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# St. Lorenzo Ruiz School Newsletter



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## Principal Message

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a joyful and restful Christmas break. On behalf of the staff, thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts we received during the Christmas season. We are truly blessed to work in a school with such an amazing and supportive family community.

A new year offers a meaningful opportunity to refocus on our goals or set new ones. As we move further into Term 2, our school-wide focus will continue to be strong academics, with particular emphasis on literacy and math. Teachers are using assessment information to plan intentional instruction that meets students where they are and supports continued growth and achievement for all learners. We remain committed to high expectations while also providing the care, and encouragement students need to be successful.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to the coming months, filled with learning and growth for all of our students.

On behalf of the St. Lorenzo Staff, we wish you a blessed 2026. May this new year bring renewed light, hope, and joy to your families.

Mrs. Jennifer Millar & Mr. Dustin Kasun

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY

26 - PLD (No School)

27 - Student Faith Retreat

29 - Spirit Day: PJ Day

### FEBRUARY

3 - Legacy One Presentation  
(Gr.7 & 8)

5 - Gr.8 Bethlehem Visit

6 - Gr.1-4 Winter Olympics

13 - Spirit Day: Favourite  
Colour Day & Hot Lunch

16-20 -February Break

### MARCH

3 - Ski Trip & Activity Day  
(Gr.5-8)

## Student Retreat

On January 27, our students will participate in a school-wide retreat facilitated by Face to Face Ministries in collaboration with our teachers. Students will gather together in the gym and also take part in activities within their classrooms throughout the day. This year's retreat theme is Unshakable. Through guided activities and discussion, students will explore what it means to have a strong foundation, develop resilience, and remain grounded during times of challenge. Inspired by Psalm 62:6, "Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken," younger students will focus on the importance of trust and safety, while older students will reflect on how beliefs and values can help guide them through difficult situations. Our goal is for all students to know that when Jesus is at the center of their lives, their faith can remain unshaken.

# Changes to St. Lorenzo & Ernest Linder Staff Parking Lot

We would like to share with families that a gate has been added to the staff parking lot and will be locked daily at 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, as well as on weekends and during school breaks. This decision was made after many concerns were brought forward by the community regarding concerning activity occurring in the parking lot after school hours. The goal of this change is to support the safety and security of our Hampton community and school property.

The gate will be locked starting on February 2. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this added safety measure.

## It's Time to Register for Kindergarten!

Children who will be five years old by December 31, 2026, are eligible to begin Kindergarten next fall. St. Lorenzo is a safe, positive, and caring school community, committed to helping each child reach their full potential. We nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning, and inspire students to serve others so they can make a positive difference in the world around them.

We are hosting a Kindergarten Information Night on Monday, January 26 at 6-7 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office at (306) 659-7950.



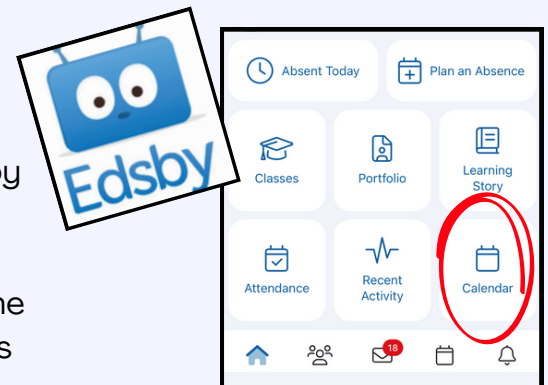
## Ski Trip & Winter Activity Day

On Tuesday, March 3, students in Grades 5–8 will take part in an Outdoor Activity Day as part of our physical education program. Students will have the option to participate in downhill skiing or snowboarding at Table Mountain Regional Park or remain at school to take part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. For students not going to Table Mountain, this will be a regular school day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with students grouped for a day full of winter activities. Students are asked to come prepared with appropriate outdoor clothing and indoor shoes.

The Winter Activity Form was sent home on Monday and was due on Friday. If you have not yet returned the form, please ensure it is sent back to the school as soon as possible so we can finalize planning and groupings. Ski trip forms will be sent home with students next week!

## School Events

We encourage families to regularly check Edsby for important school information and upcoming dates. The Edsby calendar is kept up to date with events, activities, and important reminders, and the Edsby River of News is our primary way of sharing updates and communication from the school. Taking a few moments to check Edsby regularly helps ensure you don't miss important information.



## Cold Weather Conditions

It is very important that children are dressed for the weather conditions. We continually monitor the weather, and our school uses the division's guidelines. Students will go outside for recess until temperatures drop to  $-26^{\circ}\text{C}$  (including windchill). All students are expected to go outside for recess and lunch breaks. Students should be wearing winter boots, a winter jacket, snow pants (encouraged in the younger grades), and other winter wear. We want our students to be safe, comfortable, and properly dressed for the weather. Children who are dressed warmly have a great time outdoors. Just a reminder to label your child's outdoor clothing.

## Family Vacations & Extended Absences

We understand that family vacations are important and may not always align with school breaks. If your child will be away from school for an extended period of time, please inform their teacher in advance.





Because much of student learning happens through discussion, shared experiences, and hands-on learning, extended absences often result in missed learning outcomes that cannot be fully replicated outside the classroom. For this reason, teachers are not able to provide homework packages for extended absences. In some cases, students may be responsible for completing key learning tasks or assignments upon their return. Please be aware that missed instruction and learning opportunities may impact report card marks and create gaps that may impact learning in future grades. Ongoing communication with your child's teacher is important in supporting student success.

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