

CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: February 16-20, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 16:

- ★ Family Day!!! No classes for students or staff. Enjoy the day.

Tuesday, February 17:

- ★ Shrove Tuesday! All of our students will be having pancakes for breakfast!
- ★ Homework club for those students registered with Mr. Shimelis
- ★ Girls Basketball Game @ home vs St Als, 4:15

Wednesday, February 18:

- ★ Ash Wednesday (liturgy for k-3 @ 1:15, 4-9 @ 2:00, Families are welcome to join us in the gym)
- ★ STEM Club for all students who have registered
- ★ Girls basketball practice
- ★ Boys basketball game @ St Als, 4:15

Thursday, February 19:

- ★ ½ Day of classes for students
- ★ St Joes Max Wrotiniak Basketball Tournament

Friday, February 20:

- ★ St Joes Max Wrotiniak Basketball Tournament
- ★ Badminton Open Practice @ 7:30 am



PRAYER

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Father Glenn McDonald – Little Liturgy – February 15, 2026 – [Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time](#)

Father Julian Bilyj – [A Recipe for Lent](#)

Weekly Prayer:

In the wake of the tragic events in Tumbler, B.C. we offer this prayer:

Heavenly and Gracious Lord, You are our light and salvation, our light and life. For this, we ask in your name to please aid the community of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, in their time of tragedy, and to grant them comfort and healing in this time of grief, and please guide their loved ones as they ascend upon your kingdom, and the knowledge that with your gift of eternal life, they are at peace. May the grace of Jesus Christ bring peace to all our mind, body, and soul.

Amen.

Kindness is the connection that links us all together and strengthens the bonds within our communities, neighborhood and families.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELCOME TO MRS. SRUTHY SREEDHARAN!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Sruthy to our St Catherine community! Mrs. Sruthy is our new Admin Assistant and is here to support our students, staff and families alongside Mrs. Talarico!



OFFICE HOURS:

Please note that our office hours are 8:00 – 4:00. Though we have many staff members here before and after those hours, phones are answered during these hours. Thank you.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR:

 *Registration for new students and pre-enrolment for current students **OPENED UP ON FEBRUARY 2ND**! Sign in to your PowerSchool account and click "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending next year (select what applies: Kindergarten, Junior High, or High School). The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in August 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.*

REMINDER OF DEADLINE FOR PRE-ENROLMENT:

Don't forget to share your plans for the 2026-2027 school year! Sign in to your PowerSchool account and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending as you move into kindergarten,

junior high, or high school. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in August 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. You can find more information about pre-enrolment on ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.



**Pre-Enrolment for
CURRENT STUDENTS**

- Log in to PowerSchool.ecsd.net
- Click on the Pre-Enrolment for Next Year icon
- Follow the instructions to select your 2026-2027 school
- Complete for each child registered with ECSD

Visit ecsd.net for more information



LUNCH DROP OFF:

We are strongly encouraging families to send lunches with their children **IN THE MORNING**. We have many lunches being dropped off in the morning and it can get very busy having to distribute them.

ALSO, WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES TO NOT ARRANGE FOR SKIP THE DISHES ORDERS TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL.

Students learn best when they feel their best! If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover. This helps support a healthy learning environment for everyone. If your child needs to miss school due to illness, please contact our office.

SCHOOL FEES:

Pay Online

All families should have received notice about their child's school fees. Please visit PowerSchool to pay your school fees as soon as possible. If you need support with this, please do not hesitate to call the office.

COOLER TEMPERATURES:

The weather has shifted to cooler temperatures. We are reminding families about the importance of ensuring that their children are dressed warmly.

Decisions regarding outdoor activities are guided by [Administrative Procedure 131](#). The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20°C or colder.

Please remember that recess will be moved indoors only during extreme weather conditions, so students are to come to school dressed appropriately for the outdoors.

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 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.

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

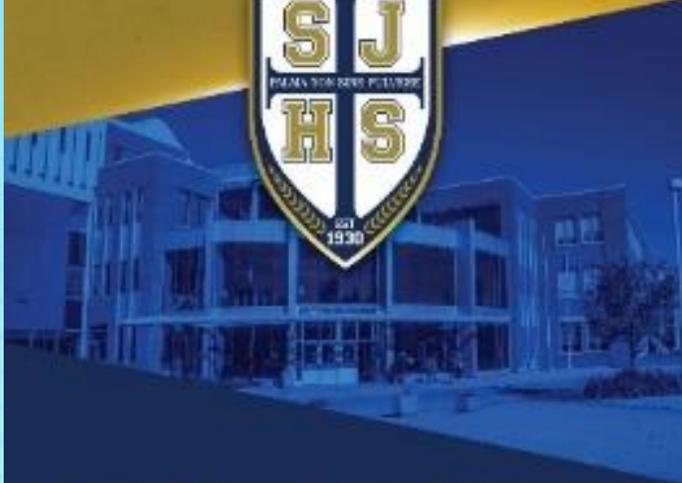
February 24: Pink Shirt Day

February 25: Faith Formation Day/PD – No School

February 26-27: Teacher's Convention – No School

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

EXPLORE YOUR POTENTIAL
ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 25, 2025 | 6-8 PM

Can't wait? Take a virtual walk through the school.



780-426-2010
10830 109 St. NW
stjoseph.ecsd.net

St. Joseph High School Open House – February 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Our event is intended to provide families with as much information about the amazing programs and opportunities that St. Joe's offers. The evening will be led by our students and showcase the legacy of our school.

In our courtyard, there will be numerous post-secondary institutions and career providers, highlighting the connection between high school learning, and the world beyond graduation.

Families will be able to participate in student-led tours of our school or walk through the building on your own. St. Joe's is the only high school in Canada, that offers the programming that we do:

- Traditional Classroom Learning (TCL) – offers a structured, teacher-led environment: students attend five weekly classes focused on curricular outcomes, providing consistent classroom instruction and routine pacing.
- Guided Customized Learning (GCL) - has consistently prepared graduates for post-secondary success, fostering habits of self-regulation and independent learning valued in university and college. GCL offers a well-structured, customizable learning environment. With dedicated advisor support, personalized pacing, and meaningful assessment, students graduate equipped with both academic competence and the self-directed learning habits essential for lifelong success.
- Online Learning - is asynchronous, allowing students to work independently using the Desire 2 Learn (D2L) digital platform and Learning Guides. Teachers are available for assistance through Teams and email.

In addition, we have the largest, and most complete offerings in Career and Technology Studies (CTS), in Edmonton:

- Baking – amazing learning in a fully-equipped lab
- Culinary Arts – award winning program offered by a Red Seal teacher and 2 Red Seal Chefs
- Foods – fully-equipped lab
- Welding – large and fully equipped lab
- Autobody – one of only two high schools in Alberta that offer this program, with a Red Seal teacher
- Mechanics – very large, fully equipped lab with a Red Seal teacher
- Cosmetology – large, and fully equipped lab with a Red Seal teacher and a Red Seal instructor
- Construction – very well-equipped lab with a Red Seal teacher.
- Cabinetmaking First Period Apprentice Program – this is the first-year of this program, permitting students to complete their First Period Apprenticeship and move into industry and post-secondary completion for their Red Seal certification
- Communication Technology – graphic art computer-based programming, in a well-equipped lab
- Robotics – full programming in a well-equipped lab, with a CISCO certified teacher, to prepare students for IT and networking industry credentials

Fine Arts and Music programming is outstanding, with many offerings available for students:

- Instrumental Music
- General Music
- Instrumental Jazz
- Guitar

- Technical Theatre
- Drama
- Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre
- Art

Second languages and cultural programs:

- Cree
- French
- Spanish

Athletics are offered in many sports:

- Cross Country Running
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Curling
- Football
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Ninja Warrior
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Badminton

Braided Journeys is available to assist Indigenous learners, offering academic supports, and cultural learnings. PASS (Part-Time alternative Self-Paced School) is offered every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 pm through Alternative Education at St. Joe's, for students wishing to take additional courses, or repeat courses.

Dual Credit courses are also offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in conjunction with post-secondary institutions, permitting students to earn post-secondary credits and high school credits at the same time. This year at St. Joe's, through Alternative Education, the following programs were offered in-person:

- Aviation Avionic Technology – through Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)
- Police Studies – MacEwan University
- Other dual credit programs are offered in an online format

A full academic program is offered for all students, in all subject areas. We currently program for 146 different in-person courses, and 96 online courses. St. Joe's offers something for every student.