



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: December 15-19, 2025



WEEK AT A GLANCE



Sunday, December 14:

- ★ Third Sunday of Advent. Today we light the candle of Joy.

Monday, December 15:

- ★ Happy Monday!
- ★ Third Week of Advent Celebration over Broadcast.

Tuesday, December 16:

- ★ ELL Class Telus World of Science Trip

Wednesday, December 17:

- ★ U of A Dental Visit # 11, final visit, for students that receive a notice
- ★ **Elementary Christmas Concert**
- ★ 6:00 p.m – Kindergarten – Grade 3
- ★ 6:45 p.m – Grades 4-6
- ★ STEM Club



Thursday, December 18:

- ★ Full day of school for staff and students
- ★ Christmas Dinner for staff and students
- ★ Junior High Band Concert at 2:00. Families of band students are welcome to attend.

Friday, December 19:

- ★ 11:52 am dismissal for students. Have a blessed Christmas Break! Classes resume on January 5.



PRAYER

Little Liturgies for You and Your Family to help you prepare for ADVENT:

<https://youtu.be/0sBrYl8aRQc>

Father Julian Bilyj – Third Week of Advent:

<https://youtu.be/aovpOUXbWD0>

Journey Through Advent 2025

Third Sunday of Advent: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey through Advent* with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. Join them as they reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025.



IMPORTANT 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

On **Wednesday, December 17** we will be having our elementary Christmas Concert. The kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 classes concert will **begin at 6:00**. Doors will open for the concert at 5:45. **FAMILIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE SCHOOL BEFORE 5:45.**

Once students arrive, students are asked to go directly to their homeroom classrooms. Like in previous years, families will be asked to leave the gymnasium after the first concert and re-enter the gymnasium for the second concert that will begin at 6:45.



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.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Families are asked to check and remove social media from students' phones under the age of 13 as this is the age required for usage of "SNAPCHAT, Instagram, Facebook & FB Messenger, TikTok, Discord, Whisper, YOUTUBE, & WHATSAPP" - many of the elementary students have created accounts using fake birthdays (about their ages) and illegally have access to these platforms which are not safe for kids and exposing them to online concerns.

ELITE PROGRAM FOR BLACK YOUTH:

The ELITE Program for Black Youth provides spaces in the U of A engineering camps for grades 1-9 at no cost. Applications close on Jan 16th. Please see the link below:

https://www.instagram.com/p/DSA3CtvD9rh/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ==

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 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

December 22 – January 2: Christmas Break – No School

January 5-9: Mile Zero Dancing Residency

January 8: Epiphany Celebration



ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE:

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

*Please click the link below
to access our school website:*

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



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

Location: St.Catherine Elementary/Junior High School

10915 110 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 3E3

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 2:45-4:00pm

Who: Newcomer Students to Canada

Participate in Activities!

- Academic Support and Skill Development
- Social Inclusion and Belonging
- Cultural Orientation and Integration
- Leadership, Recreation, and Personal Growth
- Spring and Summer Camp programs



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