

# Vincent J. Maloney



*Simply the best for the world!*



**At VJM we endeavour to have  
students come to know Christ.  
We are Called to have Faith in  
our Families; Supporting the  
Domestic Church**





# Junior High- What's Different?

**Daily Phy. Ed. - All students must change for PE including shirts, shorts/tights & runners.**

**Block Schedule - Students will likely have a variety of teachers. Start and dismissal times are different but we still provide 950 hours of instruction, same as elementary.**

**Homeroom - Students are assigned to a class and travel with that class with the exception of option classes.**

**Lockers - Students store their books, backpacks & jackets in their locker. We supply locks.**

**Lunch & Breaks - Kids choose where they eat. Students may leave the school at lunch with parent permission. Supervision takes place within the school. Students may purchase food from the cafeteria.**

**Arrival at School - Kids may enter the school when they arrive. They have free time until the music plays to signal the start of the day.**



# Junior High- What's Different?

**Phones** - Students are permitted to have a phone at school but must turn them off when they enter class and must receive teacher permission to use as a learning tool in class.

**Our Dress Code** - Modest dress that fits our morals & values including no hats except for special days. Please see handbook.

**Updates from Kids** - They may not share much from their day, ex. "Good" "Nuthin" "It's alright"

**Be sure to Ask** - Staff teach upwards of 225 kids a year in different classes and options. Please call or email if you have a question or concern.

**Help** - There is always help for students & parents who need it. You have only to ask.



**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**



# **Students with Identified Needs**

**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.**



# R.I.S.E

## **Responsible- Inclusive- Supported- Education**

**For students with profound medical or cognitive delays. The goals are functional numeracy & literacy along with life skills in regular classroom and small group settings.**

**Inclusion with all peers is an essential part of this program.**





# Our Current Schedule

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

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School

V.J.M. 2015-16

## School Operating Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:00 - 8:44 a.m.	Block 1
8:47 - 9:30 a.m.	Block 2
9:33 - 10:16 a.m.	Block 3
10:16 - 10:28 a.m.	NUTRITION BREAK
10:28 - 11:11 a.m.	Block 4
11:14 - 11:57 p.m.	Block 5
11:57 - 12:37 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
12:37 - 1:20 p.m. <sup>Text</sup>	Block 6
1:23 - 1:50 p.m.	Block 7 - Marauder Excel
1:53 - 2:36 p.m.	Block 8

## School Operating Schedule

1:40 pm Dismissal - Friday

8:00 - 8:41 a.m.	Block 1
8:44 - 9:21 a.m.	Block 2
9:24 - 10:01 a.m.	Block 3
10:01 - 10:14 a.m.	NUTRITION BREAK
10:14 - 10:51 a.m.	Block 4
10:54 - 11:31 a.m.	Block 5
11:31 - 12:16 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
12:16 - 12:53 p.m.	Block 6
12:56 - 1:33 p.m.	Block 8



# Cafeteria

Parents can purchase *cafeteria food cards* in the amount of \$10 or \$20 denominations so that students do not need to carry money at school. It also ensures that money sent to school is used for healthy food choices.



# **Marauder Excel Block**



Currently, Marauder Excel Block runs for twenty-eight minutes Monday to Thursday during block 7 in the school day and provides:

- More opportunities during the school day for students to seek extra small group help from teachers and support staff, complete projects/homework and prepare for tests in a supervised setting.
- Flexibility and choice for students to seek individual or small group support from staff, time to work with peers on projects or independent study time to complete work.

Please visit our webpage to read more about this block.

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



# **Technology**

# **&**

# **BYORD**

**(Bring Your Own Robust Device)**



Teachers allow students to use their devices for research, notes and more. Our wifi network provides a robust student connection that filters content.

Students are encouraged to bring a robust device to school as all teachers are working to integrate technology including working with Google Classroom, Drive and more. Some Chromebooks are available to sign out on a period to period basis.



# 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.

## Second Language

- **French Regular**
- **French Advanced**

**\*French is full year**

## Fine Arts

- **Art**
- **Band**
- **Drama**
- **Guitar**

## CTF

- **Home Economics**
- **Industrial Arts**
- **Outdoor Education**
- **Robotics**
- **Sports Medicine**

**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 Activities**
- **Talent Show**
- **Afternoon dances**
- **Drama Production**
- **Year Book**
- **Service Projects**
- **Student Council/ We Team**
- **Cyclebetes**
- **Spirit Days (school clothing, jerseys, hair days)**
- **Student assemblies**
- **Hat days**
- **Terry Fox Run**
- **Party Program**
- **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**
- Wrestling- Boys & Girls**



# Parental Involvement?

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



# Communication from VJM

- **Report Cards**
- **PowerSchool**
- **Email from teachers**
- **Mass emails**
- **School web site**
- **Google Classroom**
- **Phone out system**
- **Principal's weekly blog**
- **VJM App**
- **Twitter**



**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.

20 Mont Clare Place St. Albert, Alberta T8N 1K9 Phone: 780-458-1113 Fax: 780-458-6261

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### Ash Wednesday



Students and staff celebrated Ash Wednesday with a liturgy led by Father Ignacy. For the season of Lent, students answered, "I will" when invited by the Lord to change their hearts. Prayers for the season will take place in classes instead of over the intercom.

### Calendar

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[Grade 6 Transition Information Night](#)  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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[Grade 9 Prayer Intentions](#)



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Find important information & events, key dates, teacher email addresses, 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 dark blue rectangular boxes with rounded corners, separated by thin white lines. The first box contains the text 'PowerSchool Login' in white, followed by a white input field, and a blue button with the text 'Go' in white. The second box contains the text 'School Cash Online' in white, followed by a white input field, and a blue button with the text 'Pay Online' in white. The third box contains the text 'Report Absences' in white, followed by the text 'Phone 780-458-1113' in white, and a blue button with the text 'Email' in white. A vertical gold line is on the left side of the mockup.



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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.

## Principal's Blog

Blog 26

[Blog 25](#)

[Blog 24](#)

[Blog 23](#)

[Blog 22](#)

## Calendar

FEB 27

Grade 9 Prayer Intentions

Gr 6 Transition Info Session

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FEB 28

Hat Day

MAR 3

Gr 6 Visits

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

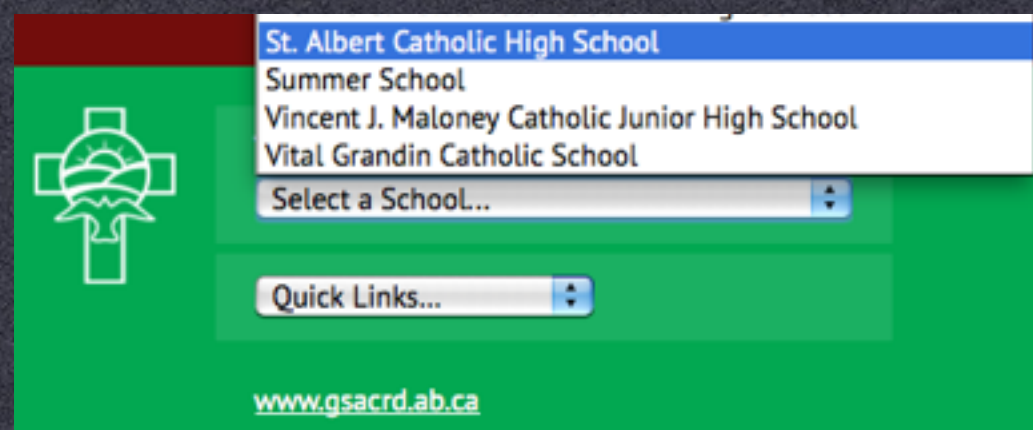
MAR 4

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Breakfast

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

MAR 5

Ash Wednesday



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



# Navigating our Website

## Our Grade 6 Connection

### It's Almost Time!



Grade 6s, soon you will be at VJM. Check back here regularly for updated information about the transition to Junior High.

Click [here](#) to download our information letter with key dates from now to September.

Join us at VJM on Thursday, February 18th at 7 pm for our Transition Information Night. Please be sure to call our office if you have any questions.



# Key Dates

- † February 18th, 2016 - 7:00 pm Transition Information night at VJM
- † February 29th, 2016- 9:15-11:15 am School Visits. Students tour VJM option classes.
- † March 3rd, 2016 - Registration packages delivered to feeder school and available online & at VJM.
- † **March 3rd, 2016 - 7:00 pm Open House. Students & families are invited to meet the staff and tour the school.**
- † April 14th, 2016 - 4:00-5:30 pm VJM Activity Challenge! All grade 6s are invited to this special afternoon just for them.
- † May 17th, 2016 - “Annie” Feeder schools are invited to watch a special matinee performance of our school play.
- † August 30th, 2016 - 9:30-10:30 am Orientation. Students receive schedules and map-out classes.
- † September 1st, 2016 - 8:00 am First day of classes.
- † September 8th, 2016 (Tentative) - 7:00 pm Meet the staff