ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: October 26-30, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 26:

- ★ *Welcome back to school. We hope that you have had a wonderful Fall Break!*



Tuesday, October 27:

- ★ *Have a terrific Tuesday!*

Wednesday, October 28:

- ★ *Dental visit # 5 at the UofA for those students who have been notified.*
- ★ *Actions for Healthy Communities visiting the EAL Class (AM)*
- ★ *STEM Club starts 2:45-4:15 PM*

Thursday, October 29:

- ★ *½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*
- ★ *St. Joseph H.S Volleyball Tourna ment*

Friday, October 30:

- ★ *Halloween activities for classrooms. More information will be shared by classroom teachers.*
- ★ *St. Joseph H.S Volleyball Tournament*

PRAYER

LITURGY AND PRAYER

October Prayer

O God, of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun Remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds Remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.
Amen



We are excited to be celebrating Catholic Education Week October 17-23.

Theme: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Edmonton Catholic Schools' mission is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another.

We are thankful for the opportunity to provide a faith-based education to more than 51,000 students, and for the teachers, administrators, parents, students, priests, and parishioners who are committed to Catholic education.

In Alberta, we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering resolve the gift of publicly funded Catholic education.

More information may be found in the link below.

https://www.ecsd.net/catholiceducationweek

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT PURCHASING OF CHROMEBOOKS:

*Families who are wanting to **PURCHASE** a ChromeBook for their child / children, there is a link through COMPUGEN and our ECSD Parent Portal to support with this. For parents looking to purchase a student Chromebook, this link will connect them to the Compugen Parent Portal. Link Here*

STUDENT FEES:

*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/*

REPORTING ABSENCES:

Our school uses SchoolMessenger and 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.* ***WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!***

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.

UPCOMING DATES

November 2: *All Souls' Day*

November 4: *UofA Dental visit number 6 for those families that will be notified*

November 10: *Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 9:00 am*

November 11-13: *Remembrance Day Fall Break*

November 19: *Demonstration of Learning*



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