



# Registration **Handbook**

for the 2021-2022 School Year

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# Welcome Message

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## Welcome to J. J. Bowlen Catholic Junior High School!



At J.J., you will be given every opportunity to grow academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. In addition to our high quality academic programs, we also have an outstanding choice of Options including Foods, Construction, Band, Film Studies, Art, and much more. We also offer a wide variety of athletic teams and clubs from which to choose. Our caring, Catholic atmosphere, along with our very strong team of educators, will help you to reach your full potential.

The J.J. Bowlen staff is focused daily on providing exceptional learning opportunities, encouragement, and guidance. With the support of your parents, along with hard work & a positive attitude, your educational experience at J.J. Bowlen can be extremely rewarding and a whole lot of fun!

We are pleased to offer a Student Support Team at J.J. Bowlen which is committed to ensuring student success. This team consists of:

- a Learning Coach
- designated Teachers acting as Student Advisors
- a Family School Liaison Social Worker (FSLW)

We hope you will choose to join our J.J. Bowlen Family!

J.J. Bowlen School Staff

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## Year Opening

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### Staggered Entry

- ◆ **Wed Sept 1**     **Grade 7's ONLY ALL DAY** (8:15 start & 2:45 end)  
G7 Students will have an orientation and will be provided lunch  
NO G8's or 9's today
  - ◆ **Thurs Sept 2**     **Grade 8's & 9's ONLY in the AM** (8:15 start & 11:45 end)  
NO G7's today
  - ◆ **Fri Sept 3**     **All students attend.**  
First full day of instruction.
- ◆ Homeroom lists will be displayed in the gymnasium and Teachers will be there to welcome students.
  - ◆ Students should bring their school supplies.

### Fees

- ◆ School fees can be paid online in your Parent Powerschool Account or in the Office from 8:00-3:30.

## School Hours

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- ◆ School times are slightly adjusted each year. Exact times are indicated on the individual student timetables and on our website.
- ◆ We operate on a Monday-Friday schedule with three blocks in the morning & three in the afternoon.
- ◆ Our Thursdays are a short day with dismissal before noon.

Our front doors are opened at 7:30 a.m. and the first bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Students should be leaving the school promptly at the end of each day unless they are part of a club or team.

## PowerSchool

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- ◆ Powerschool is a secure website where parents and guardians can monitor their child's grades, attendance, report cards, and contact teachers
- ◆ Notification settings in PowerSchool can be adjusted to suit personal preferences
- ◆ Visit <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public>





# Mandatory Educational Program

As a part of the mandatory school program as prescribed by Alberta Education, all our students are enrolled in the following subjects:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Health and Life Skills



# Complementary/Option Courses

J. J. Bowlen Catholic Junior High School offers a wide selection of Options. Students will select the equivalent of two options per semester (there are two semesters; Sept-Jan & Feb-June). French, Music, and Physical Education Leadership (G9 only) are full year courses (i.e. both semesters). All the others are one semester.

Grade 7 Options	Grade 8 Options	Grade 9 Options
Art	Art	Art
French (2)	French (2)	French (2)
Band (2)	Band (2)	Band (2)
Construction & Design	Construction & Design	Construction & Design
Environmental Stewardship	Environmental Stewardship	Environmental Stewardship
Film Studies	Film Studies	Foods Studies
Foods & Fashion	Foods & Fashion	Computer Science
Computer Science	Computer Science	Approaches to Learning
Approaches to Learning	Approaches to Learning	Phys. Ed. Leadership (2)

**Please Note:**

1. Option Forms will be provided to all students who register at J.J. Bowlen School.
2. Option course descriptions are on the back of the Forms. They should be read very carefully before choosing.
3. Students will be asked to indicate the order of their preferences. Course availability is dependent upon enrollment and teacher availability. Unfortunately, due to the large number of students, everyone may not receive their top choices. As a guide, Options will be assigned to students based on the date we receive a duly completed Form.
4. There will be no option changes once assigned.



# Programs & Events

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## **Intramural Programs**

Participation and fun are the focus of the intramural program. During the lunch break, students have an opportunity to join in a variety of events including:

- Basketball Free Throw
- Dodgeball
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Free Throw Bump
- Special Events

Socialization and friendly competition are always the name of the game!

## **Clubs**

There are a number of clubs and activities that may be available to students at J. J. Bowlen.

- Student Leadership Team
- Library Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Fitness Club
- Broadcast Team
- Tech Club
- Honours Art
- Honours Band

The focus is on developing students' interests and talents. The benefits are making new friends and getting involved in interesting activities.

## **Religious/Faith Life**

Throughout the year, school wide religious celebrations are held for occasions such as School Opening, Thanksgiving, Advent, Lent, & Year End. Our school community is served by:

**St. Dominic Savio Parish**  
**14406-62 ST (780) 473-4259**

## **School (Parent) Council**

The purpose of the School Council is to promote the exchange of ideas and involvement of parents. It provides a vehicle for parents to support the school, its programs, and the overall educational goals. Please contact the School Council Chairperson or the Principal for further information.

## **Special Events**

Several annual events are held each year including:

- Activity Days (Jan and June)
- Guest Presentations
- Athletic Tournaments
- Band Concerts
- Student Leadership Team Special Events (Dances/Theme days)
- Grade Seven Retreat Day
- Religious Celebrations
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
- In and Out-of-province fieldtrips for the Honour Band, P.E. Leadership and Environmental Stewardship Camps

## **Student Recognition**

At J.J. Bowlen Catholic Junior High School we believe it is important to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a high level of achievement. Our awards program attempts to recognize individuals who have had success in:

- Academics
- Team Sports/Athletics
- Leadership
- Option Courses
- Christian Service
- Significant Improvement Overall



## Athletics

*“Home of the Giants”*



### Athletic Programs

If competition and developing your skills in a particular sport are for you, J.J. Bowlen definitely has ample opportunities!

We have Junior and Senior teams for both boys and girls in most sports and compete with other schools in soccer, volleyball, basketball, track & field, badminton, cross country running, and slo pitch.

The J.J. Bowlen athletic teams have a history of good sportsmanship and success!

*We have our very own JJ Bowlen Van to transport students to and from games!!*

### Recent Athletic Highlights

All teams compete in **Division 1/2**. Some athletic achievements include:

#### Volleyball

- 2018-2019 City Champs (Girls)
- 2015-2016 City Champs (Boys)

#### Basketball

- 2015-2016 City Finalists (Boys)

#### Soccer

- 2015-2016 City Champs (Girls)

#### Cross Country

- 2015-2016 City Champs (Jr. Boys & Int. Boys)
- 2014-2015 City Champs (Jr. Boys)

#### Badminton

- 2013-2014 City Champs (Mixed Doubles)

#### Slow Pitch

- 2017-2018 City Champs (Co-Ed)
- 2016-2017 City Finalists (Co-Ed)

#### Track & Field

- 2017-2018 Zone Champs (Boys)
- 2016-2017 Zone Champs (Aggregate)
- 2016-2017 City & Zone Champs (Boys)
- 2015-2016 City & Zone Champs (Aggregate)



## Morning Arrival

**The school is open to students at 7:30 a.m.** As we do not have supervision before then, please ensure your children do not arrive early.

FOR SAFETY, WE ASK THAT PARENTS REFRAIN FROM ENTERING OUR STAFF PARKING LOT TO DROP OFF STUDENTS IN THE MORNING OR PICK THEM UP AFTER SCHOOL. THERE IS ROOM TO DO THIS ON BOTH 144 AVENUE & 62 STREET.

## Attendance/Late Arrival

Punctuality and regular attendance at school are important factors that positively affect student achievement. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IN ADVANCE IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT or LATE.** Parents who do not phone the school will be contacted by our computerized attendance management system to notify you of the unverified absence. Students who are more than 3 minutes late in the morning must report to the office before going to their Homeroom. Parents will be contacted should a pattern of lateness or poor attendance develop. Students who must leave the school during the school day for appointments or illness are required to report to the office. Parent contact must be made to verify the departure before leaving school.

## Telephone Use/Cell Phones

Students can use an office phone for an illness or to contact parents. Cell phones are to be used only before school and at the end of the day unless a teacher asks students to use them for educational purposes such as researching a topic, participating in a Kahoot activity, etc.

## Homework

Homework is an extension and reinforcement of daily learning. The amount of time each student will spend doing homework will vary according to grade, ability and work habits. Research shows that regularly assigned and completed homework leads to higher academic achievement, as well as improved study skills, attitudes, and success. There are many ways parents can help with homework, including:

- providing a quiet, regular place of work
- organizing a regular time for homework
- being an audience for reading/written work
- checking Powerschool regularly
- reviewing your child's completed assignments

The support and interest of parents has a major impact on a child's attitude towards homework. It is advisable that students have a friend or "homework buddy" to help them stay current with their studies when absent. If you have any questions about assignments, please contact the teacher.

## Communications

Our Principal sends weekly/regular emails to the school community as a whole and our website ([www.ecsd.net/8200](http://www.ecsd.net/8200)) is updated often with pertinent information.







# General Information

## Lunch Time Policy

Students are expected to bring a lunch to school. A limited selection of food choices and beverage items may be available through the concession and vending machines. It is extremely important for students to recognize that being at school during lunch is a privilege, rather than a right. As such, appropriate behavior is expected at all times. Like most Junior High Schools, we have a closed campus policy. This means that during lunch, students must remain on our property unless we have received written permission for them to go home.



## School Security

Parents and visitors are required to report to the office **before** contacting students or teachers. Please use the front entrance. Kindly note that all our doors are locked for security. A video surveillance system is also in place both inside and outside of our school.



## Emergency Evacuation

Should an emergency situation occur which leads to the evacuation of the school, students and staff will relocate to the nearby St. Dominic School. We may then dismiss students provided that we have made contact with the parent/guardian or emergency contact. Please ensure emergency contact information is always updated.

## Personal Property

Students are encouraged **NOT TO** bring valuable or unnecessary items to school. The school will not be held responsible should these items be lost, damaged, or stolen. Student owned devices are allowed for learning purposes.



J.J. Bowlen School takes great pride in the academic success of our students. Our students are second to none when it comes to achievement.

Some of the factors we attribute to this success include:

*1. A school culture that promotes perseverance, creative thought, and accountability*

Our Provincial Achievement Tests results consistently exceed the Division and Provincial average.

*2. Strong partnerships and open communication among students, parents, and staff*

Parents can contact their child's teacher(s) and school administration at any time throughout the year. We value your feedback and appreciate your support as we work together.

*3. Staff that are caring, highly knowledgeable, and flexible in trying to meet the needs of all learners*

Like every school in Alberta, J.J. Bowlen has students with a broad range of learning abilities. Our staff fully support all students to be the best learners possible. In some cases, accommodations/adjustments may be required so students can experience genuine success on tests and assignments. When we believe this is necessary, we will work in partnership with parents to determine the best programming for their child. This may also be the case when students are 'at risk' academically with grades below 50% in academic subjects.



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Phone: 780-441-6000

Website: [www.ecsd.net](http://www.ecsd.net)

## **PowerSchool:**

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public>

## **Yellow Bus:**

[www.ecsd.net/page/1263/transportation](http://www.ecsd.net/page/1263/transportation)

Phone: 780-441-6078

## **Alberta Education Website for Parents:**

[www.alberta.ca/education.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/education.aspx)

## **Our Mission Statement**

With Jesus as our model, J.J. Bowlen Catholic School nurtures the heart, mind, and spirit by engaging students to develop their gifts and achieve their potential.

## **Our Charism**

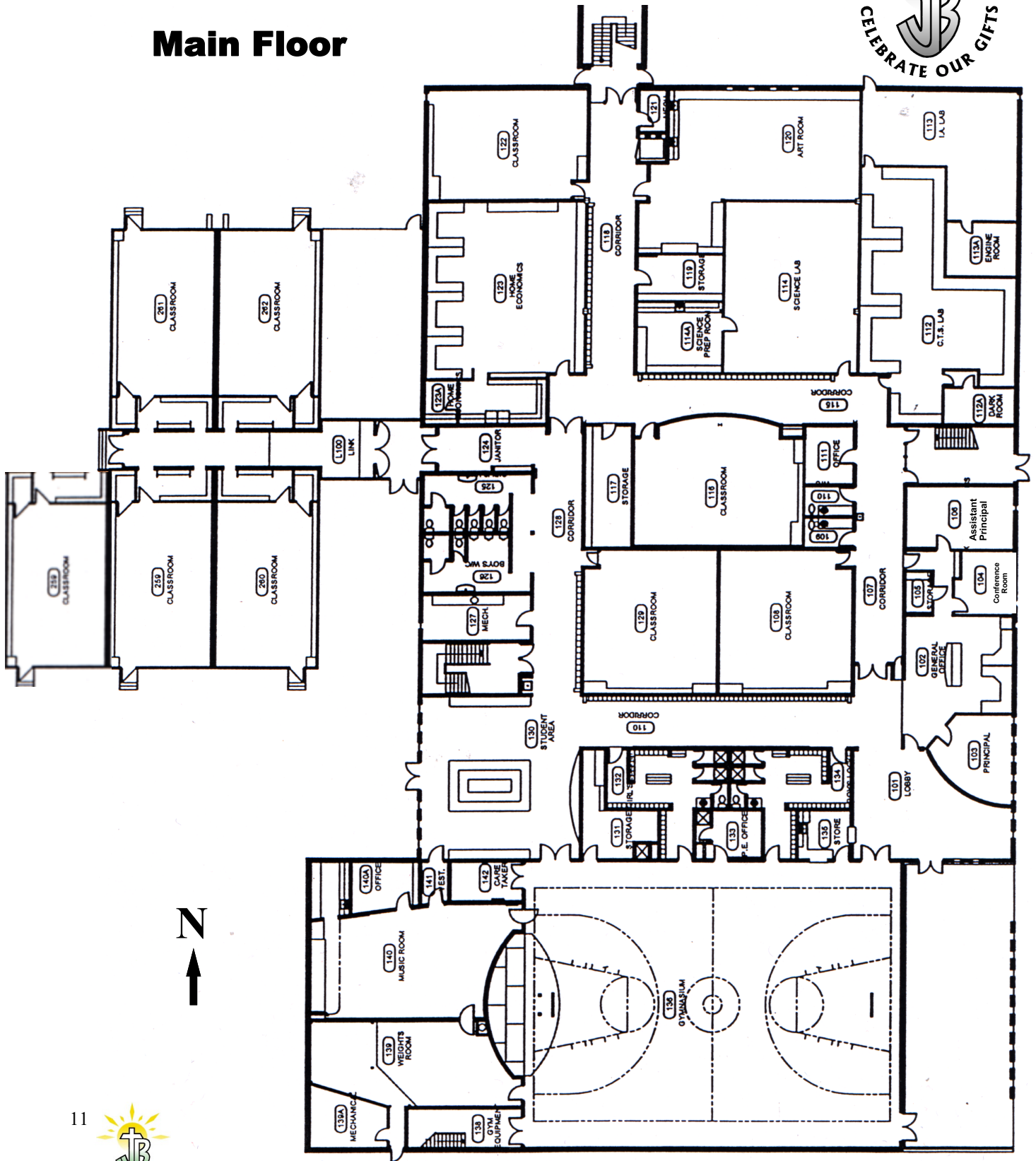
With John James Bowlen's life of service as a guide, our school community seeks inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we develop a deeper and more active faith in the person of Jesus Christ.



# School Layout



## Main Floor





# School Layout



## Second Floor

