

LA KERMESSE

carnaval à Normandale

If you only have 2 minutes, you *need* to know:

1. Buy tickets in advance! You can also buy tickets at the door but they will be **cash or check only**
2. Park in the Center Lot or South View Lot for Kermesse, **NOT** Normandale's main lot (South Lot)
3. Bring cash or check for the parent fundraiser basket raffle tickets
4. This year Kid Connection entries are **only** [available online, here](#). They close at the end of Kermesse
5. If you can, bring pre-printed labels or a stamp with your name and number for raffle ticket labeling
6. Come hungry! There will be food trucks a-plenty!

Read this for all of the information you *want* to know:

When and where is La Kermesse?

It's Saturday, May 4th from 2:00-5:00 pm, in the Edina Community Gyms and on the adjoining sidewalk space on the East side of Normandale building. Due to overlapping events, **please only park in the Center and South View parking lots** (not Normandale's main lot, South Lot).

Who attends La Kermesse?

Anyone! Generally, families attend together for an afternoon/evening of fun. This includes siblings who don't attend Normandale, incoming Kindergarten families and grandparents.

How do I get in?

Tickets for La Kermesse are available for purchase [through Membership Toolkit, here](#). At the check-in desk, we'll confirm pre-purchased registrations by name. You can also buy tickets at the door **with cash or check only**, *but we highly recommend* purchasing through Membership Toolkit beforehand - it's easier for everyone! Before entry, each child will get a special edition acrylic Normandale pin and a stamp on their hand which will give them access to all of the games and activities.

Should I let my child go off on their own?

This is your own call, but it is not unusual for children to be seen on their own at La Kermesse. If you feel comfortable that they know their way around La Kermesse and have a buddy or two to go with

then go for it. Keep in mind we expect over a thousand people and our carnival is a little more spread out than other schools (inside and outside), so plan accordingly.

Can I bring a stroller?

La Kermesse is CRAZY fun, but also CRAZY busy and can get crowded. If possible, we highly recommend leaving the stroller at home or at least leaving it outside before entering the inside areas.

What activities are there?

We have face painting, temporary tattoos, a crazy hair station, and a not-to-miss, hands-on bubble experience. We also have two bounce houses, and over 20 games including Duck Hunt, Pop Ring Toss, Junk-Food Walk, and KnockoutNet Hockey Shots Game.

How does the prize basket raffle work?

At most games, children will receive a raffle ticket for participating and/or winning. They can then put their names and a phone number on their tickets, and enter them into whichever of the 14 prize basket raffle(s) they'd like to win. Putting names and numbers on these tickets can be quite a task; we recommend bringing your return address stamp or a sheet of pre-printed labels. You don't have to be present to win, but we hope you stick around! The winners will be read at the DJ station outside before the event ends at 5pm.

Wait, Kid Connection drawings are now online?

Yes! The teachers, staff, and interns are raffling off 'Kid Connection' experiences. These are much like our community connections, but they are just for the kids! This year entries into these drawings are available in Membership Toolkit, \$1 each.. You can donate to enter up until 5pm on the day of Kermesse.

What is in the parent raffle basket and how do I enter?

To fundraise for our wonderful school and French Immersion Program, we have an Edina-themed raffle basket for parents to win. Each raffle ticket is \$10 or 3 for \$25. CASH OR CHECK ONLY (state rules). The basket has a Hornet pattern fleece blanket, an Edina stadium chair, a white Hornet baseball hat, Hornet leather chopper gloves, a Normandale 'Frélon' shopping tote, and two vinyl Edina "E" stickers. Basket is valued at \$300!

Did we not answer your question?

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