



Mid November Update

November 17, 2025

Dear St. Richard Families,

As promised, we wanted to share updates of upcoming events at the school. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we awaited direction from the Division and assessed our calendar and commitments. All decisions were made with great thought and care. Below is information regarding the various events for November and December.

Parent Council Annual General Meeting

Our Parent Council Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 pm in the school library. Nominations and elections of Council executive positions will take place, as well as the presentation of the 2024 -2025 financial statements. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Book Fair

The school will be holding a Book Fair from November 26 – 30. Like our book fair last year, students will have an opportunity to preview items and create a wish list. The book fair will be open during our Demonstration of Learning on November 26.

Demonstration of Learning

Our first Demonstration of Learning will take place on Wednesday, November 26 from 3:00 pm – 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to come in and see what your child has been learning and to connect with your child's teacher.

Reading Stars

We are excited to launch year 2 of our school's literacy initiative *Reading Stars* on Monday, December 1. Each grade level is asked to read a certain number of minutes each night and to record their reading on a tracking sheet provided by the school. Once your child has filled in one row on their tracking sheet, cut it off, have your child return it to school, and place it in the jar for their grade level. At the end of the month, one name will be drawn from each grade level, and the student will win a book! The more the students read the more chances they have to win! Remember reading does not have to be done independently. It can also be you reading aloud to your child, watching a story being read online, listening to audio books or reading comic books. Reading takes many forms, and the more children can interact with text, the greater the benefit. Thank you for being a partner in your child's reading journey!

Picture Retakes

School picture retakes will take place on Tuesday, December 2.

Advent Celebrations

We will have school wide Advent celebrations in December. Our Advent celebration that was scheduled at the Basilica with the other ECSD STEM Schools has been postponed to April, for an Easter mass. Specific details regarding our upcoming Advent celebrations will be shared in the December newsletter.

Christmas Concert

After careful consideration, we've made the difficult decision to postpone this year's Christmas Concert, originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 16. With the time lost during the labour disruption, we are unable to adequately prepare our students for the performance in a way that reflects their talents and efforts.

We know and appreciate how special this event is to our school community, and we share in the disappointment. We are currently exploring other opportunities to celebrate our students and showcase their gifts in meaningful ways. We'll keep you updated as plans develop.

In closing we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Blessings to you all,

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Principal

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