

Vincent J. Maloney



Simply the best for the world!

**At VJM we endeavour to have
students come to know Christ.
We are Called to be God's Own
People... Shepparding Our Flock**



**VJM offers a variety of
specialized programs to
suit the needs of many
students.**

Including...

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme



IB Coordinator Renee Trottier

International Baccalaureate Programme



The International Baccalaureate programme aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. This program encourages our students to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners.

Sports Academy



The Greater St. Albert Sports Academy is based on the philosophy that students can learn through sport to maintain or improve academic standing and improve sports skills at the same time.

Students with Identified Needs

**Learning Support Facilitator
Charlotte Kirchner**

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For all students with mild to moderate academic or behavioural needs within the classroom we provide:

- *Regular inclusive program**
- *Facilitator model (LSF)**
- *Continuum of Supports**

Intensive & Targeted Supports



Intensive and targeted supports are in place to meet the needs of our students with moderate to severe learning difficulties. We have programs in place to meet social, behavioural and academic requirements. As much as possible, programming takes place in an inclusive classroom setting.

Our Schedule

We run a 2-day
rotation, (A & B)
with early dismissal
on Fridays.

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School

V.J.M. 2014-15

School Operating Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:00 - 8:46 a.m.	Block 1
8:49 - 9:32 a.m.	Block 2
9:35 - 10:18 a.m.	Block 3
10:18 - 10:31 a.m.	NUTRITION BREAK
10:31 - 11:14 a.m.	Block 4
11:17 - 12:00 p.m.	Block 5
12:00 - 12:40 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
12:40 - 1:23 p.m.	Block 6
1:26 - 1:54 p.m.	Block 7 - Marauder Excel
1:57 - 2:40 p.m.	Block 8

School Operating Schedule

1:40 pm Dismissal - Friday

8:00 - 8:41 a.m.	Block 1
8:44 - 9:22 a.m.	Block 2
9:25 - 10:03 a.m.	Block 3
10:03 - 10:17 a.m.	NUTRITION BREAK
10:17 - 10:55 a.m.	Block 4
10:58 - 11:36 a.m.	Block 5
11:36 - 12:21 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
12:21 - 12:59 p.m.	Block 6
1:02 - 1:40 p.m.	Block 8

Marauder Excel Block

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<http://www.vjm.gsacrd.ab.ca/about/hwk-support-block>

Technology & BYOD

(Bring Your Own Device)

Teachers allow students to use their devices for research, notes and more. Our wifi connection provides a secure student network that allows relevant sights and blocks out inappropriate ones.

Students who need laptops, tablets or smart devices as part of their learning are welcome to bring them to school.

It is not mandatory to have such a device but if you are thinking of purchasing a personal device at this time we would ask you to think of a device that has many of the following capabilities; writing - keyboard, interactive - flash and java, camera (front and back), audio/video recorder and playback, can read PDF files, Wi-Fi enabled, access/use apps (IOS or Android) headphone jack and reasonable battery life.

OPTIONS

Options run half year, (except French) and take place every second day. Students get to choose 4 options per year, 3 if French is taken.

- **Art**
 - **Band**
 - **Drama**
 - **French/Italian**
 - **French Advanced**
 - **Home Economics**
 - **Industrial Arts**
 - **Outdoor Education**
 - **Robotics**
 - **Sports Medicine**
- *French & French/Italian are full year
- **Guitar**

NOTE: Courses in yellow count toward IB certificate

Activities

There are a variety of seasonal activities that take place at lunch, after school and on special days. If we don't have an activity, please ask.

- **Library group**
- **Games room**
- **Talent Show**
- **Afternoon dances**
- **Drama Production**
- **Year Book**
- **Service Projects**
- **Student Council/ We Day Team**
- **Cyclebets**
- **Spirit Days (school clothing, jerseys, hair days)**
- **Student assemblies**
- **Hat days**
- **Terry Fox Run**
- **Party Program**
- **Bar B Q's**
- **Anime Club**
- **Intramurals**
 - **Volleyball**
 - **Basketball**
 - **Floor Hockey**
 - **Dancing**
 - **Badminton**
 - **Dance Competition**

Sports

Organized team sports are one of many things that VJM is known for. We have boys and girls teams as well as junior and senior teams for many of our sports. Grade 7's are encouraged to try out for any and every team.

- Volleyball- Boys, girls, senior and junior**
- Basketball- Boys, girls, senior and junior**
- Track & Field- Co-ed**
- Journal Games- Co-ed**
- Cross Country Running- Co-ed**
- Badminton- Co-ed at each grade level**
- Golf- Co-ed**
- Wrestling- Boys & Girls**

Parental Involvement?

- **School Council**
- **Accessing Powerschool**
- **Contacting teachers**
- **Reading school emails**
- **Visiting the website**
- **Attending interviews**
- **Joining us for Mass**
- **Completing surveys**
- **Supporting & attending extra curricular events**
- **Compassionate friends**
- **Partners in Prayer**
- **Staff appreciation**
- **Concessions and BBQs**
- **Communicating with us!**

Communication from VJM

- Report Cards
- PowerSchool
- Email from teachers
 - Mass emails
 - School web site
- Teacher web pages
 - Phone out system
- Principal's weekly blog

Student Services

School Counsellor

Janelle Hobbs

Student Services

Keeping kids physically & emotionally safe and healthy is our highest priority. Students are encouraged to meet with staff for anything from academic, social and behaviour concerns to questions about the future including high school and career transition.

When we know there are concerns, we can do everything in our power to help. Encourage your children to come forward and let us know or call to tell us.

When we know - we can help

Navigating our Website

VJM's webpage is a fountain of information and a great way for parents and students to be involved.

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Report Absences

Phone 780-458-1113

Email

THANK YOU!



The staff of VJM want to extend their gratitude to parents and guardians for organizing, contributing to and preparing a wonderful Ukrainian inspired staff appreciation luncheon. Special thanks to the families who cooked or donated food and drinks, to our Volunteer Coordinator Selena Abrey, School Council Chair Linda Boyd, Vice Chair Sheri Tchir, Compassionate Friends Coordinator Angie Christman and Partners in Prayer Coordinator Lorraine Tamburrino.

Calendar

FEB 24

Gr 6 Parent Info Night
@ JIN
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FEB 26

Grade 9 Prayer Intentions

FEB 27

Hat Day

Star Assembly
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SGS-SAPEC Junior Basketball Tournament
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FEB 28

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8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

150 Anniversary Activities

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School is proud to celebrate with stakeholders and schools across our District a legacy of 150 years of Catholic Education. In addition to many regular activities we will be adding some activities that celebrate 150 years of excellence



Bus Route Status



Navigating our Website

Find important information & events, key dates, teacher email addresses and webpages, the school calendar, our handbook, our eduplan and so much more using the drop-down menus.



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Access marks & attendance with Powerschool



Pay for school fees, option materials, school clothing, field trips and more



Let us know when students are away sick, have appointments or are on holidays with our straight-to-email system

A vertical stack of three website sections. The first section is 'PowerSchool Login' with a 'Go' button. The second section is 'School Cash Online' with a 'Pay Online' button. The third section is 'Report Absences' with the phone number 'Phone 780-458-1113' and an 'Email' button. A vertical gold line is on the left side of the mockup.

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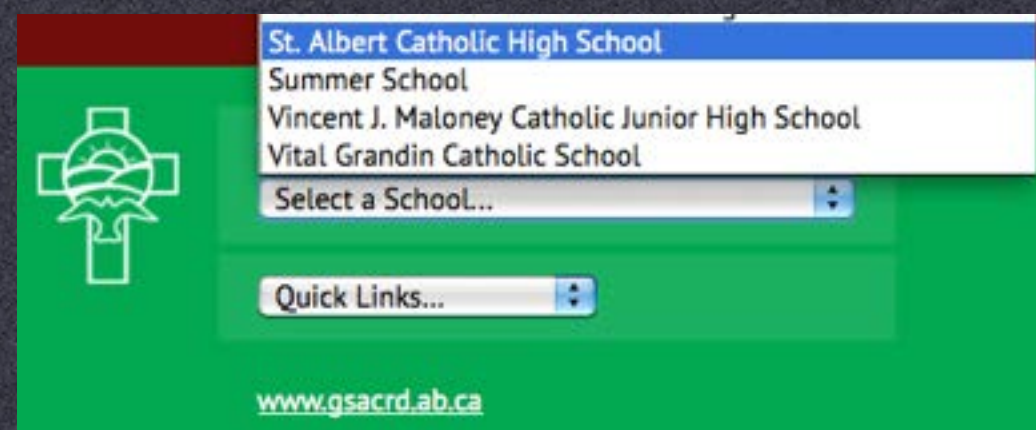
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Navigating our Website

Check out or click on our easy links to access information for parents including our weekly calendar. Follow Mr. Lamer's weekly blog for inside updates on the great things going on at VJM. Use the drop-down menu to connect to St. Albert Catholic High School.



and don't forget to regularly check....

Navigating our Website

Our Grade 6 Connection

We Can't Wait!



Soon you will be joining our VJM community.

We will be holding an information session for parents & guardians from our feeder schools, (AL, BK & JIN) as well as ANYONE curious about the transition from elementary to junior high. It takes place on Tuesday, February 24th from 7-8 pm at JJ. Nearing Catholic Elementary School.

Our OPEN HOUSE takes place Thursday, March 12th at 7 pm at VJM. EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

Click [here](#) for our downloadable bulletin.

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Our Grade 6 Bulletin

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W E L C O M E

VJM looks forward to your arrival
Soon you will be part of the VJM community



We are so excited for you to join us!

We are busy planning many events to help you make a smooth and informed transition to VJM where our students are, "Simply the Best FOR the World."

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How is Junior High Different?

Lunchtime



Students have the freedom to eat almost anywhere in the school. They can eat with their friends from other classes in the cafeteria, the hallways or in open classrooms. During nicer days, students may also eat outside and if they have parent/guardian permission, they may go to one of the stores up the hill for an occasional treat. There is no food or drink allowed in the gym however.

Switching Classes



Students will see different teachers for different classes and will need to move to different classrooms throughout the day. There are NO BELLS between classes and music is played first thing in the morning, after Nutrition Break and lunch to signal students to head to class. Students are given three minutes between classes to move to their next class.



Timetable

Classes start at 8:00 am every day. There are eight classes per day from Monday to Thursday and students are dismissed at 2:40 pm. On Fridays, there are seven classes, (no Marauder Excel Block on Fridays.) and students are dismissed at 1:40 pm. Classes are on a two-day rotation and students receive physical education every day and alternate their options.

Lockers

Grade 7s are assigned half lockers outside of their homeroom class. Locks are given by the school and students are taught how to use them. Students are encouraged to store extra books, their jacket, phys. ed. clothes and their lunch in their locker. Students can access their lockers before school, at Nutrition Break, at lunch. Students can also go to their lockers during class with teacher permission.



Sports Academy students receive full options in the same blocks as other students. They attend Academy Tuesday through Thursday afternoons. Their physical education class takes place during Academy and their Health and Religion classes take place on Monday and Friday afternoons.

The number of Academy classes at each grade level is dependent on the number of students enrolled in Academy. There are currently two Academy classes at each grade level at VJM.



Key Dates

Please take note of the following important dates from now to next September:

February 24th

Parent Information Night
7 pm @ JJ Nearing Elementary School. All parents & guardians are welcome!

March 9th

Registration Packages Available
Feeder schools will receive their registration packages. Packages will also be available online and at VJM.

March 11th

School Option Visit
9:15 am- Students from all three feeder schools will tour VJM option classes.

March 12th

Open House
7 pm- Students and families are invited to meet the staff and tour the school.

March 25th

Registration Packages Due

April 21st

Marauder Activity Challenge
4 pm- All grade 6s are invited to this special afternoon of games just for them.

May 22nd

Wizard of Oz Matinee
Feeder schools are invited to watch a special matinee performance of our school play.

August 25th

New Student Orientation
9:30-10:30 am- Students in grade 7 and students new to VJM receive their schedules and map out their classes in preparation for the first day.

August 31st

8 am- First Day of School

Navigating our Website

Our Grade 6 Bulletin

Special features of Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School

Vincent J. Maloney is an authorized IB World School running years 2, 3 and 4 of the Middle Years Program (MYP). We are committed to providing students with a rigorous academic program that will help each student to become a well-rounded, thoughtful member of our global community. This commitment is in keeping with our Greater St. Albert School Division and the International Baccalaureate Organization.

At VJM, all students are taught with an IB lens in their academic classes. For the school year, 2015/2016, students will choose between two program routes:

IB MYP Certification Route
IB MYP Non-Certification Route

The International Baccalaureate Organization maintains strict standards with regard to certification in the IB MYP. Students must:

- Be enrolled in a second language
- Take a fine arts (drama, art, music)
- Complete a community project in year 4 (grade 9)

VJM offers a range of organized athletics including volleyball, basketball, track & field, Journal Games, cross country running, swimming and badminton. Boys and girls are encouraged to try out for any and all sports. VJM fields both senior and junior teams for many sports.

GO MARAUDERS!

Need more? You got it! We have lunchtime activities including class intramurals in the gym ranging from basketball to floor hockey. We have leadership, clubs, a seasonal movie room, a student "lounge" and MORE! If we don't have it, ask for it. This is your school!



You are invited to attend our Open House on Thursday, March 12th at 7 pm. Option classes will be on display and staff can answer any questions you have.

IB MYP Non-Certification

Route: The aims and objective of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program are integrated throughout each of the subject areas taught at Vincent J. Maloney Junior High. Therefore, each student receives an enriched and exciting

educational program and is exposed to the content of the IB MYP program. Students who do not plan to pursue IB MYP certification route are not required to take a language or arts option, although they may do so if they wish. In addition, non-certification students are not required to complete a community project.

Marauder Excel Homework/Support Block

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We asked our grade 7s what they were most concerned about before coming to VJM. The following were their responses as well as what they found once they started junior high.

Q: With so many new students from different schools coming to VJM, am I going to make new friends?

A: People are so nice and everyone is excited to meet new people. It is easy to make new friends.

Q: What if I go to the wrong class or get lost in the halls?

A: Attending orientation and visiting my classes before the year started helped. Having a school map and so many staff and students to guide me made all the difference in learning my way around.

Q: I am nervous about being around the grade 8s and 9s. Will I be okay?

A: The older grades were once grade 7s. They remember what it was like and are very nice.

Q: If I have health problems will I be safe?

A: There are teachers and office staff who are trained and well informed that I can count on to help if I need it.

Q: Am I going to have problems with my locker?

A: Teachers are there to help. By the end of the first week I had the hang of it.

Q: Will I be able to get up and start school so early?

A: Yes, it takes no time at all to adjust to the new schedule, and we are done earlier too!

Q: Will there be too much homework?

A: The work is manageable. Teachers know a lot about the subjects they teach which makes it fun. Using my agenda helps me stay organized and complete my assignments. I also have Marauder Excel Block to finish my work and get help.

Q: Am I allowed to use my computer, tablet or phone?

A: Yes you are. Depending on the situation, teachers allow students to use their devices for research, notes and more. Phone calls, text messages and social media are not to be done during class time. Students are welcome to do these before school, at Nutrition Break, at lunchtime and after school.

Q: VJM is an IB World School. What does that mean?

A: The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme is a school-wide program that challenges students. IB encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world and helps students become critical and reflective thinkers.

Q: I am in Sports Academy. Do I get to take options?

A: YES! All students get a full compliment of options, only physical education, health and religion will look different to Academy students.

Contact Us

Feel free to call or email us with any questions or concerns at 780-458-1113.

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Key Dates

- † February 24th, 2015 - 7:00 pm
Transition Information night at Albert Lacombe
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- † September 10th, 2015 (Tentative) - 7:00 pm Meet the staff