



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: March 9-13, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 8:

- ★ *Deadline for Healthy Hunger is at midnight*
- ★ *SPRING FORWARD – Don't forget time change to daylight savings time.*

Monday, March 9:

- ★ *Have a marvelous Monday!!!*
- ★ *Replacement staff appreciation week!*

Tuesday, March 10:

- ★ *Grade 9 Immunizations*
- ★ *Grade 4A @ Commonwealth Recreation Center*

Wednesday, March 11:

- ★ *Grade 9 Immunizations*
- ★ *Grade 5B Commonwealth Recreation Center Field Trip*

Thursday, March 12:

- ★ *1/2 Day of Instruction for Students*
- ★ *Demonstration of Learning (1:00 – 4:00 & 5:00 – 7:30)*
- ★ *Spring Book Fair!*
- ★ *TELUS World of Science Coding Program for Grades 5A and 5B*

Friday, March 13:

- ★ *Spring Book Fair (morning)*
- ★ *Grade 5B @ Commonwealth Recreation Center*
- ★ *Last day for pre-enrolment. See information below.*
- ★ *KFC Hot Lunch for students who ordered.*



Weekly Prayer:

Father Glenn McDonald – Little Liturgy – March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent:

https://youtu.be/65A2s7Z_GvE

Way of the Cross

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is an ecumenical prayer event marking the suffering and death of Jesus. It is a time to reflect on how the gospel values of Jesus apply to individual and public life today. The walk takes place along the streets of Edmonton's inner city and is reasonable for most ages and levels of ability. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

Please see the following link for more information about our journey through Lent: <https://www.ecsd.net/news/our-lenten-journey>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING:

We are hopeful to have all of our families join us for our Demonstration of Learning. It will be held this Thursday, March 12 from 1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:30. Junior High families, please book an appointment with your child's teachers. For elementary students, you and your families may come anytime during the above hours.

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.

REMINDER OF DEADLINE FOR PRE-ENROLMENT:

A graphic with a blue background and an orange banner at the top that reads "Pre-Enrolment for CURRENT STUDENTS". Below the banner is a list of four steps: "Log in to PowerSchool.ecsd.net", "Click on the Pre-Enrolment for Next Year icon", "Follow the instructions to select your 2026-2027 school", and "Complete for each child registered with ECSD". At the bottom, it says "Visit ecsd.net for more information" next to the ECSD logo. On the right side of the graphic is a photo of a young woman with glasses working on a robot in a classroom.

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- Follow the instructions to select your 2026-2027 school
- Complete for each child registered with ECSD

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PRE ENROLMENT: *Reminder to complete your Pre-enrolment for the 2026-2027 school year is closing Friday March 13.*

- Please complete the following steps: Log in to [PowerSchool](#)
- Click the “Pre-Enrolment for Next Year” icon in the left-hand menu.
- Select the school your child will attend for the 2026-2027 school year.

LUNCHES: *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 the community.*

UPCOMING DATES

March 12: *Spring Demo of Learning*

March 11 *Spring Book Fair*

March 12 *Spring Demo of Learning*

March 19: *Full Day*

March 20: *Half Day*

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