



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: October 20 - 24, 2025



WEEK AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 6 – 17: FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL

Happy Fall Break!



Monday, October 20:

- ★ Gym closed as we will be hosting Municipal Election Day.

Tuesday, October 21:

- ★ Happy Tuesday!

Wednesday, October 22:

- ★ U of A Dental Visit #6 for students who received notice.

Thursday, October 23:

- ★ Early dismissal at 11:52 am

Friday, October 24:

- ★ Actions for Healthy Communities with EAL class

PRAYER

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Little Liturgies for You and Your Family:

<https://youtu.be/GI11KgQHwCo>

Catholic Education Week – October 18-24, 2025

Please visit [Celebrating Catholic Education](#) on the ECSD website for more information and resources.

Please click the link below to access the Division website:

<https://www.ecsd.net/>

Please click the link below to access our school website:

<https://stcatherine.ecsd.net/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FALL BREAK OCTOBER 6-17:

Please note that our Year-Round Fall Break is from Monday, October 6 – Friday October 17. In the event of a province-wide teachers' strike continuing past Friday, October 17, regular school operations will be disrupted. Any school events will not take place during a strike.

If an agreement is not reached before October 17, classes will be cancelled, and students will not attend school in person or online. We remain hopeful for a resolution and will resume regular communication once the strike ends. Please check your email regularly as the Division will also be sending information and updates as needed. For updates and FAQ's, visit ecsd.net/labourupdate.

CLOTHING ORDER:

We have an online store for St Catherine apparel. If you would like to purchase items, your order must be placed **before Monday, October 6**. Use the link provided to place your order. <http://bit.ly/3W5CZyo>

DECLARATION of ELIGIBILITY for PARTICIPATION in FEMALE-ONLY SPORT:

A new Alberta law requires schools to declare eligibility for students who wish to join female-only competitive sports teams. If your daughter decides to try out for a female-only sport this year at St. Catherine, according to the new law, to be eligible, a student must have been assigned female at birth. This is a province-wide legal requirement. It is not a school-or division-level decision. Please know that any conversations related to eligibility will be handled privately, and always with compassion, dignity, and respect. If the form is completed and confirms eligibility, your child would be able to participate on a female team. If the form is not completed, or if it indicates that the eligibility requirement isn't met, then unfortunately, they would not be able to join a female-only team under the new legislation. We are required to request this information and apply it consistently to all students. If you'd like more information on the legislation itself, I can help you access that. When your daughter decides to try out for a girls' team, the form can be accessed through the PowerSchool Parent Portal – then select School Engage on the left-hand side. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you so much for your time and support!



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 **BusPlanner 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 BusPlanner 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 BusPlanner 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 BusPlanner 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 are able to 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.

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.

Thank you for your understanding.



SCHOOL BUS RIDERS:



If your child/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.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH:



Our school Parish is **St. Andrew**. Please visit their website for Mass times and Parish information. Here's the link for St. Andrew's Parish <https://standrew.caedm.ca/>. Father Andrew Bogdanowicz and the St Andrew Parish Community would love to have our St Catherine School Community come and celebrate with them.

UPCOMING DATES

November 6: Remembrance Day Celebration

November 10-12: Remembrance Day Break – **No School**

November 13: Fall Demonstration of Learning & Fall Book Fair

November 26: Dental Visit #7



**Have a Safe
and Restful
Fall Break!**

St. Catherine Catholic School

2025-2026

ELEMENTARY (K-6)

(Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)

First Bell 8:10 am Registration 8:15 am

AM 8:15 am – 10:15 am

Recess 10:15 am – 10:30 am

AM 10:30 am – 11:43 am

LUNCH 11:43 am – 12:20 pm

PM 12:20 pm – 2:48 pm

Dismissal 2:48 pm

THURSDAY

First Bell 8:10 am Registration 8:15 am

AM 8:15 am – 10:15 am

Recess 10:15 am – 10:30 am

AM 10:30 am – 11:52 am

Dismissal 11:52 am

JUNIOR HIGH (7-9)

(Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)

First Bell 8:10 am Registration 8:15 am

Block 1 8:15 am – 9:10 am

Block 2 9:12 am – 10:00 am

Block 3 10:02 am – 10:50 am

Block 4 10:52 am – 11:40 am

LUNCH 11:40 am – 12:25 pm

Block 5 12:25 pm – 1:13 pm

Block 6 1:15 pm – 2:01 pm

Block 7 2:03 pm – 2:47 pm

Dismissal 2:47 pm

THURSDAY

First Bell 8:10 am Registration 8:15 am

Block 1 8:15 am – 9:01 am

Block 2 9:03 am – 9:43 am

Block 3 9:45 am – 10:25 am

Block 4 10:27 am – 11:07 am

Block 5 11:09 am – 11:49 am

Dismissal 11:49 am