

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten begins January 15, 2018

Come join the Jean Vanier Catholic School Family, where your child will learn within a faith-rich environment centred on care, support, and joyful discovery.

Please register for Pre-Kindergarten at your school of choice. Currently, EICS is reviewing programming in the Sherwood Park area. Should the decision of the board on March 21st impact the program at your chosen school, EICS will accommodate your child at another school.



JEAN VANIER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Jean Vanier Catholic School

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Our Staff

Our knowledgeable, dedicated and caring staff includes:

Certified Teacher

Speech Language Pathologist

Occupational Therapist

Education Assistant

Other consultants including Physical Therapist, Early Learning Consultant, Inclusive Behaviour Consultant and Division Psychologists are available to work with you and your child when needed.



Pre-Kindergarten (English) Program & Little Orchard Sadochok

Pre-Kindergarten at Jean Vanier offers a rich numeracy, literacy and communication experience for children aged 4 years by December 31, 2018. We offer both English and Ukrainian Bilingual Programming.

As an inclusive School Division, we also offer PUF (Program Unit Funding) services for children aged 4 years by December 31, 2018.

We welcome you to contact the Early Learning Consultant during school hours with your questions about Program Unit Funding (PUF). margs@eics.ab.ca

Fees

Community Children who are developing typically: **\$150.00 per month.** Please register and submit the first month to hold this spot.

Children with a Mild or Moderate delay as assessed by a professional. **Report Required: No fee.** Please register your child and submit the first month fee to hold this spot. Fees will be refunded once grant eligibility is confirmed.

Children who are eligible for Program Unit Funding as assessed by a professional. **Report Required. No fee.** Families of these children, please contact Marg Schimpf, Early Learning Consultant at margs@eics.ab.ca.

Link to AB ED Programming for Children with Special Needs

Class Times

Little Orchard Sadochok Ukrainian Bilingual Pre-Kindergarten

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

AM Class: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Pre-Kindergarten (English) Program

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

PM Class: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

There will be field trips, Family Programming and class activities scheduled on some of the **Wednesdays** throughout the year.



Learning Through Play

The Pre-Kindergarten program is based on the principles of the Alberta Play, Participation, and Possibilities Early Learning and Child Care Framework.

These principles are founded in the belief that early childhood programs need to provide opportunities for "Children to participate within open, engaging, and responsive environments where exploration and play are encouraged and purposefully planned." (Makovichuk, Hewes, Lirette, and Thomas, 2014, p. 36)

Children learn best when they are discovering, interacting with their peers and having fun!

"Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten" Orientation Session

To start the year off on the right foot, we will be meeting you and your child individually and in small groups prior to the start of class.

During the Orientation Session, we will gather information to learn more about your child and how we can best support him/her in the class. It will also give your child an opportunity to view the school and classroom, and play with new friends prior to the first day of school.

You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the Teacher and Educational Assistants who will be working with your child in the classroom.

You will also have an opportunity to discuss your goals for your child, ask questions, and assist in the development of your child's program.



School Supplies

Most supplies will now be provided by the school at no additional cost. Please purchase the following personal supplies for your child.

- A pair of runners with white soles, preferably with Velcro closure (to be kept at school)
- Backpack
- 2 large packages of Unscented Wet Wipes
- A set of spare clothing for your child. (pants, shirt, socks and underwear)

PLEASE LABEL runners, backpacks, spare clothes, and all outerwear with your child's name so it can easily be identified.

Bring all supplies to your Orientation Session!



Field Trips!

Pre-Kindergarten children will be participating in a number of field trips this year. If there is a cost, monies will be collected prior to the field trip and will not exceed \$10.00 per trip. This fee will be payable online under your Parent Portal Account.



Parent Portal

This is an account that you will create for yourself in our school's software system called PowerSchool. Your account will give you access to your child's school fees, online documents, student forms and more! You can pay your fees using debit or credit card online. You will receive this information at your orientation session.



AAACHOOO!

We have had our share of colds and flus in the program. Even with all the hand washing and wiping of little noses, we are having a difficult time keeping children and staff healthy.

We are also finding it difficult to find substitutes to cover when staff becomes sick. We ask your cooperation in not sending your children to school when they are sick. Here are a few general guidelines to help you in deciding when to keep your child at home:

Children should not be at school if:

- Frequent coughing fits
- Green or Yellow nasal discharge.
- Infectious
- Have a fever
- Are vomiting, have diarrhea, are dehydrated
- Have inadequate energy to attend to school activities

Return your child to school if:

- Nasal discharge is infrequent, clear, or due to allergies/hay fever
- Your child has had no fever for 24 hours.
- Your child is able to practice good hygiene (i.e. hand washing)

We encourage parents to keep their child at home **until five days after their symptoms have appeared.** If your child has a bacterial infection, they may return to school after they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. Here are some general guidelines for returning your child to school after other common childhood conditions:

Chicken Pox: All lesions have crusted over

Pink Eye: 48 hours after treatment

Head Lice: After anti-lice shampoo and manual nit removal

Pinworms: 24 hours after Pyrantel, Mebendazole, or Albendazole

Vomiting: 24 hours after last Emesis

For more information please visit <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>