

# Vincent J. Maloney



*Simply the best for the world!*



**At VJM, we endeavour to have  
students come to know Christ.  
We are called to Live Like  
Jesus- Servant, Steward,  
Shepherd.**





# 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.





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# **The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme**



**IB Coordinator Mrs. Becci Scobie**







# 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.**



# International Baccalaureate Programme



**All students at VJM are in the IB program.  
We teach the Alberta curriculum through  
the lens of the IB philosophy;**

- The IB Learner Profile**
- Inquiry based approach**
- Highly collaborative teacher teams**
- Global perspective**

**Students can earn an IB Certificate at the  
end grade 9.**



# 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.**



# Our Current Schedule

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

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School

## V.J.M. 2017-18 Schedule

### School Operating Schedule

2:40 Dismissal Monday & Wednesday(42 min)

8:00 - 8:47 a.m.	Block 1
8:50 - 9:32 a.m.	Block 2
9:35 - 10:17 a.m.	Block 3
<b>10:17 - 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>NUTRITION BREAK</b>
10:30 - 11:12 a.m.	Block 4
11:15 - 11:57 a.m.	Block 5
<b>11:59 - 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Marauder EXCEL BLOCK</b>
<b>12:30 - 1:13 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:13 - 1:55 p.m.	Block 6
1:58 - 2:40 p.m.	Block 7
2:40 pm Dismissal - Tuesday & Thursday(47 min)	

8:00 - 8:52 a.m.	Block 1
8:55 - 9:42 a.m.	Block 2
9:45 - 10:32 a.m.	Block 3
<b>10:32 - 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>NUTRITION BREAK</b>
10:45 - 11:32 a.m.	Block 4
11:35 - 12:22 a.m.	Block 5
<b>12:22-1:03 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:03 - 1:50 p.m.	Block 6
1:53 - 2:40 p.m.	Block 7

1:37 pm Dismissal - Friday(37 min)

8:00 - 8:49 a.m.	1st Period Rotating
8:52 - 9:29 a.m.	2nd Period Rotating
9:32 - 10:09 a.m.	3rd Period Rotating
<b>10:09 - 10:22 a.m.</b>	<b>NUTRITION BREAK</b>
10:22 - 10:59 a.m.	4th Period Rotating
11:02 - 11:39 a.m.	<b>Marauder EXCEL BLOCK</b>
<b>11:39 - 12:20 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
12:20 - 12:57 p.m.	5th Period Rotating
1:00 - 1:37 p.m.	6th Period Rotating



# **Marauder Excel Block**



Currently, Marauder Choice Excel Block runs for thirty-one minutes Monday & Wednesday and 37 minutes on Friday prior to lunch and provides:

- More opportunities during the school week 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 select sessions of interest both curricular and co-curricular.
- Opportunities for guest speakers and special presentations.

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



# Marauder Excel

## Navigation



Grades and Attendance



Grade History



Attendance History



Teacher Comments



School Bulletin



Class Registration



My Schedule



School Information



Flex Session



Flex Calendar

Date	Block	Title	Teachers	Status		
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in Counsellor	Anxiety Disorders - Grade 7	Hobbs, Janelle		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 131	bandsaw drill press exam	King, James		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 154	Buddy Reading With Preschoolers	Brass, Tristan		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 151	Card 7,8,9	Rigelhof, Dick		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 130	Fashions Finishing	Scobie, Rebecca		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 126	French 7, 8 and 9	Wilson, Marisa		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 153	Homework/Assignment	Johnston, Scott		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 160	MATH 9 TUTOR TIME!!!!	Esposito, Frank		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 125	Math Help and Rewrite Assessments	Ketsa, Candace		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 144	Mindful Colouring	Grant, Billie-Jo		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in 150	Social 8-2 and 8-4 retest - & absentee test - LA8-1 & 2 catch up on novel	Montpetit, Kelly		Attendance	Cancel
Wednesday February 21, 2018	11:59 AM - 12:30 PM in Small Gym	Yoga Girls 7/8/9	Debski, Annetta		Attendance	Cancel



# **Technology**

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# **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/Design

- **Foods & Fashions**
- **Construction**
- **Outdoor Education**
- **Robotics**
- **Sports Medicine**



# 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**
- Running Room Indoor 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**



# **School Council**

**School Council is a collection of volunteer parents/guardians working with school administration to effectively support and enhance student learning. School Council provides a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board.**



# School Council

**VJM School Council does NOT fundraise. Our efforts are focused on providing advice and feedback on student learning, communication from the school to families and school programs. Meetings take place once a month on Tuesdays and generally run 60 minutes in length.**



# Communication from VJM

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



# **Student Services**

**School Counsellor**

**Janelle Hobbs**

**&**

**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.**





# **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 Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School. The header is dark red with the school's logo (a globe with a cross and the letters VJM) and the school's name in white. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, Contact, eTeachers, Parents, Athletics, Staff, Links, Principal's Blog, and Morning Announcements. A secondary navigation bar lists various categories: Catholic Faith, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4, 8-5, 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, and 9-6.

The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a sidebar with links: District School, Emergency Plan, Registration Packages, My Learning My Device, Counsellor's Corner, PowerSchool Login, a Go button, School Cash Online, a Pay Online button, and Report Absences. The middle column features the World School logo (ib), the VJM logo, and the Sports Academy logo (St. Albert). Below these is the tagline "Simply the Best For the World". The right column contains a calendar section.

**Calendar**

Date	Event	Time
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FEB 19	Family Day - No School	
MAR 9	P.D. Staff Meeting Day	
APR 18	VJM Open House	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**FEBRUARY**

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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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**Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School**

Home About Us Contact eTeachers Parents Athletics Staff Links Principal's Blog Morning Announcements

Catholic Faith 7-1 7-2 7-3 7-4 7-5 7-6 8-1 8-2 8-3 8-4 8-5 9-1 9-2 9-3 9-4 9-5 9-6

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**ib**

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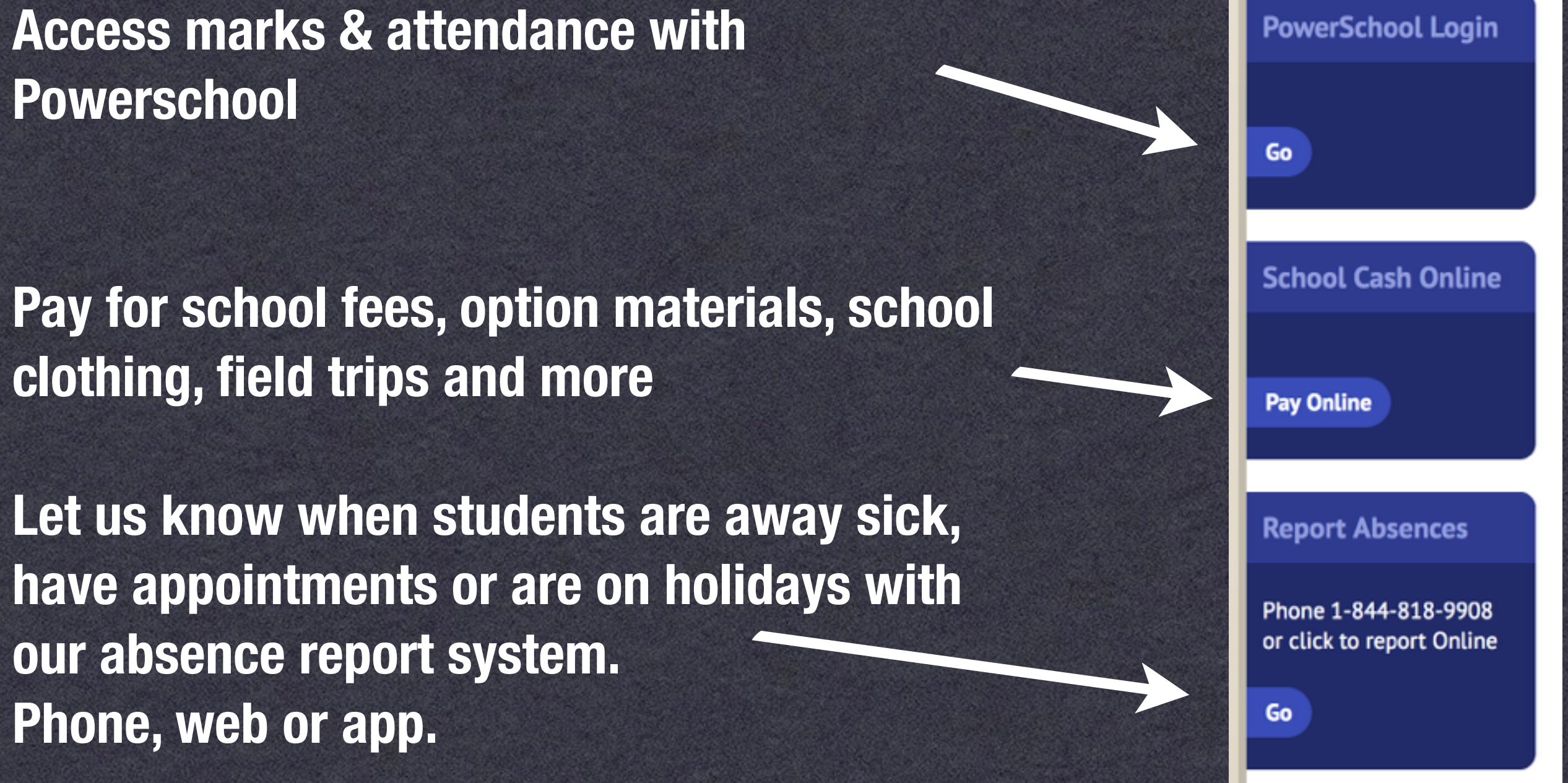


# Navigating our Website

**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 absence report system.  
Phone, web or app.**



The diagram illustrates the navigation from the text blocks to the website forms. Three white arrows point from the text to the forms: one from 'Access marks & attendance with Powerschool' to the 'PowerSchool Login' form, one from 'Pay for school fees, option materials, school clothing, field trips and more' to the 'School Cash Online' form, and one from 'Let us know when students are away sick, have appointments or are on holidays with our absence report system. Phone, web or app.' to the 'Report Absences' form.

**PowerSchool Login**

Go

**School Cash Online**

Pay Online

**Report Absences**

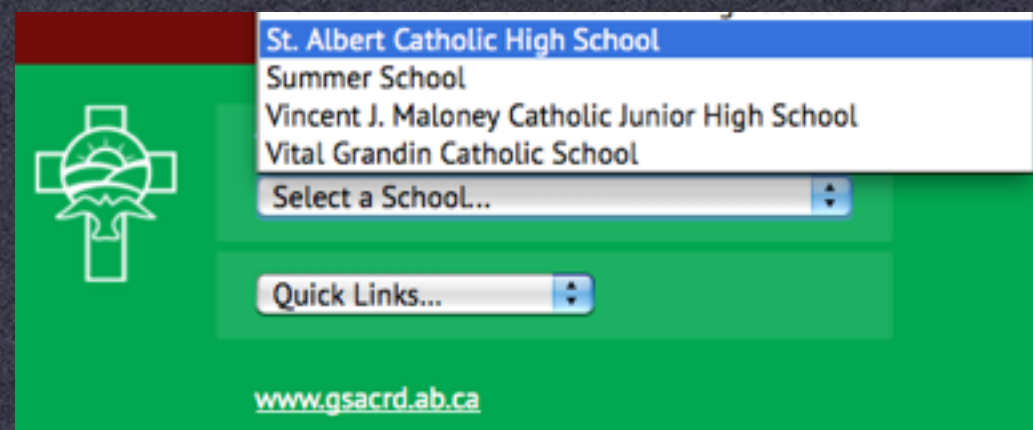
Phone 1-844-818-9908  
or click to report Online

Go



# Navigating our Website

Check out or click on our easy links to access information for parents including our weekly calendar. Use the drop-down menu to connect to St. Albert Catholic High School.



## Calendar

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MAY 8

Language Arts 9 PAT Part A  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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



# Navigating our Website

## Our Grade 6 Connection

### WELCOME!



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

Please join us for our **Transition Information Night** on Thursday, February

15th at 7 pm in the VJM gymnasium. All parents, guardians and students are welcome, especially if your family is new to junior high.

**Registration Packages** will be distributed to students at our feeder schools the week of February 20th and available online at the same time. You can also pick one up from our front office that same week.

Grade 6s from Alberta Lacombe, Bertha Kennedy & JJ. Nearing will be **visiting our option classes** and taking part in our Marauder Excel block on the morning of Wednesday, February 28th. If you are not from a feeder school but want your child to take part, please contact our front office.

Grade 6 students are encouraged to sign up for our annual **Marauder Activity Challenge** on Tuesday, April 17th after school. Grade 6 students get a chance to take part in a variety of fun activities such as sports, technology and brain challenges. Signup permission forms will be sent to feeder schools and will also be available here in March.

Our **Open House** takes place on Wednesday, April 18th at 7pm. Come and see all that VJM has to offer. Take part in demonstrations, ask questions, explore our many courses and see the newly renovated areas of the school. Everyone is welcome! Can't attend our Open House, call our office to arrange a guided tour and have your questions answered.

Grade 6s from our feeder schools will come to see a special **matinee performance of our school play, SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL** in May, date TBD. If you are not from a feeder school but want your child to take part, please contact our front office.



# Key Dates

- † February 15th, 2018 - 7:00 pm Transition Information night at Bertha Kennedy
- † February 28th, 2018- 10:29 am-12:40 pm School Visits. Students tour VJM option classes and take part in our Marauder Excel block.
- † February 20th-23rd, 2018 - Registration packages delivered to feeder schools, available online & at VJM.
- † April 17th, 2018 - 4:00-5:30 pm VJM Activity Challenge! All grade 6s are invited to this special afternoon just for them.
- † April 18th, 2018 - 7:00 pm Open House. Students & families are invited to meet the staff and tour the school.
- † May, 2018 - “Seussical the Musical” Feeder schools are invited to watch a special matinee performance of our school play.
- † August 28th, 2018 - 9:30-10:30 am Orientation. Students receive schedules and map-out classes.
- † September 4th, 2018 - 8:00 am First day of classes.