

WELCOME TO GRADE 7!

We are very excited to get to know you and your children as we begin our junior high journey together. In preparation for the upcoming school year, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information about **Sir John Thompson** School and our registration procedures.

1. *When is my first day of school if I am in grade 7 and what will it look like?*

- **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025**, will be our Grade 7 orientation day. This is a regular day from 8:40 am - 3:10 pm. Doors will open at 8:20 am and students can proceed to the gym where they will meet their homeroom teacher and classmates. Once organized, students will proceed to their classroom with their homeroom teacher.
- Yellow buses will operate, bus passes are not required on this day. If students have their yellow bus pass from last year, they can use it on their first day. If students are new to yellow bus transportation, they will receive a bus pass in the coming weeks.
- Students will spend the morning in their homerooms going over their schedules, organizing their lockers, learning about school procedures, and will be following the Day 1 instructional schedule. Their homeroom teachers will go through this with them at school. **Please ensure your child brings all their learning supplies on orientation day.**
- Lunch will be provided: A slice of pizza, juice box & bag of chips. (If your child has allergies, please pack them a lunch).
- Students will participate in fun activities to meet their new classmates during the afternoon.

****Please note: Wednesday, September 3rd is a regular school day for ALL students. In addition, the Triton Cove Lunch Concession will not be open during the first week of school. The first day for Triton's Cove will be Friday, September 12th. Please ensure that students bring lunch for the first two weeks.***

2. *Important dates early in September:* Friday, September 12th is Picture Day. Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm is 'Meet the Staff Night at SJT'.

3. *How can I complete the registration process for September 2025?*

In September we will be asking our families to complete portions of the registration process online. Please see below for specific details:

- **Completion/updating of ECSD registration forms online by September 30th** – more information to come in September 2025. If you have any immediate changes, please contact the office and changes can be made.
- **Lockers / homeroom assignments** – students will receive their locker assignments, homeroom assignments, and locks during the first day of classes. The first day for ALL students will be on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.
- **Purchase ETS Arc pass (if required)** – please contact the office if you require an ETS Arc pass.
- **Receive / Purchase your Yellow Pass** – Bus passes will be made available during the first few days of school. If students had a yellow bus pass from previous years, they will use the same pass.
- Visit the [Transportation](#) section on our website for more information on transportation and links to important forms.

4. *How can I pay for School Fees, Field Trips and other costs?*

School fees will be posted on PowerSchool in September.

Pay online through your PowerSchool account. If you do not have an account (new to Edmonton Catholic Schools), please contact our office @ 780-454-9202 for assistance.

5. What can I do as a parent to ensure I have the best communication with the school and stay informed about upcoming school events?

Email - All SJT families are required to provide at least one email to receive school communications. The school sends out weekly updates on Fridays. Please check your email often to stay up to date.

Website - Parents and students are encouraged to check the school website regularly. [Our calendar](#) is updated regularly so check it out for important information about upcoming events, information about our school, and much more can be found there <http://www.sirjohnthompson.ecsd.net/>.

Attendance - The school's attendance notification system will automatically phone parents when their children are not present in homeroom and any block after homeroom. **Please do not reply to this email, it does not come to us.** It is imperative that students be punctual for homeroom. If a student misses their homeroom registration time, a phone call is automatically made to the parents. If your child will be away (ex. illness, appointment etc.), please notify the office before 9:00 am. Messages can be left at 780-454-9202 at any time (day or night).

6. What is required of SJT students for SJT Physical Education classes?

Acceptable phys. ed. wear would include non-marking running shoes, shorts and a shirt. Phys. ed attire must be separate from what students wear throughout the school day.

7. What Policies are important to know for the upcoming school year?

[Our School Code of Conduct](#) is an important policy for students to understand when moving into Junior High School. [Our Standards of Student Dress Policy](#) is also found on our website. Last year we created an [Assessment Policy](#). Please familiarize yourself with these policies. The School Division, through a directive of the Ministry of Education, is revising Cellphone policies, and we will share out the new policy as soon as it is available.

8. When does supervision begin, and doors open?

Supervision begins at 8:20 am, along the side of the school. The first bell will ring at 8:34 am and doors will be opened for students to enter. Students will have six minutes to get to their lockers and prepare for the morning before homeroom begins at 8:40am. Students will not be allowed entry before 8:34 am, unless they are on a team or a club that is meeting / practicing that morning. In cases of inclement weather, students will be let in at 8:20 am.

9. What supplies does my child need?

The Supply List is attached and can also be found on our [website](#).

Yours in Catholic Education,

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