

St. Elizabeth Seton

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



If there is anything that living through a pandemic has taught us, is that we need to be flexible and ready for change. These past few days have been yet another testament to that need as we listened to Premiere Jason Kenney's address to the province; announcing that we are moving into a *public health emergency*. For schools, this has affected our Grade 7 - 12 students most immediately, but this will affect our Seton students soon enough as well.

It was announced that Pre-K to Grade 6 will continue with In-Person Education until December 18th. This speaks to the confidence that our government has in our Elementary schools being safe places for our children. It was also announced that Pre-K to Grade 6 students will be learning from home from January 4th to 11th. Elementary administrators are currently meeting with staff to develop the plan for what that week of At-Home Learning will look like and we will provide you with more information next week.

As always, we are committed to the health and wellbeing of all of our students and staff and we continue to work hard to ensure a safe environment for all of our students during these difficult times. We are proud of the work we have done here at St. Elizabeth Seton and throughout Red Deer Catholic as we continue to have a zero transmission rate within our schools. As we work together to ensure safety and wellbeing for all, we will do this work with grace and compassion towards students, staff, and families as we meet everyone where they are at on this journey.

COVID-19

We continue to take direction and follow the guidelines from Alberta Health Services regarding COVID-19 protocols. We ask that you continue to complete the [COVID-19 screen](#) with your child each morning to determine if they are healthy enough to attend school. In the event that your child becomes unwell during the day we ask that you make arrangements as soon as possible to have your child picked up. Parents who pick up their child from school will be given the [COVID-19 Illness](#) document which outlines the timelines and expectations before a child can return to school. As always, we encourage you to access the [RDCRS Parent/Student Handbook](#) for the most up to date information.

School Bus Delays & the Bus App

While our school busses are almost always on time, the winter months and snowy road conditions can lead to delays for your child's school bus. In order to stay notified on your child's bus status please see the following links for ways to check on bus times.

[St. Elizabeth Seton School Website](#)

Bus status can be found on the main page of our website. It will display if a bus is *on-time*, *delayed*, or *cancelled*. There will often be a comment next to the delayed busses indicating how long the bus delay is. Click the title above to link to our website.

[Bus Status App by Box Clever](#)

Alternately, you can download the bus app for your Apple or Android phone. See the images below and click on them to go to your respective app store and download the app.



Giving Tree - A HUGE Thank You!

Our community has always been generous with our time, talents, and gifts. Helping families in need, especially during the Christmas season, has been so important to our community and this year has been no different. While the pandemic has changed the way that we are giving to those families, having to now donate Gift Cards instead of physical gifts, the generosity of our community has still been overwhelming. This year, our school council has once again partnered with Catholic Social Services to help our brothers and sisters in need and because of your generous donations, we received over 100 gift cards this year totally just over \$2700! Thank you Seton Family! You have helped bring the light of Christ to many families this Christmas season!

Advent Concert

As always, Mrs. Tuchsherer and Mrs. Griffiths have been working tirelessly to bring our Advent Concert to you. As with everything this year, it has to look different but where there is a will, there is a way! Seton staff and students have been working hard to bring their high levels of awesome to you in a video format that will be shared with you directly just before we leave for the Christmas Break. It has been our commitment to make as many things as “normal” as possible this year and we are excited to bring this cornerstone of our Seton Community Christmas to you.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, December 8

Face 2 Face Ministries

Jersey Day - Wear Your Favorite Jersey!

Friday, December 11

NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Friday, December 18

Pajama Day

December 19 - January 3

Christmas Holidays - Merry Christmas!

Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Fais confiance au Seigneur de tout ton coeur.*