



CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: September 7-11, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, September 7:

- ★ Labor Day Long Weekend. No school for staff or students!

Tuesday, September 8:

- ★ Return to school for staff and students
- ★ Options classes begin!

Wednesday, September 9:

- ★ Visit to the U of A – Kaye Clinic

Thursday, September 10:

- ★ 1/2 Day of School for Students

Friday, September 11:

- ★ FULL Day of School for Students
- ★ Fluoride/Sealant Program



LITURGY AND PRAYER

Division Video

[Here is a link to download the video.](#)

As we welcome students back for a new school year, we invite our school community to join #ECSD Division Chaplain Father Glenn McDonald in prayer. Wishing our students, staff, and families a blessed 2026-2027 school year rooted in joy!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A reminder to all schools with yellow bus transportation to include the Bus Safety Video in your school start-up plans. This video was created to educate students on the rules and expectations for behaviour while riding the bus, ensuring a safe and respectful environment for everyone. It aligns with the Transportation Manual and reinforces important safety guidelines.

[All materials are available here or in the Transportation section of myecsd.net.](#)

Let's work together to make every bus ride an extension of our classrooms, safe, respectful, and positive for everyone.

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 goes. **For the safety of everyone, we are discouraging parents from entering the school prior to the bell.***

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.

MESSAGE FROM ONE WORLD ONE CENTRE:

Edmonton Catholic School's [One World...One Centre](#) is inviting newcomer families to a special information evening on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026** from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre ([9405 50 Street](#)).

This event is a great opportunity for families who are new to Canada to learn more about Edmonton Catholic Schools and the supports available.

You will receive information on:

- *Intercultural Services*
- *Community Partnerships*
- *School Procedures*
- *PowerSchool*
- *Busing*
- *Resources for English Language Learners*

Meet community partners and attend breakout sessions with Intercultural Liaisons on topics critical for new families to integrate into schools - available in 10 languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, English, Filipino/Tagalog, French, Spanish, Tigrinya, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions, meet ECSD staff and community partners, and learn about the support available.

Light snacks and refreshments will be served, and on-site childcare from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Please register by September 11, 2026, by [clicking here](#) or by calling 780-441-6060.

For more information visit [Newcomer Information Night](#)

We look forward to welcoming you!

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 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.

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. **OUR CONCESSION THIS YEAR WILL BE CASHLESS. WE WILL HAVE PUNCH CARDS AVAILABLE ON POWERSCHOOL TO PURCHASE FOR \$15.***



WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE PC CHILDREN'S CHARITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF SUPPORT FOR OUR SNACK PROGRAM. THEIR SUPPORT IS SO APPRECIATED. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR SNACK PROGRAM FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE NINE STUDENTS WITHOUT IT!

<https://www.pcchildrenscharity.ca>

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 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.

UPCOMING DATES

- ***September 9th – U of A Kaye Clinic (Dental Visit)***
- ***September 11th to 15th - Fluoride/Sealant Program (St. Catherine)***
- ***September 16th – U of A Kaye Clinic (Dental Visit)***
- ***September 23rd – U of A Kaye Clinic (Dental Visit)***
- ***September 28th – Picture Re-take Day***
- ***September 29th – Orange Shirt Day (in remembrance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day)***

For more information, please visit:

ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE: <https://www.ecsd.net/>

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