



CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: September 21-25, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE



Monday, September 21:

- ★ *Have a marvelous Monday!*
- ★ *Boys soccer home game vs St Als@ 4:15*
- ★ *Girls soccer game at 6:30 vs. KC Trojans (girls soccer parents please see the field trip amendment form)*

Tuesday, September 22:

- ★ *Elementary Cross Country Run for those students who have brought back their permission slips and joined*
- ★ *Girls soccer home game vs St Als @ 3:30*

Wednesday, September 23:

- ★ *U of A Dentistry Visit # 4 for those students who are notified*
- ★ *Boys soccer game @ St Mark @ 4:15*

Thursday, September 24:

- ★ *½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*
- ★ *Boys soccer practice @ 12:00*
- ★ *Girls home soccer game vs. STA @ 4:15*



Friday, September 25:

- ★ *Have a fabulous Friday! St. Catherine Spirit Day!*
- ★ *All students encouraged to wear black or yellow or their St Catherine wear!*

PRAYER

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Division Video:

Here is a link to download the video.



Father Glenn McDonald: Little Liturgies - <https://youtu.be/L-HgqlvFLOg?si=Hj6kO5v0ufzYc5V6>

Father Julian Bilyj: Saint Matthew - <https://youtu.be/gfwRxvBA868?si=yNYH414twyBc3jjy>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT FEES:

*Student fees have now been posted on PowerSchool. Payment for your child's school fees for the year are **NOW DUE**. Payment can be made online through your Parent PowerSchool account at the link below. You may also pay in person in the school office with DEBIT, VISA OR MASTERCARD.*

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

HOT LUNCH:

*Our first hot lunch of the year will be held on Friday, October 2nd. We will be having Tim Horton's delivered to ELEMENTARY students who place orders before Sunday, Sept 27th at midnight. All orders and payments must be made online at <https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php>. Be sure to select St Catherine School. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

REPORTING ABSENCES:

Our school uses SchoolMessenger SafeArrival, a convenient tool that allows families to report absences 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Once submitted, the information is sent directly to the school. Reporting absences in advance helps ensure attendance records are accurate and allows the school to quickly follow up on unexpected absences. Learn how to report an absence online by visiting ecsd.net/reportingabsences.

CASINO FUNDRAISER AND OUR SAC:

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our SAC meeting this past Wednesday! It was a great meeting and opportunity for our administration and parents to share what is new and upcoming in our school community.



Our FUNDRAISING CASINO WILL BE HAPPENING ON JANUARY 13 AND 14. We will be needing many volunteers to cover shifts. If you feel that you would be able to volunteer, please email Mrs Stelmaschuk at shauna.stelmaschuk.ecsd.net and she will add you to the list of volunteers. No experience is required.

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 rings. **For the safety of everyone, we are discouraging parents from entering the school prior to the bell.**

ALSO, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS ARE PICKING UP STUDENTS AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS. FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE STAFF PARKING LOT.

BUSPLANNER APP:



For the 2025-26 school year, Transportation Services office will send late bus notifications via the Division website [Bus Planner 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.*

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

September 25: Terry Fox School run

September 28: Picture retake day

September 29: Orange Shirt Day (in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

September 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day (no classes for students or staff)

October 2: Tim Hortons Hot lunch for elementary students who ordered

October 5: Read In Week (we will be having several guest readers in the school to celebrate the gift of reading with everyone)

October 9: Thanksgiving Celebration at 9:00 am

October 9: Half day of instruction for students. FALL BREAK BEGINS

October 26: Classes resume

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