CATS WEEKLY

ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HOME EDITION: November 2-6, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 2*:*

- ★ *All Souls Day*
- ★ *Boys Volleyball away game @ Holy Cross*

Tuesday, November 3:

- ★ *Have a terrific Tuesday!*
- ★ *Girls Volleyball home game vs St Als*

Wednesday, November 4:

- ★ *Dental visit # 6 at the UofA for those students who have been notified*
- ★ *Meteorologist, Josh Claussen visiting Grade 5*
- ★ *STEM Club for those students who have joined*
- ★ *Boys Volleyball home game vs St Hilda*
- ★ ***SAC MEETING AT 5:00 IN THE STAFF ROOM. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND***

Thursday, November 5:

- ★ *½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*
- ★ *12:00 Boys Volleyball practice @ 12:00*
- ★ *Girls Volleyball away game @ St Marks @ 3:00*

Friday, November 6:

- ★ *HAPPY FRIDAY!*
- ★ *3:00 Boys Volleyball Practice*

PRAYER

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Father Glenn McDonald: Little Liturgies – November 1, 2026 – All Saints: *https://youtu.be/A_PY8Y3rTIw*

Father Julian Bilyj – November 11 – Remembrance Day: *https://youtu.be/63GKrUOfDn8*

Heavenly Father,
On this All-Saints Day, we praise You for the holy men and women who have gone before us in faith. We thank You for their lives of love, courage, humility, and unwavering devotion to Christ. May their example inspire us to follow Your Son with faithful hearts and willing spirits. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, strengthen us in our journey toward holiness. Help us to love our neighbours, forgive those who hurt us, and serve others with compassion. When we face trials and temptations, grant us the grace to persevere in faith and hope. May we remain united with the saints in the communion of Your Church, both on earth and in heaven. Guide us each day toward the eternal joy of Your heavenly Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAC Meeting:

We will be having our SAC Meeting next ***Wednesday, November 4 at 5:00 in our staff room.*** *We welcome all parents to come and join us. We will be talking about a number of items including our upcoming casino on January 13 and 14.*

National Indigenous Veterans Day

November 8th is a day we recognize First Nations, Métis, and Inuit soldiers, their contributions and sacrifices to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and other missions.

Holiday Hamper Sign Up:

Families who are wishing to sign up for the Holiday Hamper Program are needing to do so by November 23. Please scan the QR code below to sign up.





We want to remind families that students learn best when they feel their best. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover. This helps maintain a healthy learning environment for everyone. If your child needs to miss school due to illness, please submit an absence through SchoolMessenger or contact our office. Our teachers and staff are here to support your child's learning and can provide catch-up plans or resources to help them stay on track.

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.*
This link will connect them to the Compugen Parent Portal. Link Here

Optimal Learning Update:

https://www.ecsd.net/news/edmonton-catholic-schools-sets-direction-with-new-three-year-education-plan-20260429164455

We are excited to be continuing on our Optimal Learning Journey as a school and a Division. Please click on the link above for more information.

STUDENT FEES:

*Student fees have now been posted on PowerSchool. Payment for 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.

CLOTHING Donation Event:

On Thursday, November 19 we will be having a Clothing Donation Event. We will have clothing donations available for families to come and get between 12:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. The event will be in the

concession hallway, outside of the gym and families are welcome to come and browse for items that thy may need at NO COST. Please bring your own bags as non will be provided.

CASINO FUNDRAISER AND OUR SAC:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our upcoming casino fundraiser at The Grand Villa Casino, 10204 – 104 Avenue, on:

Wednesday, January 13
Thursday, January 14

Casino fundraisers are a wonderful way to support our school, and we would greatly appreciate your help! No experience is necessary, and there are a variety of volunteer positions available:

- Banker
- Cashier
- Chip Runner
- Count Room

Volunteer Shifts:

- Day/Evening Shift: 1:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Evening/Late Shift: 8:15 p.m. – 3:45 a.m.
- Count Room: 11:00 p.m. – 3:45 a.m.

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We truly appreciate the support of our parent community. Thank you for considering giving a few hours of your time to help make our casino fundraiser a success! Please see attachments for more information.

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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.

Inclement Weather

Schools and families should note that transportation cancellations are rare.

In most cases, buses continue to operate but may experience delays due to weather and road conditions.

Families are encouraged to download the BusPlanner Delays App and monitor the BusPlanner Live Delays Board for real-time transportation updates.

Additional information is available on the SharePoint page: Transportation-Notifications-During-Severe-Weather

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 OR DRIVE THROUGH THE STAFF PARKING LOT. WE ASK THAT YOU USE THE ANGLE PARKING BESIDE THE PARKING LOT.

UPCOMING DATES

November 10: Remembrance Day Ceremony 9:00



November 11-13: Remembrance Day Fall Break

November 19: Demonstration of Learning

ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE:

https://www.ecsd.net/

ST. CATHERINE WEBSITE:

https://stcatherine.ecsd.net/

