

A close-up photograph of a white ceramic cup filled with dark coffee, resting on a light-colored, textured surface that looks like a knitted sweater. The background is softly blurred.

2 Week at a Glance Update

Our Lady of Victories Jan 20-31

Message from Admin

Hello Our Lady of Victories families!

We are off to a great start in 2025, and we have our Open House coming up on Wed Feb 12 at 6:30pm. Spread the word to your family and friends!

Watch for upcoming information on a fun winter day, and save the date for our spring concert: May 14.

Stay warm this weekend!

Yours in faith,
Rebecca, Amber & Megan

A Prayer for the Bleak Midwinter

This time of year, when every bough is bare
And every corner of the sky a deadened gray,
It's hard to find signs of life in the created world—
And maybe also in ourselves.
Long past the vibrant joy of Christmas,
Not yet arrived at the nourishment of Lent,
The world around us and the world within us
Can seem decidedly dormant. Stilled. Frozen over.
In these cold and darkened days,
Remind us that you gently cradle all seasons,
And let us see with fresh hope the new life
That is borne within dry branches.
Remind us that the ice will melt,
First in tiny rivulets, then in rushing streams—
That living water will yet flow.

Amen.

- Cameron Bellm

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January

- 22 - Gr 3 Musee Heritage Museum field trip
- 29 - Gr 5-6 Skiing field trip
- 29 - SAC mtg
- 29-30 - SAC Bottle Drive
- 31 - Healthy Hunger fun lunch (Subway)
- 31 - STEM Club
- 31 - January Summary Report (report card)

February

- 5 - Winter Walk
- 7 - STEM Club
- 12 - Open House @ 6:30pm
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - NO SCHOOL (Family Day)
- 21 - STEM Club
- 26 - NO SCHOOL (Faith Development Day)
- 27 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Convention)
- 28 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Convention)



Valentine's Day

Students are welcome to make Valentine cards for their class; we ask that if your child chooses to bring cards, that they bring one for all children in their class. Teachers will share a list of first names for their class with families. On Valentine's Day, students will engage in activities focusing on friendship and God's love. We ask that families do not send in treats for the class. Thank you for your cooperation!



School Advisory Council

Our SAC will be hosting it's next mtg on **Wed Jan 29 at 6:30pm** at the school (rescheduled from Dec 4). Joining the meeting online via Teams is also an option. A link has been shared through School Messenger. All parents/guardians are welcome!



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Wed Mar 12

Wed Apr 9

Wed May 14

Wed Jun 11

2024-2025 School Advisory Council:

Chair - Larissa Chenier

Vice Chair - Chris Atkins

Treasurer - Jessica Feschuk

Secretary - Kelsey McWhirter

Fundraiser Rep - Landy Haltiner

Casino Chair - Farrah Dziwenka

SAC ongoing fundraisers:

Money raised through SAC fundraising initiatives supports a multitude of activities and supplies for our students throughout the school year, including technology, physical equipment, games for indoor recess, games to support curriculum, and supplies for learning activities on special days or events such as Our Lady of Victories feast day and year end fun.

FlipGive

Fundraising for Our Lady of Victories Catholic Elementary School is easy with FlipGive, a free team/school funding app!

We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the stores or brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. The School gets a percentage of the purchase donated to the school from the store/brand. It's completely online (you don't have to carry gift cards that you likely forgot at home). You can literally be in Walmart getting groceries, open the app, buy a gift card, walk to the checkout and redeem it on the spot. Easy-peasy.

Parents and caregivers can share the OLOV flipgive link with other family and friends in the Flipgive app using the Refer button.

Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=PQFRNK>

Or enter this code: PQFRNK

Any questions, please ask any SAC members.



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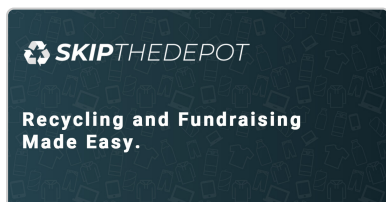
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Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch

Our SAC has set up regular Fun Lunch opportunities (almost 1 per month) for our school. All orders are done online through:

<https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php>



Our next Fun Lunch is from Subway, on Friday January 31. Orders due by Jan 26.

Scholastic Book Orders

We have created a school account to maximize our rewards as a school. Please use class code: **RC616182** when ordering online: <https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca/en/home>



Scholastic Book Clubs Parent Guide.pdf

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Reading Buddies @ Edmonton Public Library!

See info in attachment. Registration is required:

<https://epl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?series=673e4af074596c3600487ae2>



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Affiliated Parish

In staying true to the boundaries established between the Archdiocese and ECSD, our affiliated Parish is Annunciation. We look forward to establishing a relationship with Father Francis and the staff of Annunciation as we learn about and celebrate our faith together this year!



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