

Frequently Asked Questions

Grades 7 – 8 – 9



This document contains answers to many questions that parents frequently have when registering their children for school. If you do not find the answers to your questions in this document, please email the principal, Mr. Chris Cicchini, at **Christopher.Cicchini@ecsd.net**.

What Grades are offered at École St. Cecilia Junior High?

École St. Cecilia offers learning for students from Grade 7 to 9. We offer academic programming in English, French Immersion, Accelerated Math and Science Division Focus Program, and the Jean Forest All-Girls Leadership Academy.

Who can attend École St. Cecilia Junior High?

As a Catholic school, all students in Grade 7 to 9 residing within the school's catchment area can attend.

A student considered to be residing within the catchment area is Catholic or has at least one parent who is Catholic, or under the authority of the Child Welfare Act, has been placed in a foster home where the foster parent is Catholic and lives within the school's catchment area. Students who do not meet the above conditions may register if we have space and adequate resources.

New students are accepted in the following order:

- Catholic student residing in our catchment area
- Catholic student residing outside the catchment area
- Non-Catholic students residing within the catchment area
- Non-Catholic students residing outside the catchment area

What is the catchment area for École St. Cecilia Junior High?

Students living in the areas north of Yellowhead Trail have access to our division focus programs. To check if your address is within our boundary area, simply type it into [ECSD's School Finder Tool](#).

École St. Cecilia Junior High is a “Program of Choice” destination school.

How is that different from a regular school?

Programs of choice follow the same curriculum and do everything that regular schools do...and more! Our programs are recognized for their academic rigor, innovative teaching, and learning strategies. They offer students the option to learn in French, accelerate through mathematics and science to earn high school credits in junior high, or learn in an all-girls academic environment.

Do students have to take part in these programs at St. Cecilia?

No. Students at École St. Cecilia can choose to take part in a program of choice or register for the English academic programming.

Do I need to fill out a new registration form if I am moving from another Edmonton Catholic School?

Students who are currently registered in another Edmonton Catholic School **DO NOT** fill out a registration form. Families can indicate their school of choice by using the Intentions Icon in PowerSchool. Staff from École St. Cecilia Junior High will follow up with families to facilitate the transfer of students.

What is PowerSchool?

PowerSchool is the ECSD parent portal site. In PowerSchool parents can pay school fees, access their child's gradebook, class schedules, bus schedules, attendance, etc. If you are new to ECSD, our school office will provide you with a code and password that links to your child. You must go on the PowerSchool site and create an account using the provided information.

What are school hours at St. Cecilia?

The first morning bell rings at 8:11 am. Instruction is from 8:20 am to 2:47 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Students are dismissed at 11:57 on Thursdays.

****Please note, these times may change slightly for the 2022-2023 school year.***

How many students attend St. Cecilia?

We currently have 425 students. We anticipate continued growth since as we are a school of choice with specialized division focus programming.

Is bussing available for my child at St. Cecilia?

Students from across the north side of Edmonton access ETS services for their bussing needs. Bus passes are sold at the beginning of each month at a reduced student rate.

What additional supports are available to students and families at St. Cecilia?

Additional supports that are available to our students include:

- Educational Assistants (EA)
- Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)
- Emotional Behavioural Specialist (EBS)
- Therapeutic Assistants – Behaviour Therapy (TA-BT)
- Learning Coach
- English Language Learner Support

**** Please note that these supports are contingent upon both student need and funding and could change from year to year.***

Is early intervention for reading available to students at St. Cecilia?

Yes. Our Learning Coach and teachers provide early intervention strategies, including the use of the Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) resources, for struggling readers.

What technology is available to students at St. Cecilia?

Students in grades 7 – 9 have access to Chromebooks, Google Suite, and Microsoft Office tools. They also have access to a variety of educational websites.

How is the music program delivered at École St. Cecilia Junior High?

Students in Grades 7 – 9 have the choice of registering for instrumental (Band), choral, or general music (Guitar) as complementary courses.

What complementary courses are offered for junior high students at St. Cecilia?

We offer many complementary courses at St. Cecilia. Students may choose option courses from two different areas of instruction - Fine and Performing Arts & Career and Technology Foundations.

Fine and Performing Arts courses include Art, Drama, and Music (Band, Choral, Guitar).

Career and Technology Foundations courses include Construction & Fabrication, Foods, Fashion, Film Studies, Outdoor Education, Coding & Robotics, Sci Tech, Sports Performance, and eSports.

Courses may vary depending upon student interest and enrollment.

What extracurricular sports are available for junior high students at St. Cecilia?

Our teams include cross-country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, softball, curling, and track and field.

What extracurricular clubs and groups exist at St. Cecilia?

Extracurricular clubs and groups have included eSports, choir, leadership, theatre, and social justice team.

When will I know if my child's registration has been accepted at St. Cecilia?

Letters of acceptance for NEW students will be sent out in late March or April. Letters will be sent first to students living within our catchment area. Once we have firm numbers for the upcoming school year (late March or early April) we will send out letters to families residing outside our catchment area.

