



# CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: April 27- May 1, 2026



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, April 27:

- ★ *Have a marvelous Monday!!!*
- ★ *Badminton game at JHP @ 4:00*

### Tuesday, April 28:

- ★ *Slo-Pitch Practice at Queen Mary Park @ 3:00*

### Wednesday, April 29:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Wednesday!*
- ★ *St Catherine Feast Day! Celebration online for staff and students*
- ★ *Badminton Practice at 3:00*
- ★ *Slo-Pitch Practice at Queen Mary Park @ 3:00*
- ★ *STEM Club for those students registered @ 2:45*

### Thursday, April 30:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Thursday!*

### Friday, May 1:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Friday!*
- ★ *MULTI CULTURAL DAY AT ST CATHERINE!*

## **Weekly Prayer:**

**Father Glenn McDonald – Little Liturgy – April 26th:**

<https://youtu.be/FWhyRFIXRYU?si=2D9fz0TwMgEblrVE>

**Father Julian Bilyj – Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations:**

<https://youtu.be/qTiw8SstAYY?si=022VpFV8sRwRZwl8>

**Division Prayer:** Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us today to make us stewards of your gifts and witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ, in our schools and in our world. We were created in your image and likeness; each of us a precious gift. Through the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, we ask you to protect and guide our students and staff, caring and watching over us at all times. Come live in our hearts and strengthen us to love and serve you. Let us glorify your name, being kind and generous to everyone we meet. With Christ as our model and our teacher, we celebrate and witness our faith, learning together, working together, and praying together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service. We pray this through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## ST CATHERINE MULTI CULTURAL DAY, FRIDAY MAY 1

Friday, May 1 is Multicultural Day! Be ready for a full day of fun, learning, and cultural appreciation! Please have your child wear cultural clothes and if possible, please bring a cultural dish for our Multicultural Day Potluck Lunch! All food must be dropped by 11:00 am.



## Updated 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

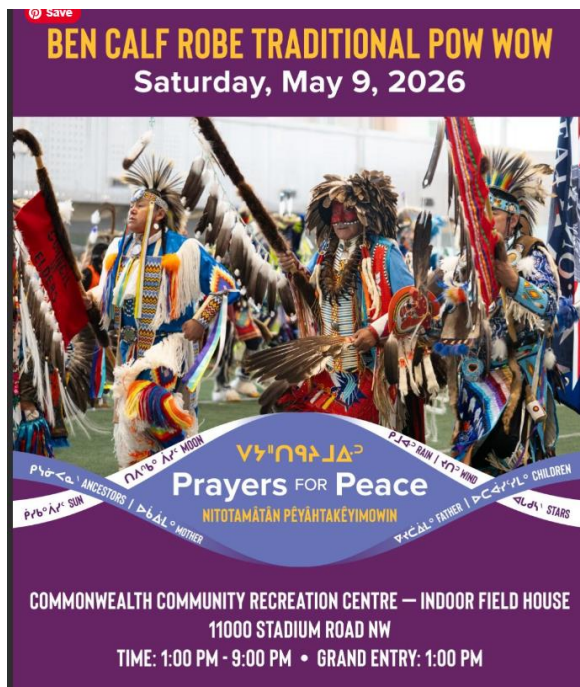
Edmonton Catholic Schools has updated the 2026-2027 Division year-round school calendar. While the total number of instructional and operational days remains the same, a few dates have changed.

There will be no classes for all ECSD students on Monday, October 19, 2026, as the province conducts a scheduled referendum and Elections Alberta has requested that schools not be in session that day. Fall Break will now take place from October 12 to 23, 2026.

View and download the calendar at [ecsd.net/calendar](https://ecsd.net/calendar)



You're invited to the Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow! Taking place on Saturday, May 9 at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre Indoor Field House, this free, family-friendly event is open to all. The event features Indigenous culture and history, with performances by diverse dancers and drummers. Attendees can also explore a variety of artisan, craft, and food vendors. Everyone is welcome! For more details, visit [ecsd.net/powwow](https://ecsd.net/powwow).



## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

Many of the experience's students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, staff, and community members generously give their time. This may include helping with lunchtime activities, special events, clubs, or school teams, often before or after the school day. These activities are not part of regular instructional time, but they play an important role in helping students build confidence, learn to work with others, and feel connected to their school community.

Our school and Edmonton Catholic Schools are grateful to the teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time in these ways. By working together, we can show respect and appreciation for those who support students outside of regular work hours and help make school a welcoming place for all.

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

Please note that our office hours are 8:00 – 4:00. Though we have many staff members here before and after those hours, phones are answered during these hours. Thank you.

## **Phone Calls For Students During The Day:**

Please see below a reminder of our Cell Phone Policy:

Cell phone usage is not permitted during school hours, 8:10 a.m. – 2:46 p.m. This is in respect of student and staff safety and to avoid instances of: cyber-bullying, privacy (unauthorized photos), threats (to students or staff) and the belief that a student's focus should be on learning in the classroom. The school will not be responsible for lost/missing/stolen cell phones.

**Students should not be calling anyone during the school day using their cell phone. If they are needing to use a phone they are to come to the office.**

**LUNCHES:** 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.**

***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.***

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Pay Online

**SCHOOL FEES:**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.

## **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 **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 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 can 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 the community

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## **UPCOMING DATES**

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**May 01: Multicultural Day**

**Badminton Open Practice (Gr 09)**

**May 04: Slo-Pitch Away Game vs Amiskwaciy**

**May 05: Slo-Pitch Practice, Queen Mary Park**

**Jr. High Badminton at Holy Trinity Finals**

**May 06: STEM Club (4-6)**

**Slo-Pitch HOME Game vs Highlands**

**May 08: Badminton Open Practice (Gr 09)**

**May 15: No School**

**May 18: Victoria Day- No school**

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**ST. CATHERINE WEBSITE: <https://stcatherine.ecsd.net/>**