



December 2015

Au Courant

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December Events:

Nov. 30 Advent Mass
9:00 am at
Holy Family Parish

2- Gr.8 Japanese Village
Gr. 9 Field Trip to
the Citadel

7- Gr. 9 vaccinations

9- Gr.8 Japanese Village

11- Staff meeting/Retreat
NO SCHOOL

15- Gr.8 Japanese Village

16- Band Concert
7pm

18- Advent Liturgy

January 2016

4- Classes resume

Advent

The word advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming”, as the birth of the Lord is coming and this is the time of the year that we celebrate His coming and during Advent, we recall the history of God’s people.

We use the advent wreath as a symbol and reminder of our waiting to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

The green boughs of the wreath symbolize life and this is a reminder that the love God has for each and everyone of us never changes. The circle of the wreath indicates there is no beginning and no end and a reminder also that our life with God never ends. The advent wreath has four candles around it – 3 purple and one pink. The four candles represent the four weeks in Advent where the three purple typically represent hope, love and peace and the pink one represents joy, the joy we experience as the celebration of Christmas approaches.

Often times an advent wreath also has a white candle in the centre, a Christ candle that reminds us that Christ is the light of the world.

Week 1 – Expectation – wait in expectation for Christmas as we prepare our hearts.

Week 2 – Hope – we still wait in hope that Jesus will become a bigger part of our lives; our prayers guide us to treat others as we are called to.

Week 3 – Joy – we are almost there – Christmas nears as we continue our preparations; this is a time to think of Mary and the joy she experienced when she said yes to the Angel Gabriel.

Week 4 – Peace – we experience peace through celebration, knowing Jesus, as our role model, is ever present.

Intentions

Just as Pope Francis encourages us to take care of the Earth, we ask you to continue to guide Pope Francis in his mission....For this we pray...

During this season of Advent, let us take time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ...For this we pray...

Guide and protect our families as we prepare for celebration that we remain in good health, joy and positivity...For this we pray...

Mr. Loiselle, our school district's Religion and Family Life Consultant, will be at ESSMY to lead us in Advent prayer and preparation on Nov. 26, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. Please join us for morning prayer at 7:56 am if you are able.

Holy Family Youth Group

Verve is for students in grades 6-8 and they meet every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm.

Unite is for students in grades 9-12 and they meet every Sunday after the 5pm Mass

Please check the parish website for more information

www.holyfamilyparish.ca

All are welcome; it's a great way to live your faith with your friends!



St. Albert Catholic Mass Times

St. Albert is very fortunate to have three Catholic Churches within its city limits. Please see below for weekend mass times and locations:

Holy Family Parish

75 Poirier Avenue

Saturday evenings 5 pm

Sunday mornings 9 am and 11 am

Sunday evenings 5 pm

Christmas Eve 5 pm (Children's Liturgy)

7:30 pm, 9:30 pm, 12:00 am

Christmas Day 9 am and 11 am

St. Albert Parish

7 St. Vital Avenue

Saturday evenings 5 pm

Sunday mornings 9 am and 11 am

Sunday evenings 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm

8 pm, 10 pm, 12 am

Christmas Day 10 am and 12 pm

Communauté catholique francophone St. Albert

9 Muir Drive (Chapelle Connelly McKinley)

Chaque dimanche à 9h

La veille de Noel 20 h



Horaires d'examens – Seniors – janvier 2016

Last regular day of classes for Grade 12s is Tuesday, January 12th.

Examens de diplôme 12e année			
Date	Examen	Heure	Salle
jeudi 14 janvier	Études Sociales – Partie A 30-1 Études Sociales – Partie A 30-2	9h à 11h30 9h à 11h	#150
vendredi 15 janvier	FLA – Partie A	9h à 11h30	#150
mercredi 20 janvier	Études Sociales – Partie B 30-1, 30-2	9h à 11h	#150
jeudi 21 janvier	FLA – Partie B	9h à 11h30	#150
vendredi 22 janvier	Biologie 30	9h à 11h	#150
lundi 25 janvier	Math 30-1/30-2	9h à 11h30	#150

(Please note: Students are permitted an additional one-half hour beyond the officially scheduled time to complete their exams.)

Last regular day of classes for Grade 11 students is Tuesday, January 19th.

Examen Final 11e année			
Date	Examen	Heure	Salle
jeudi 21 janvier	English Language Arts 20-1	8h30 à 11h	# 151
lundi 25 janvier	Chimie 20	8h30 à 11h	# 151
mardi 26 janvier	Études Sociales 20-1	8h30 à 11h	# 151

Last regular day of classes for Grade 10 students is Thursday, January 21st.

Examen Final 10e année			
Date	Examen	Heure	Salle
vendredi 22 janvier	Science 10	8h30 à 11h	# 153
lundi 25 janvier	English Language Arts 10-1	8h30 à 11h	# 153
mardi 26 janvier	Math 10-1 et 10-2	8h30 à 11h	# 153