



Parent-to-Parent

Ecole Frere Antoine [EFA] School Council [SC]

Hello Everyone!

We made it! January is here, days are getting longer again, and we are reaching the midway point of an amazing school year! As the weather warms up again, it will be slushy and slippery; have your little ones show you the "penguin shuffle"! They are quite good at it, and it is a nice way to remind them to be safe.

A look back at November and December

→ Thank you to Mariclaire for organizing the Art Cards Fundraiser, which raised \$2163!

A look into January

→ We have 2 surveys active!

- ◆ Our 2024-25 Annual School Council Survey is now open for responses! This anonymous survey helps us hear your voice when delivering our programs. We ask that every family respond so that we can develop new programs, and make changes if needed. Last year we heard your voice, and sourced a birthday lunch provider with gluten-free options for those celebrating. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/f6U5uCeaFtDiae1B6>
- ◆ In November, we sent out a survey in order to find a way to spend the Alberta School Councils Engagement Grant. The challenge faced is that many seminars for bullying, etc., are available free of charge, and we have to spend money. This \$500 annual grant from the province replaces their funding of our only point of contact, the ASCA, and comes with spending rules that can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils>. Because of issues with the provider last year, we were given an exception and so we have \$1000 to spend. We have one suggestion for "**Mmmathmania!**" on the table, and if anyone can suggest additional ways to spend this money we would be very grateful! Please complete the survey by January 19, as we must decide during the meeting on January 21 (online at 6:30 PM via MS Teams! You are welcome to join, see the link in the email!)

Upcoming School Council Event Dates...

- ◆ **January 21 - Next Regular School Council Meeting** - This meeting will be held online via MS Teams, please check your email for the link. We hope to see you there! Please note that because we respect the time commitments of our busy families throughout the holiday season, there will not be a meeting held in December.
- ◆ **January 24 - Diner du Mois (Hot Lunch)** - Opa! - Orders for grade 1-6 students, volunteers, and staff can be placed online at <https://healthyhunger.ca> until January 19.
- ◆ **February 21 - Birthday Lunch** - This noon-hour event will be held for grade 1-6 students born in January and February. Students born in other months do not attend. Orders can be placed through Powerschool from January 31 to February 17.

Note: All parents / guardians / persons responsible for a K-6 child enrolled at EFA are automatically voting members of the EFA School Council [SC], and are encouraged to attend as often as schedules permit, because every voice and idea helps! Regular SC meetings are held online, generally on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8 PM. Information is relayed to SC membership via Le Messenger, our parent-to-parent newsletter, the Ecole Frere Antoine Catholic Facebook page, and our page on the EFA website [where you will also find our contact information].