



CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: August 24 - 28

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 24:

- ★ Happy Monday!
- ★ Concession opens for Junior High Students. **Remember all purchases must be made using the “punch cards” that are for sale on PowerSchool.**
- ★ Dentistry Screening Evening – 3:00-7:00 p.m. All families who are wanting to attend are needing to

Tuesday, August 25:

- ★ Have a terrific Tuesday!
- ★ Mr. Shimelis is at school, 9:00 – 4:00 to support families

Wednesday, August 26:

- ★ Have a wonderful Wednesday!

Thursday, August 27:

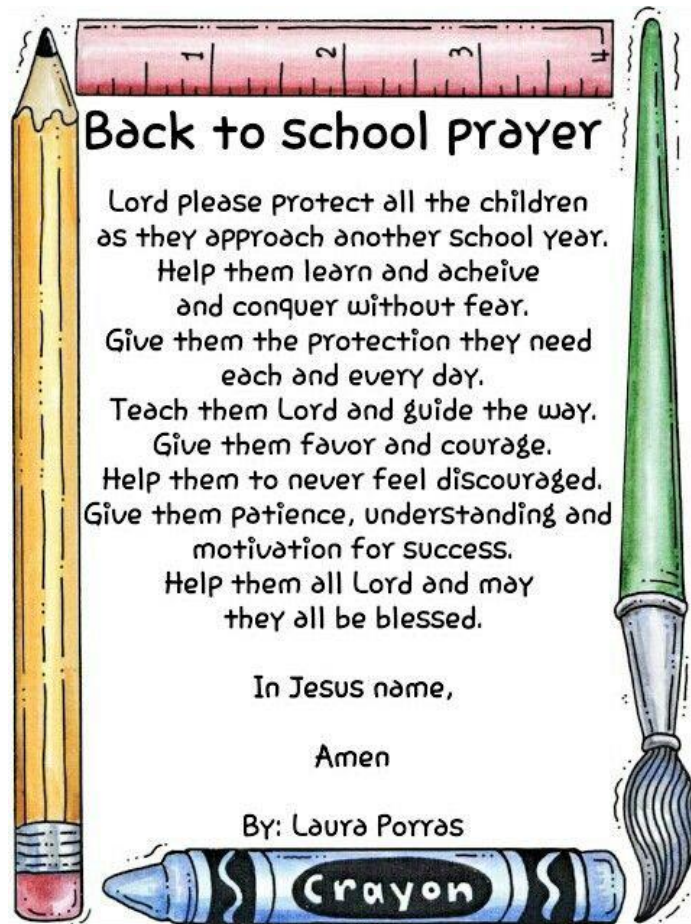
- ★ **Full Day of School for Students**

Friday, August 28:

- ★ **½ Day of School for Students, noon dismissal**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELCOME BACK!!!

Dear Families,

On behalf of our entire St Catherine Staff, we want to welcome back all our students and families to the 2026/2027 school year!

We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with rest, fun, and time together. As we begin a new school year, we are excited to welcome both our returning families and those joining our school community for the first time.

Our staff is looking forward to creating a year of learning, growth, and connection for every student. Together, we will continue to foster a caring, catholic, and engaging environment where all children can thrive.

Thank you for your partnership and support. We look forward to working with you and celebrating the many successes the year will bring.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the school year and many blessings!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stelmaschuk

Principal

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.

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

E-Scooters and E-Bikes/ Lime Scooters:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/12018977/escooter-ebike-youth-deaths-severe-injuries-canada-report/>

The above article shares information about the dangers of e-scooters and e-bikes. **It is illegal for children under 16 to be riding these devices.** Lately, we have been needing to remind students NOT to drive them, especially around other students. Please discuss this with your children if they have the e-scooter app and drive these devices.

SCHOOL SUPPLY SUPPORT:

Edmonton Temple Backpack program through the Salvation Army. Contact to get supplies: [Backpack Program | Edmonton Temple](#)

North Pointe Community Church - **Aug. 27** (5-6pm). Pre-register here: [Back-To-School Drive 2026 - North Pointe Community Church](#). BBQ & service to follow.

Children that attend one of these schools can get supplies through the United Way "All in for Youth" campaign: [All in for Youth - United Way Alberta Capital Region](#).

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>



Oral Health Clinic
Mike Petryk School of Dentistry | University of Alberta

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Mike Petryk School of Dentistry, in collaboration with the AHS Community Oral Health Program, is proud to offer the School Visit Program. Parents/legal guardians who are not able to have their child see a dentist regularly, may want to consider having their child participate in the School Visit Program.

Dental treatment will be provided at our Oral Health Clinic by dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting students, who are supervised by licensed dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. For children who have dental insurance coverage, the insurance company will be billed for the cost of treatment, and there will be no extra cost billed to the parent/legal guardian. Children without other dental insurance coverage may be eligible for dental insurance benefits through the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). Children who do not have dental insurance coverage, or do not qualify for dental insurance benefits through CDCP, will be provided with basic dental treatment free of charge.



**We accept the
Canadian Dental
Care Plan.**

Find more information, visit
Canada.ca/dental

Parents/legal guardians who are interested in having dental treatment for their child through the School Visit Program must:

- complete the School Visit Program Registration Form (click on this [LINK](#)) and submit it by NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20, 2026.**
- complete Medical and Dental History Forms for each child through our electronic portal by NO LATER THAN AUGUST 21, 2026 (invitation to portal will be sent through email).**
- attend Smile & Sign together with their child at St. Catherine School on August 24th, 2026 anytime between 3:00pm-7:00pm in the Gymnasium. Smile & Sign includes:**

○ ***dentists/dental students having a quick 30-second look into the child's mouth to assess the child's dental needs.***

○ ***parents/legal guardians reviewing and signing consent forms for each child's First Visit to the Oral Health Clinic at the Mike Petryk School of Dentistry (click on this LINK to see a video of what the School Visit Program is all about).***

If a child is currently receiving dental treatment with their regular dentist, please have the child continue to see their regular dentist for ongoing care.

Please note that not all children will be eligible for the School Visit program as some may have dental needs that are outside the range of what can effectively be managed in our learning environment.

*Lastly, we have partnered with Dogs With Wings (DWW) Assistance Dog Society, a non-profit organization that trains service dogs, facility dogs, and companion dogs. Dog trainers will occasionally be on-site at our Oral Health Clinic with their service dogs in training (click on this **LINK** for more details). Parents/guardians are requested to inform our staff if they would prefer that their child not interact with the DWW service dogs in training.*

Please contact the Treatment Coordinator, Comprehensive Care for Children & Adolescents at 780-407-5567 or dent.peds@ualberta.ca with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your interest in the School Visit Program!

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Click on this link to fill out the form: [Pediatric Dentistry School Visit Program - Registration Form \(St. Catherine\)](#)

UPCOMING DATES

- *Labor Day (No school) – September 8th*
- *Picture Retake Day (Kindergarten) – September 28th*
- *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School) – September 30th*

ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE: <https://www.ecsd.net/>

ST. CATHERINE WEBSITE: <https://stcatherine.ecsd.net/>