

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, Living the Mission.**



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

Including...

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

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

2013-2014

School Operating Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Block 1
8:53 - 9:40 a.m.	Block 2
9:43 - 10:30 a.m.	Block 3
10:30 - 10:43 a.m.	NUTRITION BREAK
10:43 - 11:30 a.m.	Block 4
11:33 - 12:20 p.m.	Block 5
12:20 - 1:03 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1:03 - 1:50 p.m.	Block 6
1:53 - 2:40 p.m.	Block 7

School Operating Schedule

1:40 pm Dismissal - Friday

8:00 - 8:41 a.m.	Block 1
8:44 - 9:23 a.m.	Block 2
9:26 - 10:05 a.m.	Block 3
10:05 - 10:18 a.m.	NUTRITION BREAK
10:18 - 10:57 a.m.	Block 4
11:00 - 11:39 p.m.	Block 5
11:39 - 12:19 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
12:19 - 12:58 p.m.	Block 6
1:01 - 1:40 p.m.	Block 7

Homework/ Support Trial

We are currently
piloting a schedule
that provides students
time in their day for
homework completion
& teacher support

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School Operating TRIAL Schedule (Feb 24 - March 21)

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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
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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 (regular)***
- **French (advanced)***
- **French is full year*
- **Guitar**
- **Home Economics**
- **Industrial Arts**
- **Outdoor Education**
- **Robotics**
- **Spanish**
- **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.

- The Lounge
- Book Club
- Library group
- Games room
- Talent Show
- Afternoon dances
- Drama Production
- Year Book
- Service Projects
- We Day Group
- Cyclebets

- Spirit Days (school clothing, jerseys, hair days)
- Student assemblies
- Hat days
- Terry Fox Run
- Party Program
- Bar B Q's
- RC Club
- Fan Clubs

- Intramurals
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
 - Floor Hockey
 - Dancing
 - Badminton
 - Dance Competition

In The Works:

- * Rocket Club
- * Girl's Group
(Live your Path)

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 Connected Parents**
- **Attending interviews**
- **Joining us for Mass**
- **Completing surveys**
- **Supporting & attending extra curricular events**
- **Compassionate friends**
- **Partners who pray**
- **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
 - Twitter

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.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School website. The header is dark blue with white text for the school's address (20 Mont Clare Place, St. Albert, Alberta T8N 1K9), phone (780-458-1113), and fax (780-458-6261). A search bar is on the right. Below the header is a red banner with the school's logo (a globe with a cross and 'VJM') and the name 'Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School'. A navigation menu includes Home, About, Contact, Parents, Athletics, Staff, Links, and Blog. The main content area is white and features several sections: a left sidebar with links for PowerSchool Login, School Cash Online, Report Absences, and contact information; a central area with logos for World School, Marauders, and Sports Academy, followed by a 'Welcome' message for grade 6 students and an 'Open House' announcement for March 6th; and a right sidebar with a 'Calendar' showing events for February 26th, 27th, 28th, and March 4th and 5th, and a 'Bus Route Status' link at the bottom.

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WELCOME
Calling grade 6 students, we have many events planned to get you ready for grade 7 next year. Please click [here](#) to download our information letter. Be sure to join us on Thursday, February 27th at 7 pm at Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary for our Transition Information Session.

Open House
Please join us for our Open House on Thursday, March 6th at 7 pm. Learn about our I.B. & Sports Academy programs and be sure to check out the variety of option courses we offer. See you there!

Calendar

FEB 26
Come Help Shape Our Future
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

FEB 27
Come Help Shape Our Future
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

FEB 28
Grade 9 Prayer Intentions
Hat Day

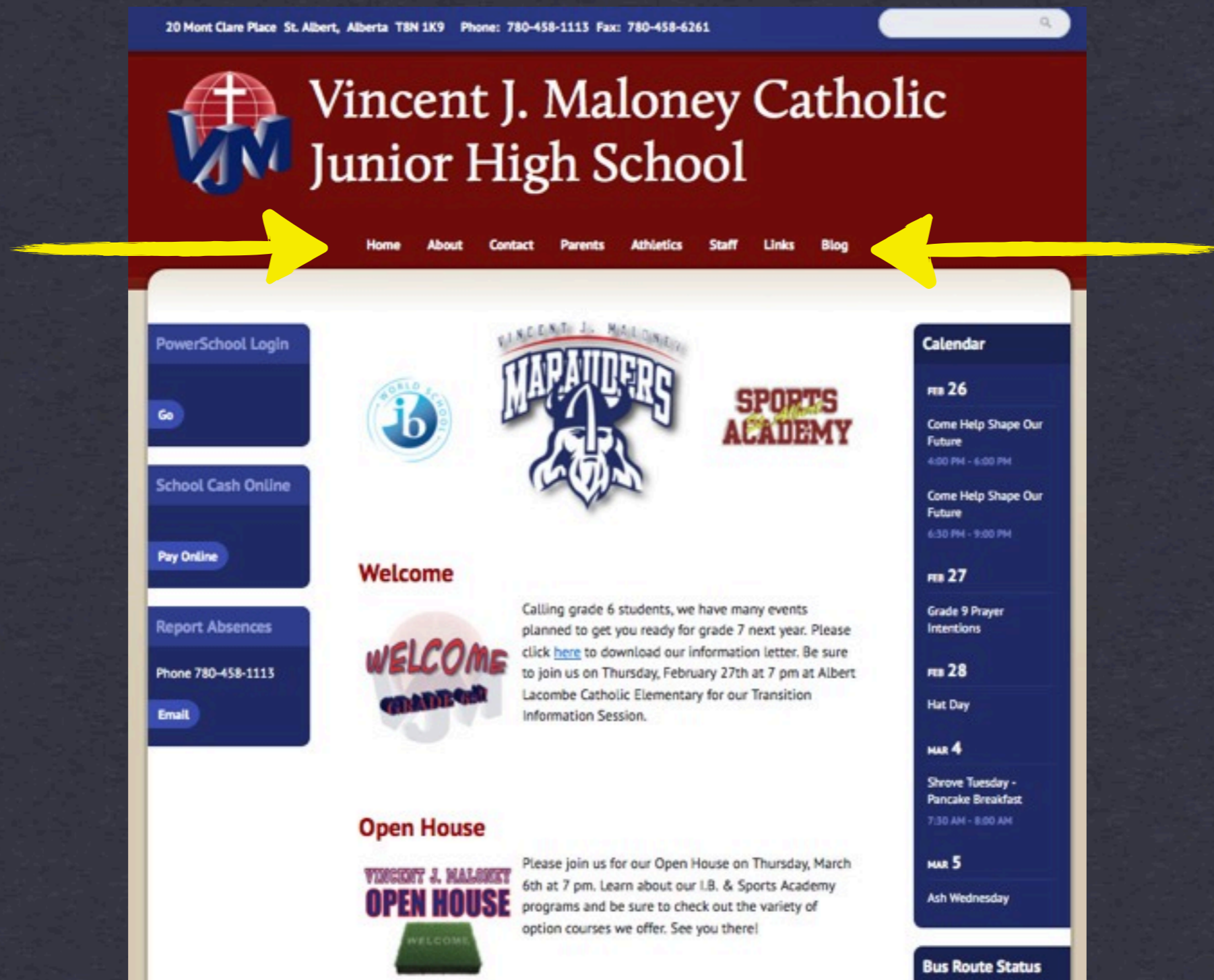
MAR 4
Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Breakfast
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

MAR 5
Ash Wednesday

Bus Route Status

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Find 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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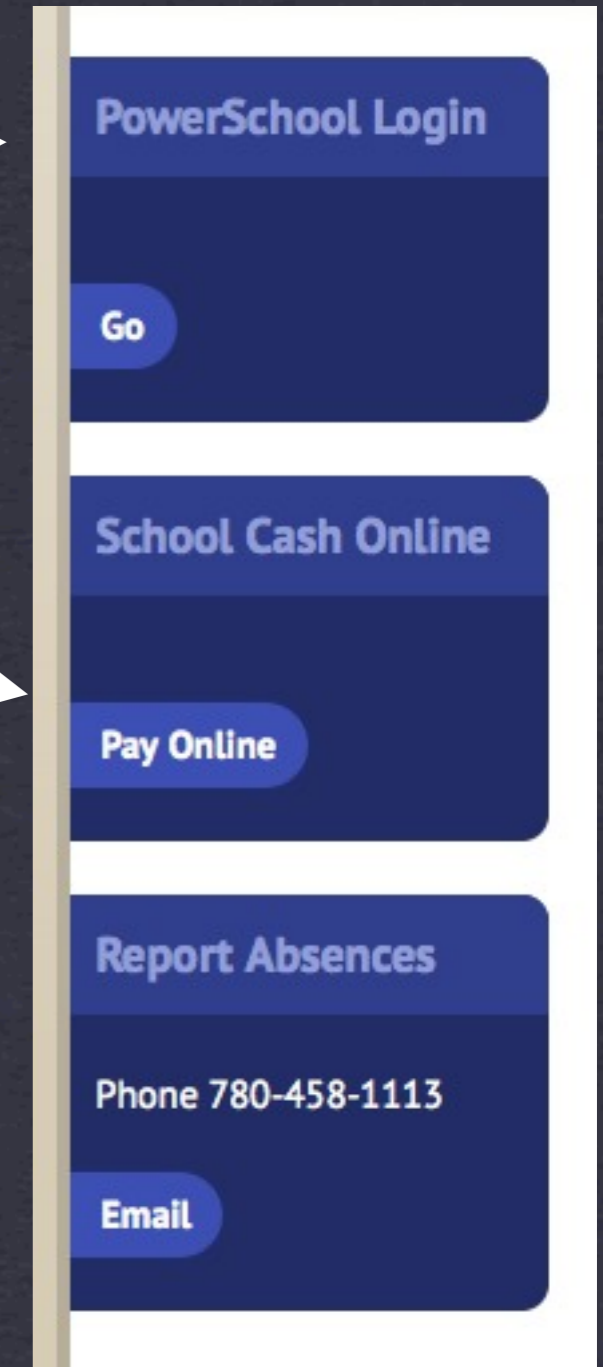
Access marks & attendance with Powerschool



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



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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

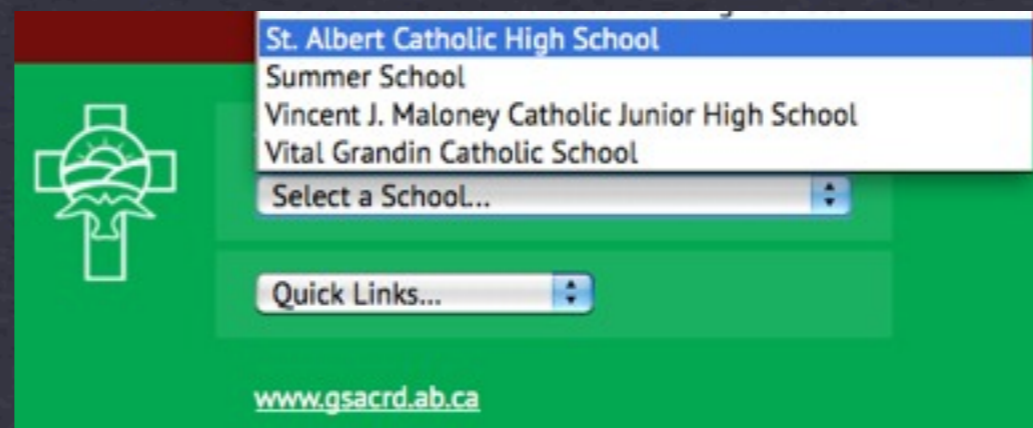
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GRADE 6 BULLETIN 2014

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Contact Us

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

PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL	COUNSELLOR	LEARNING SUPPORT FACILITATOR
			
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WELCOME!!

VJM looks forward to your arrival

Soon you will be part of the VJM community.



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CLUBS & RECREATION

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!



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GO MARAUDERS!!

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