



CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: October 5-9, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 5:

- ★ Happy World Teachers Day to all of our teachers!
- ★ READ IN Week Begins! Throughout the week we will be having a few guest readers in the school to help celebrate the gift of reading with us.
- ★ Girls / Boys Soccer Semi – Finals. Location TBA



Tuesday, October 6:

- ★ Girls / Boys Soccer Semi – Finals @ Callingwood @ 3:00

Wednesday, October 7:

- ★ Grades 1A, 1B, 1C away to Hawrelak Park Field Trip
- ★ Boys volleyball tryout #1 @ 3:00
- ★



Thursday, October 8:

- ★ FULL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- ★ Boys volleyball tryout #2 @ 3:00

Friday, October 9:

- ★ ½ DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.
- ★ 9:00 Thanksgiving Celebration for students in the gym
- ★ 12:00 Fall break begins! No classes from Oct 10-25
Classes resume October 26



Monday, October 26:

CLASSES RESUME!!! Welcome back from fall break!



PRAYER

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Father Glenn McDonald: Little Liturgies - October 4, 2026:

<https://youtu.be/WDi78wUXOGU?si=Ym49n9d6mxGGVkmQ>

Father Julian Bilyj – October – The Month of Mary:

<https://youtu.be/GI11KgQHwCo?si=lgTPLIZggNgayo-u>



A Prayer of Thanksgiving: Loving God, we gather with grateful hearts to thank You for the many blessings You have placed in our lives. We thank You for the gift of creation, for the beauty of the changing seasons, and for the abundance that sustains us each day. We are grateful for our families, friends, teachers, classmates, and all those who help us grow in wisdom, faith, and love. Lord Jesus, teach us to recognize Your presence in the ordinary moments of our lives and to see Your goodness in one another. Help us to remember those who are hungry, lonely, hurting, or in need, and inspire us to share our blessings generously with them. May our words and actions reflect the love, compassion, and kindness that You have shown us. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this October, deepen within us a spirit of gratitude that continues throughout the year. Bless our school communities and guide us to be people of peace, hope, service, and joy. We give thanks for all that we have received, trusting that every good gift comes from You. We offer You our grateful hearts today and always, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE STAFF FROM ST CATHERINE, WE WISH OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A RESTFUL FALL BREAK!

Mrs Thamilselvan:

Our Mrs Thamilselvan will be starting her maternity leave after fall break. Our St Catherine Community is very excited for her and her husband who will be welcoming their child in November. **WE WISH YOU MANY BLESSINGS MR AND MRS THAMILSELVAN.**



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](#)

Online Registration Verification – VERY IMPORTANT!

Please see the information below about completing your child's registration. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call the school for support.



COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION

1. Visit powerschool.ecsd.net
2. Click on SchoolEngage
3. Complete the **2026-2027 Registration Verification Form** for each child

The image illustrates the process of completing online registration. It features three main components: a desktop screenshot of the PowerSchool SIS Parent Sign In page, a smartphone screenshot of the PowerSchool SIS app with the SchoolEngage option highlighted, and a browser screenshot of the SchoolEngage website showing a notification for an incomplete 2026-2027 Registration Verification Form. The Edmonton Catholic Schools logo is located at the bottom right.

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.

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.

SCHOOL BUS RIDERS:



If your children are being picked up on occasion and not going on the bus that day, please ensure that the student lets the staff members of their bus to 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.**

UPCOMING DATES

October 26:

- ***UofA Dental visit***
- ***Actions for healthy communities with EAL class***
- ***Stem Club***

November:

ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE:

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

ST. CATHERINE WEBSITE:

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