



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: August 31 - September 4, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 31:

- ★ Happy Monday!
- ★ Mr. Shimelis is at school, 9:00 – 4:00 to support families

Tuesday, September 1:

- ★ Staff opening Liturgy and PD Day **NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**

Wednesday, September 2:

- ★ Have a wonderful Wednesday!
- ★ First Dentist visit at the UofA for those families who are notified
- ★ Girls Soccer Tryouts 3:00 – 4:30

Thursday, September 3:

- ★ ½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, September 4:

- ★ FULL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- ★ Friday options begin for Junior High



LITURGY AND PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we enter the month of September, we thank You for the gift of life and the changing of the seasons.

Lord, as routines resume and the days grow cooler, let this be a time of spiritual renewal in our hearts. Grant us wisdom and clarity in the decisions we face and help us navigate the challenges ahead with courage and faith.

Bless our families, our work, and our studies. Protect us from harm, keep us strong in trials, and fill our days with Your peace.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PICK UP OF STUDENTS:

*It is very important if you are picking up your child / children before dismissal that you come to the office and sign them out. Also, if you are picking up your child after school, go to their designated door and wait there. Our kindergarten parents should wait at the doors by the school bus until the dismissal bell goes. **For the safety of everyone, we are discouraging parents from entering the school prior to the bell.***

MESSAGE FROM ONE WORLD ONE CENTRE:

Edmonton Catholic School's [One World...One Centre](#) is inviting newcomer families to a special information evening on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026** from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre ([9405 - 50 Street](#)).

This event is a great opportunity for families who are new to Canada to learn more about Edmonton Catholic Schools and the supports available.

You will receive information on:

- Intercultural Services
- Community Partnerships
- School Procedures
- PowerSchool
- Busing
- Resources for English Language Learners

Meet community partners and attend breakout sessions with Intercultural Liaisons on topics critical for new families to integrate into schools - available in 10 languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, English, Filipino/Tagalog, French, Spanish, Tigrinya, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions, meet ECSD staff and community partners, and learn about the support available.

Light snacks and refreshments will be served, and on-site childcare from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Please register by September 11, 2026, by [clicking here](#) or by calling 780-441-6060.

For more information visit [Newcomer Information Night](#)

We look forward to welcoming you!

June 12, 2026

Dear parents and teachers,

RE: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Please, if you know of a Catholic (eleven years or older) who has not been confirmed, registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is ongoing. The registration form is attached herewith. The fee is \$30.00 (book; printouts, etc). You may submit the completed form to your School's office, or email to jovita.tobias-fisher@caedm.ca or drop it off or mail to St. Andrew's Church at 12810-111 Avenue, T5M 2N7.

RE: the date with parents and youths' first meeting please pick a schedule:

September 12th right after 4:30PM Saturday/Anticipated Sunday Mass, **or**

September 13th right after 11AM Sunday Mass

This first meeting will be inside St Andrew's Church.

For details please call Jovita at 780-451-6601 ext 3.

Archbishop Stephen Hero will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation within the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on November 21, 2026, Saturday at 4:30PM in St. Andrew Church.

Thank you. God bless.

May we all have a safe and profoundly enriching faith filled Summer, by God's grace. Take care.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Jovita Tobias-Fisher

Pastoral Assistant

Approved by:



Fr. Carlos Nunez

Pastor, St. Andrew's Parish

BUSPLANNER APP:



For the 2025-26 school year, Transportation Services office will send late bus notifications via the Division website [BusPlanner Alert](#) for delays. There is also an APP for your cellphones that will provide you with alerts for delays. The App is available for both Android and iPhone. Below are instructions on how to do this or visit [Yellow Bus Delays](#) click on **How do I set up Bus Planner Delays App?**

Download the free **Bus Planner Delays App** through the respective App Store on your phone.

Once downloaded:

1. Open the App, select the wrench at the top, select Edmonton Catholic Schools, and click next.
2. Under setup, select My Child's Bus to receive alerts.
3. Select the school(s) you would like to receive notifications and click + after selecting each school. Once you finish selecting schools, click next.
4. Select the applicable bus run(s) and click +. If you wish to receive notifications for more than one bus, repeat the process for each bus. Once you finish, click Done and the App will return to the main screen:

Please make sure notifications for the Bus Planner Delays App are turned on within your phone settings. Also, ensure your phone software is up to date. Note: Data usage and rates will occur while using the Bus Planner Delays App.

BUS DELAYS APP:

- Please check that you have all 3 runs added for the specific bus route. You must add AM (morning run), PM (afternoon run) & THURS (Thursday afternoon)
- Delays are also posted on the Bus Planner website <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>
- Please note if the student's route number has changed, you must update the app with the new information. It will not be automatically updated.

SNACK/BREAKFAST PROGRAM AND CONCESSION:

*Please ensure that your children have lunch packed each day. Our junior high students often come without lunch, and we are unable to provide lunch for all students that forget theirs. The concession is available for our **junior high students** who can purchase it. If your child forgets their lunch, we will be calling you to please drop one off for them. Thank you for your understanding. **OUR CONCESSION THIS YEAR WILL BE CASHLESS. WE WILL HAVE PUNCH CARDS AVAILABLE ON POWERSCHOOL TO PURCHASE FOR \$15.***



WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE PC CHILDREN'S CHARITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF SUPPORT FOR OUR SNACK PROGRAM. THEIR SUPPORT IS SO APPRECIATED. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR SNACK PROGRAM FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE NINE STUDENTS WITHOUT IT!

<https://www.pcchildrenscharity.ca>

PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY:



Again, this year, The City of Edmonton traffic enforcement will be monitoring parking violations and driving in the area. They receive phone calls from community members about unsafe parking and driving. If you have any questions about this, please contact the City of Edmonton at 311.

We are blessed to have an increase in the number of staff at our school. This means that we have fewer parking stalls available.



PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT. WE ASK THAT YOU USE THE ANGLE PARKING BESIDE THE PARKING LOT.

SCHOOL BUS RIDERS:



*If your children are being picked up on occasion and not going on the bus that day, please ensure that the student lets the staff member at their bus know that they are going to be picked up. This saves us from trying to find the student that is supposed to be on the bus and avoiding bus delays. **Parents, if you could also call the office to let them know that your child/children are being picked up on that day, that would be very much appreciated.***

UPCOMING DATES

- **August 31:** Girls Soccer Try-Outs (@ St. Cat's or @ Queen Mary Park from 3:30-4:30PM)
- **September 1st:** No school - School Opening Mass
- **September 2nd:** Girls Soccer Tryouts (@ St. Cat's or @ Queen Mary Park from 3:30-4:30PM)
- **September 2nd:** Dental visit to U of A Kaye Clinic (*for students who got a notice*)
- **September 4th:** Junior High Options Begin!

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