itching to get outside. With three unplanned fire alarms going off this month, that is NOT how we want to go outside.

We are having a pancake breakfast on Tuesday, March 5 compliments of the Knights of Columbus. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6. Our liturgy will be at 1:00. Mrs. Lajeunesse-Feltis and Miss Krammer's classes are in charge of the liturgy.

Kindergarten students will not have school on Thursday, March 7. It is a Professional Development Day for the teachers. Please make alternate arrangements for care for your child that day.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, March 14 from 4:00-7:30 and Friday, March 15 from 9:00-11:30 and 12:30-2:30. Please book a time to see how your child is doing!

Spring Concert: On March 18 we are having our Spring Concert on March 18. There will be two performance on that evening. Most of the Division 2 students will perform in both shows. Division 1 students will be divided into 2 groups. More information will come home in the next week. The capacity of our gym is the reason for the two shows and the division of students.

Spring Break takes place the week of March 25 with a return to school on April 1 (no fooling!). Our Easter Break will take place later in April (students do not have school Friday, April 19, Monday April 22 or Tuesday, April 23).

As I have mentioned in the past, extended holidays during the school year are frowned upon. I realize that the price of plane tickets are significantly lower during non-peak times, but lengthy holidays greatly affect a child's progress in school. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Especially during cold weather, we see parents/guardians making poor choices when dropping off and picking up students. In many cases we see people breaking the law. I have listed a number of fines that you could receive for traffic violations. Please obey these rules—our children's safety is at risk.

### Traffic fines:

Speeding in a school zone—ticket ranges from \$78 to \$474, depending on the speed you are travelling.

All variations of U-turns (unsafely, near a curb, between intersections) is \$155.

Parking in a no parking zone, parking too close to a fire hydrant, parking too close to the entrance of a parking lot is \$68.

May God bless and keep you healthy this season,

Shannon Griffin, Principal

Jim Moroney, Assistant Principal

## ***MARCH CONCERT***

Our March Concert is on Monday March 18th with performances

**6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 pm.**

Singing, dancing, acting, and playing will be woven around and through the African Tale, “A Story A Story”.

Costumes are a special part of our production. The main actors will receive help with their costumes. All other students will receive a letter regarding simple costumes through school messenger. Please keep an eye out for this important letter. No expensive purchases are encouraged or required for this event. If a student owns Traditional African clothing, we encouraged them to wear it.

Many tasks create a production. If you are interested in taking part in helping out with any tasks, please email me at [janine.bischoff@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:janine.bischoff@cssd.ab.ca). and I will send you a list of tasks remaining.

This is an exciting event to share learning from the music program; please come and join us.

Janine Bischoff/Music Teacher

Please come to the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences March 14th and March 15th. All the proceeds from books sold during the book fair go towards purchases for our school !!





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# Connections

CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWS



## Kindergarten Registration

Calgary Catholic offers full-day kindergarten at 10 schools. Students must live within the school's boundaries to be eligible to enrol. The remainder of our elementary schools offer half-day kindergarten. To register, children must turn four years old on or before March 1, 2019. For more information, contact your local school or visit [cssd.ab.ca/Parents/Registration](http://cssd.ab.ca/Parents/Registration).

## Spring Break Fundraiser with the Flames

Want something fun to do over spring break? Calgary Catholic and the Flames are offering discounted tickets to two games in March. For every ticket sold the Calgary Flames will donate \$10 back to the school. Visit [nhl.com/flames/tickets/ccsd](http://nhl.com/flames/tickets/ccsd) to get your tickets today.

## Open Houses & Program Information Nights

Over the coming months several Calgary Catholic schools will be hosting Open Houses and Program Information Nights. These events offer students and their families an opportunity to visit and get to know their local Calgary Catholic School. They are also a great way to learn more about each school's unique program offerings. For a full list of upcoming events, visit our website at [cssd.ab.ca/News](http://cssd.ab.ca/News).

## March Parent & Trustee Forum

Join a proactive discussion with Dr. Lynn Miller to learn about mental health concerns in school-aged children and learn strategies to help children manage in their daily lives. Visit [bit.ly/SchoolCouncil2018-2019](http://bit.ly/SchoolCouncil2018-2019) for more information.

## Faithfully – Insights of Discipleship in the Diocese of Calgary

The Diocese of Calgary has launched a monthly publication called 'Faithfully,' which gives readers a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people. It also features stories and events that deepen our connection with God through others. To subscribe, visit [subscribepage.com/faithfully](http://subscribepage.com/faithfully).

## Spring Break

Calgary Catholic schools and administrative offices will be closed beginning Monday, March 25 and will re-open on Monday, April 1. Wishing everyone a fun filled spring break!

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# MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Alex Bus Pizza by the	5 Shrove Tuesday 5k Scientist in	6 Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.	7 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY</b>	8	9
10	11	12	13 I.C.N.R Grade 3 (1:30p.m.- 2:30p.m..)	14 Parent Teacher Conference 4:00p.m.-7:30p.m.	15 Parent Teacher Conference 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. 12:30p.m.-2:30p.m. Book Fair	16
17	18 Spring Concert	19	20 Sister Madeleine 8:25a.m.- 12:00p.m.	21 Movie night	22 Fun Lunch Last day before Spring Break	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b>						

# APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 First day back to school	2 Alex Bus	3 Alex Bus	4 Alex bus	5 Alex Bus	6
7	8 Pizza by the Slice	9	10 I.C.N.R Grade 3 1:30p.m.-2:30p.m.	11 Dance works at Father Lacombe at 4:30p.m.	12	13
14	15	16	17 School Council 6:30p.m.	18	19 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	23 Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL	24	25 Scientists in School Grade 6	25 Eucharistic Adoration (a.m.) Fun Lunch	26
27	28 Museum School 3G (all week)	29 Scientist in School Grade 6 Sister Madeleine (a.m.)	30			