



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: September 29 - October 3, 2025



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, September 29:

- ★ Orange Shirt Day
- ★ Read In Week Begins – we have guest readers scheduled for the whole week to celebrate the gift of reading with our classes!
- ★ Boys Soccer Quarter Final HOME game
- ★ Grade 8 and 9 Volleyball tryouts
- ★ Boys Developmental Team Practice

Tuesday, September 30:

- ★ NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY. No classes for students and staff.

Wednesday, October 1:

- ★ U of A Dental Visit #5 for students who **received notice.**
- ★ 1:00, Bible Ceremony for Grade 4A and 4B Father Carlos is attending
- ★ Boys Soccer Semi Final

Thursday, October 2:

- ★ **FULL Day** of classes for students
- ★ Band Jumpstart Field Trip to St Joes @ 12:30
- ★ Soccer Pep Rally @ 2:00
- ★ Junior High Boys Volleyball tryouts

Friday, October 3:

- ★ **HALF DAY** of instruction for students – Fall Break Begins
- ★ Thanksgiving celebration
- ★ Boys Soccer Final Game TBD

October 6 – October 17 – FALL BREAK – No School

Fall Break
NO SCHOOL!

PRAYER

Little Liturgies for You and Your Family:

<https://youtu.be/XBBNPwRPUmk>



Catholic Education Week – October 18-24, 2025

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

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Please click the link below to access the Division website:

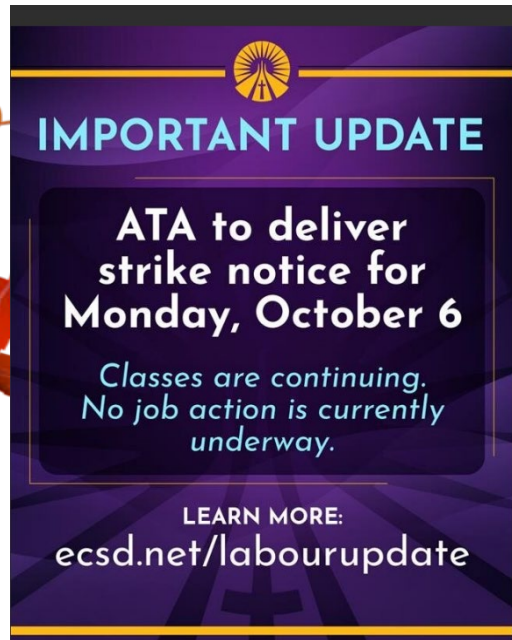
<https://www.ecsd.net/>

Please click the link below to access our school website:

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are sending many Prayers and Blessings to our Grade 9 teacher, Mrs. Lazurko. Mrs. Lazurko will be starting her maternity leave next Friday, October 3, 2025. After fall break Ms. Juven Somcio will be joining us as our new grade 9 A home room teacher. All the best, Mrs. Lazurko and we look forward to welcoming Ms. Somcio!



IMPORTANT UPDATE

ATA to deliver strike notice for Monday, October 6

*Classes are continuing.
No job action is currently underway.*

LEARN MORE:
ecsd.net/labourupdate



STAY HOME WHEN SICK

PLEASE HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY



FREE TO GRADES 4-6

ACTION FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SINCE 1995
30 YEARS OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY ACTION

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATHEMATICS

STEM CLUB

Join the STEM Club, where students enhance their understanding of STEM concepts! Through hands-on activities, you'll develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while making learning fun. Discover, collaborate, and ignite your passion for STEM!

REGISTER NOW!

For More Information
Email: kevwe.daborea4hc.ca
Instagram: [ahc_youth](https://www.instagram.com/ahc_youth)

Scan the QR code to register, or go straight to the link below:
bit.ly/ahcSTEMclub



EVERY CHILD MATTERS



**ORANGE
SHIRT DAY**

September 29

**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

September 30 (No Classes)

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!

Message From EISA:

After School Academic Support & Mentoring Program at St. Catherine School

Dear Teachers, Parents, and Students,

The Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA) is pleased to announce the return of its After School (AS) Academic Support & Mentoring Program, scheduled to commence on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. This program is designed to provide academic, social, and recreational support to newcomer students in Canada, fostering a supportive and enriching environment for their growth and integration.

The program will be held every Tuesday from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM and is open to St. Catherine School students in grades 4 through 9. Participants will have the opportunity to develop essential life skills, improve their literacy and numeracy abilities, and engage in peer mentorship activities.

We encourage interested students to register and take advantage of this valuable opportunity. For further information, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Shimelis Gebremichael, Settlement Practitioner (SP), who is available at St. Catherine School on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another successful term.

Warm Regards,

Shimelis Gebremichael Settlement Practitioner Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)

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.

Caregiver Workshops: Alberta Health Services about Child Safety seats for Families: Online Caregiver Workshops – here's the link:

https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/programs/ps-5832-child-safety-seats-online-caregiver-workshops.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com

UPCOMING DATES

October 6 – 17 – FALL BREAK – No School

October 20 – Classes Resume

October 22 – U of A Dental Visit #6