



ROOTED IN

JOY

St. Josephine Bakhita
September Newsletter

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE • JOY
PEACE • PATIENCE
KINDNESS • GENEROSITY
FAITHFULNESS
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The Mission of St. Josephine Bakhita School

is to provide a

CATHOLIC EDUCATION that inspires students to lead with compassion, perseverance, and empathy for one another.



Our Vision



Our students will grow their gifts and boldly live their Catholic faith by showing care for others, strength in adversity and openness of heart.

Administrator's Message

Welcome to another wonderful year at St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic School! Whether you are returning to our community or joining us for the first time, we are excited to begin this journey of faith, learning, and growth together.

As we enter our second year as a school community, we are grateful for the strong foundation we have built together. This year, our division theme, **Rooted in Joy**, reminds us that true joy comes from knowing we are loved by God and connected to one another. Like a tree with deep roots, we grow stronger when our faith, relationships, and actions are grounded in Christ.

At St. Josephine Bakhita, we are committed to creating a welcoming and caring environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. Together, we will continue to take care of one another, lift each other up during challenges, celebrate the unique gifts and talents that God has given each of us, and strive for success and optimal learning in all that we do.

We look forward to the many opportunities this year will bring for learning, friendship, faith formation, service, and celebration. Working together as students, families, staff, and parish partners, we can continue to build a vibrant school community where everyone belongs and thrives.

May God bless each of our families as we begin this new school year. Let us move forward with grateful hearts, rooted in joy, growing in faith, and shining Christ's light for others.

God bless,

Krista MacGregor

Principal

Garrett Boyko

Assistant Principal

Sunata Halliday

Assistant Principal

Hours of Operation

Junior High (Grades 7, 8, 9)				
	First Bell		Lunch and Recess	Dismissal
Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri	8:00 am		11:34 - 12:14 pm	2:42 pm
Thursday	8:00 am			11:36 am

Elementary (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)				
	First Bell	Morning Recess	Lunch and Recess	Dismissal
Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri	8:00 am	9:40-9:55 (1-3) 10:00-10:15 (4-6)	11:34am-12:14 pm 12:14-12:54 pm	2:44 pm
Thursday	8:00 am	9:40-9:55 (1-3) 10:00-10:15 (4-6)		11:36 am

Kindergarten AM <i>No Class Thursdays</i>		Kindergarten PM <i>No Class Thursdays</i>	
8:00 am	First Bell	11:39 am	First Bell
11:06 am	Dismissal	2:45 pm	Dismissal

Our classes

We have over 1100 students starting this September. The list below is the class configuration.

Kindergarten- 2 AM classes and 2PM classes

Grade 1- 5 classes

Grade 2- 5 classes

Grade 3- 5 classes

Grade 4- 4 classes

Grade 5- 5 classes

Grade 6- 4 classes

Grade 7- 4 classes

Grade 8- 3 classes

Grade 9- 3 classes

Due to space, we do have a double class in grades 1,2,3,5 with two teachers.

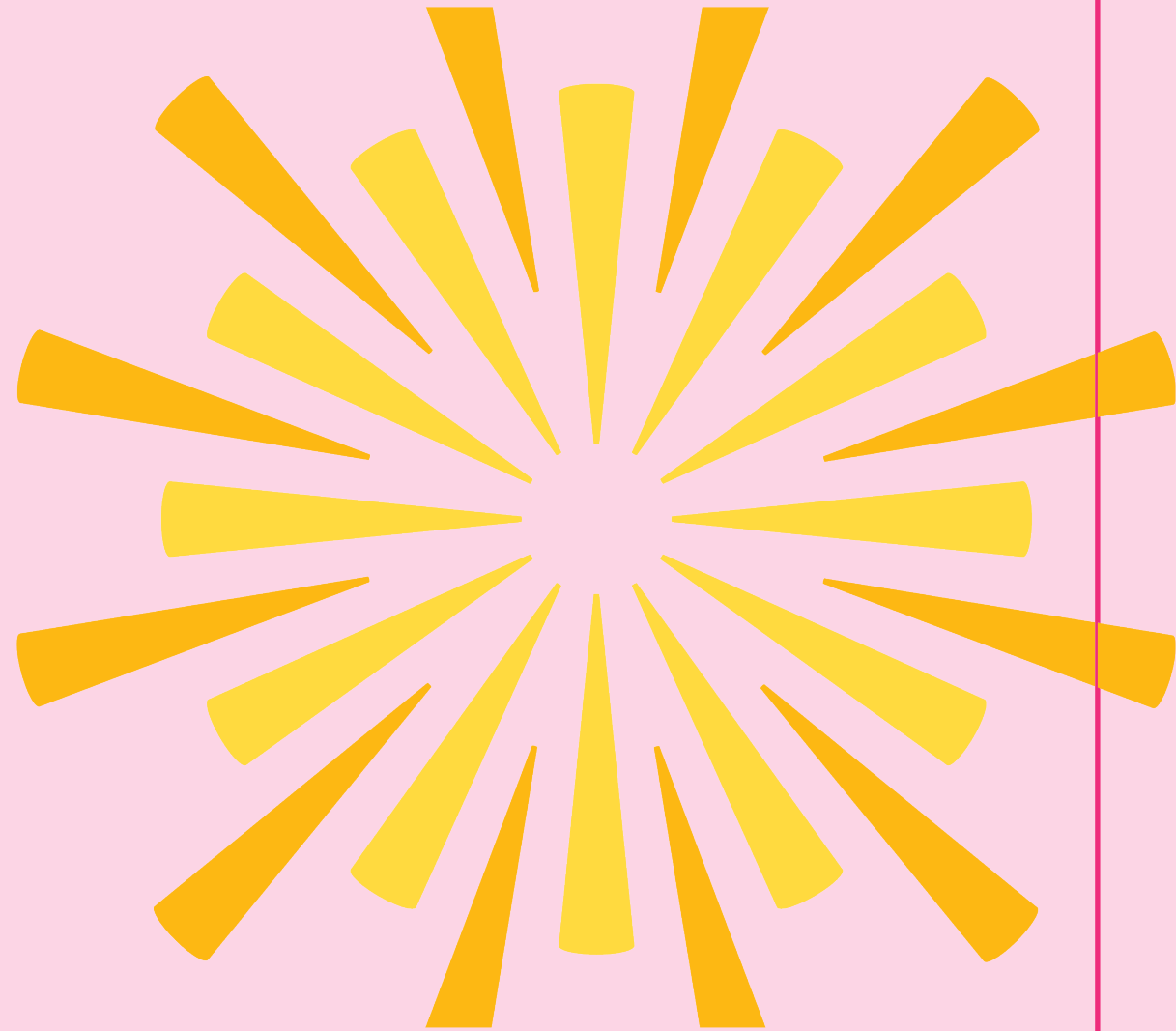
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can do so by calling the school, reaching out through the agenda, or via email using their **firstname.lastname@ecsd.net**

Construction on site

We currently have construction taking place on our field. It is prep work for the 4 modulars that should be arriving in the Fall.

We ask that everyone stay clear of that area for the safety of everyone.

Thank you!



Entering attendance in Power school



- Parents whose child(ren) will be away are able to enter attendance for their child(ren) through PowerSchool. Simply open PowerSchool, click on School Messenger on the left, then click the calendar at the top and click Report an Absence.
- This is a quick and easy way to let the school know that your child will be away.



Medication/Medical Alert

Medications

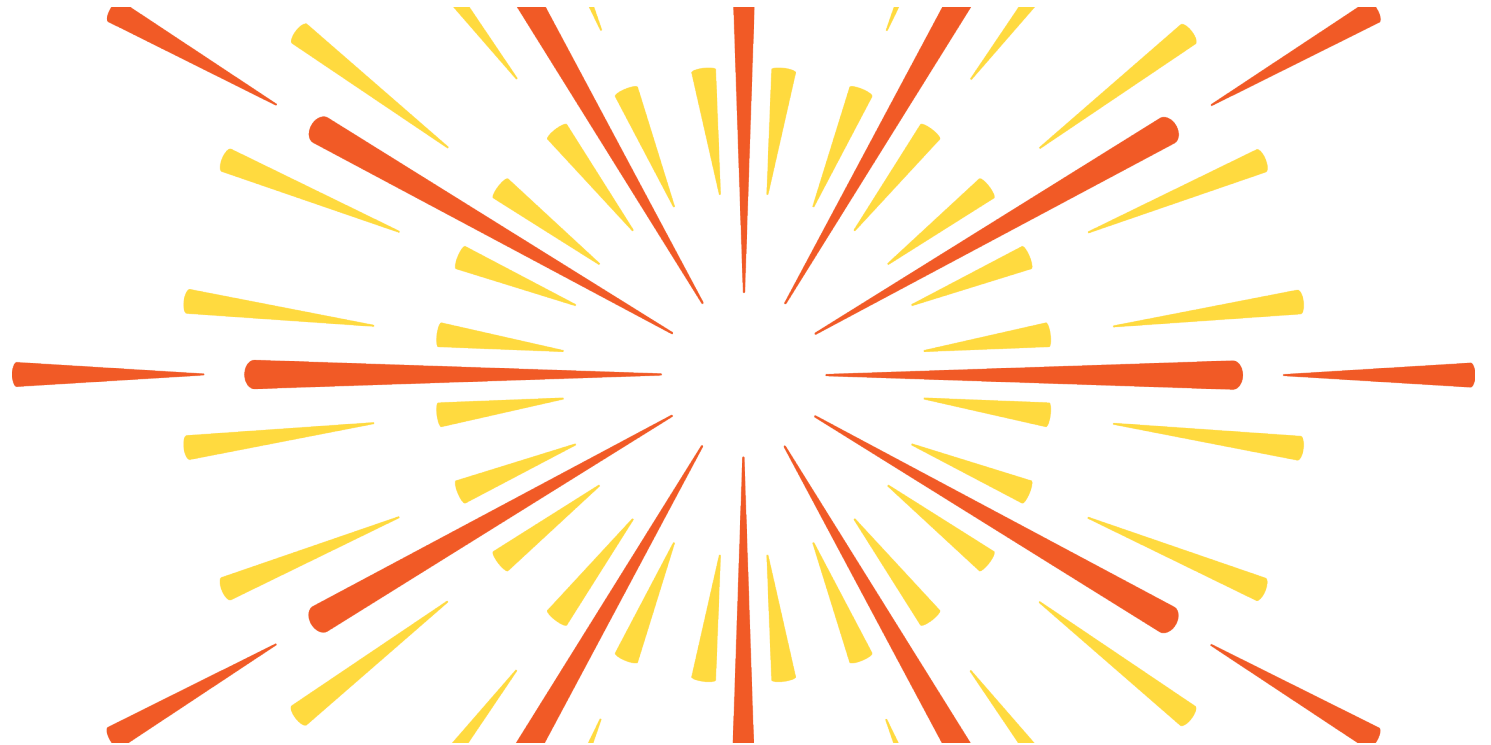
On occasion, we have been asked by parents to ensure their child receives prescribed medication. Please be aware that for school staff to do so, parents must complete a ***Request for Administration of Medication at School Form*** and have it completed by a doctor and returned to school. The school will administer the medication according to the doctor's prescription, provide safe and limited access, store the medication, and shall keep a record of each student receiving medication. Please assist us in ensuring that prescribed pills, liquids, and inhalers are not casually left in student frequented areas. Students with EpiPens are required to have them with them at all times in order to ensure immediate access if necessary.

Medical Alert: If your child has a condition that would require special medical attention, please complete the ***Medical Alert Form*** as accurately as possible and return it to the school as indicated each year. It is important that you keep us informed of any changes in your child's medical status.



Drop off/Pick Up

It is very busy in the AM and PM and so we ask that you adhere to the signage and refrain from parking in any of the parking lots for the safety of everyone. If you need to walk your child onto the premises, please find a place to park on the street. Thank you



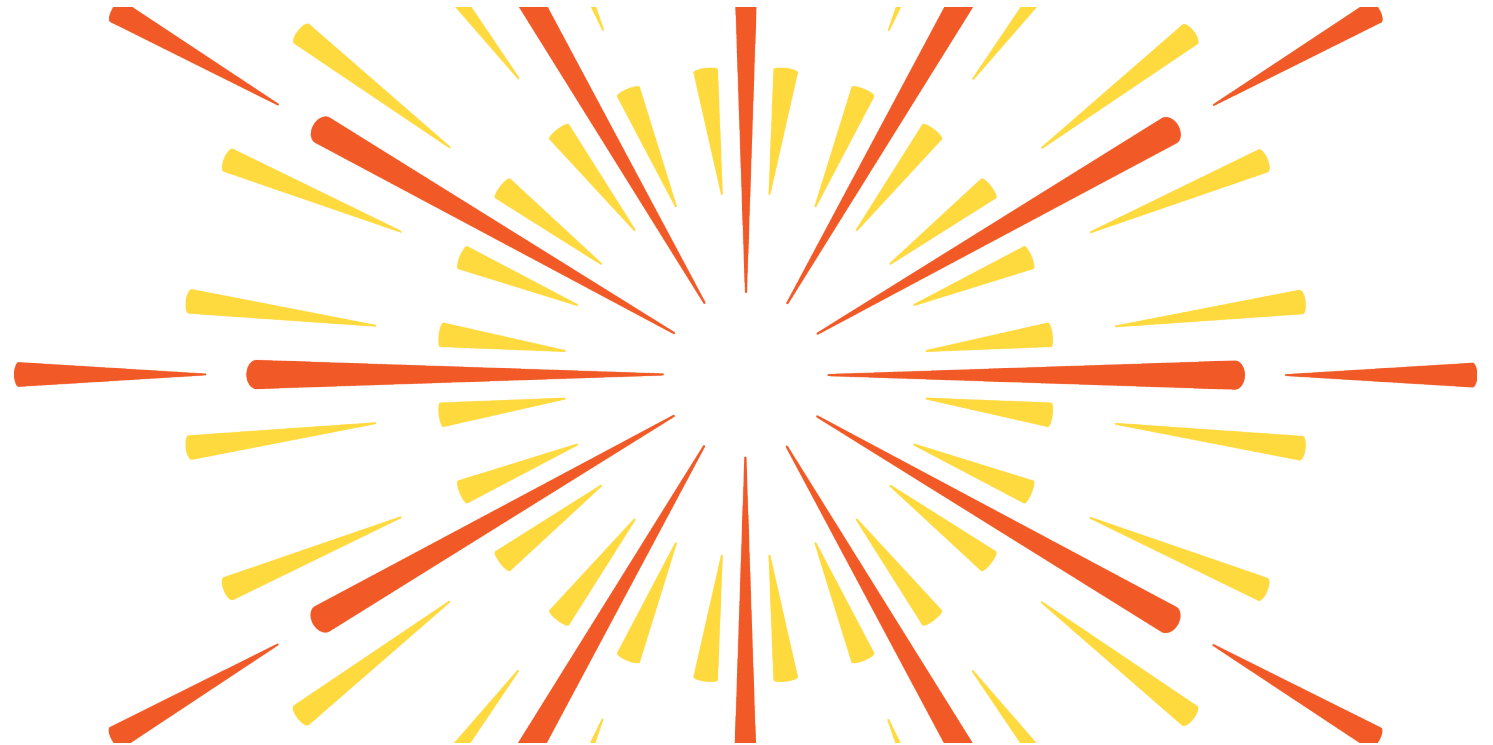


Bikes/Scooters/Skateboards

Students bring bicycles, skateboards, and scooters to school and this is great. We ask that everyone on these modes of transportation walk them once they enter onto the school property for the safety of all. Students must lock their bicycles up at the bike racks outside the school. The school does not take responsibility for theft or damage. Students must wear helmets for their safety. Helmets should be kept inside the school.

School Fees

School Fees for the 2026-2027 school year have been submitted to our division office and will be posted to our website once they are approved. We have made every effort to keep fees the same whenever possible. Costs for consumable items used in complementary courses may increase due to rising purchasing costs. Fees for field trips reflect the maximum for all field trips in a given grade for the year. Actual costs for field trips will likely be less. Team fees include the cost of additional tournaments. School fees will be posted in PowerSchool in late September and will be due at that time.



Busing Fees

ETS Kinder to Grade 12- \$60.00/Month

Yellow bus Kindergarten –Grade 12-
\$70.00/month



School Council



**Annual General
Meeting on
September 22nd
at 6PM in the
SJB staffroom**



The School Council is a group of parents/guardians, principals, teachers and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. The School Council holds a minimum of five (5) regular School Council meetings per school year, and one (1) Annual General Meeting, at the start of the school year. Parents are encouraged to become involved in their School Council (by attending meetings and supporting initiatives) as the ultimate goal is to benefit their own children and the school. Look for an invitation as we approach the new school year.

Current Members:

Chair- Greg Harder

Vice Chair- Fatima Adeoje

Secretary- Christine Manrai

Fundraising society



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The Fundraising Association is established to work closely with the School Council in support of fundraising activities for the school community. The fundraising association is responsible for spearheading the fundraising for items that support the students; technology, books, athletics, the arts, etc. The fundraising association holds five (5) regular general meetings following each School Council meeting, and one (1) Annual General Meeting, at the start of the school year. Those attending School Council meetings are welcome to also attend the fundraising meetings that follow.

Current Members:

President- Flourish Agu

Vice- President- Tenny Teni

Secretary- Michelle Oladele

Treasurer- Anita Kelly



All important, current dates of events can be found on our website [calendar](#) and other general information can be found on our website. [St. Josephine Bakhita](#)





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