

CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: May 11-15, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 11:

- ★ Happy Monday!!!
- ★ Slo-Pitch away game @ Westmount at 4:15



Tuesday, May 12:

- ★ Slo-Pitch away game @ St Al

Wednesday, May 13:

- ★ Grade 7A and Kinder C field trip to the Stanley Miller Library (AM)
- ★ Slo Pitch Practice @ Queen Mary Park at 4:15

Thursday, May 14:

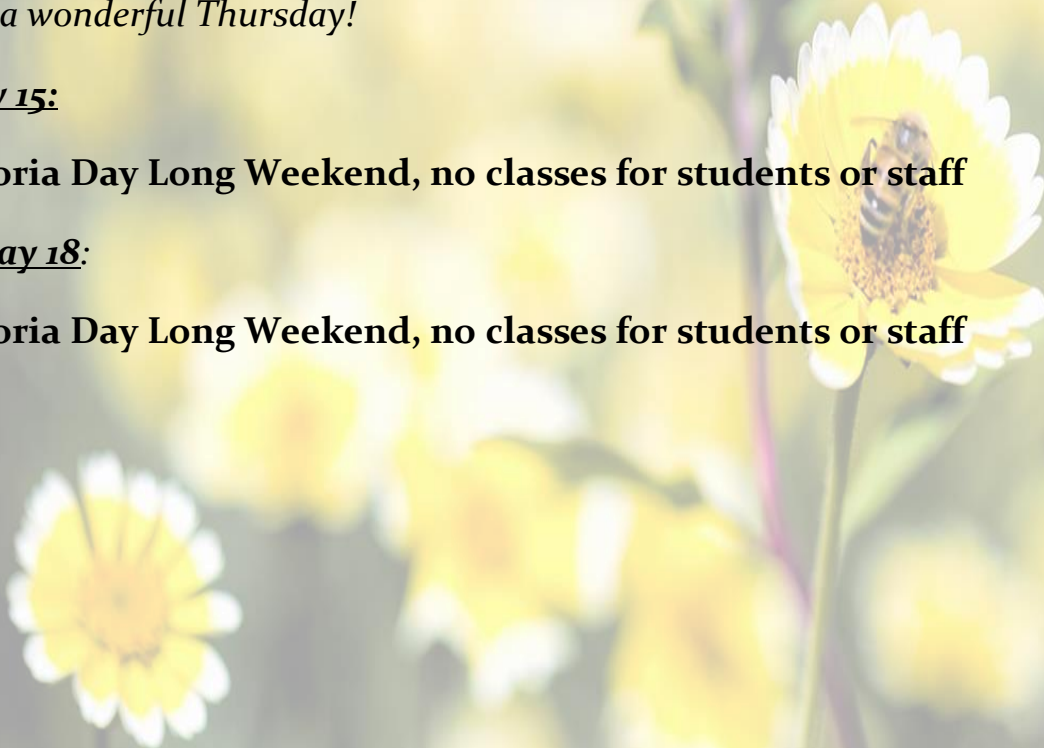
- ★ Have a wonderful Thursday!

Friday, May 15:

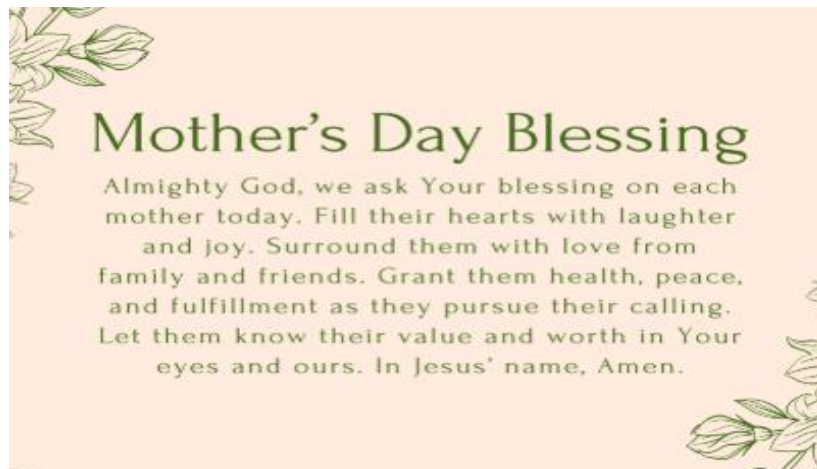
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Monday, May 18:

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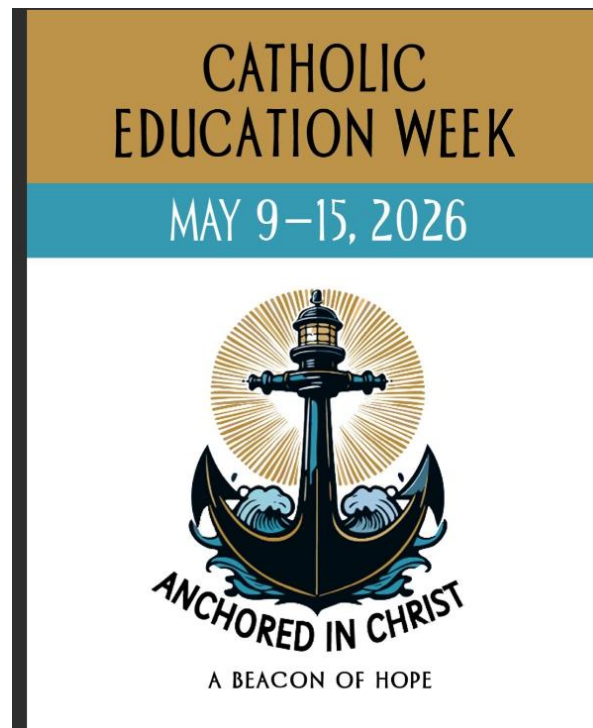
LITURGY AND PRAYER



Catholic Education Week 2026 Prayer

**Dear Jesus,
Let your light shine in our Catholic schools.
Let your grace rain down,
bringing hope to each person we encounter,
wisdom to our teachers and leaders,
and strength in times of trial.
Protect us from harm.
Let the children come to You,
for the kingdom of God is theirs.
St. Thomas Aquinas,
patron saint of Catholic schools,
Pray for us.
Amen.**





Catholic Education Week is celebrated May 9–15, 2026 and is a time to celebrate the gift of publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta. This year's theme, *Anchored in Christ, A Beacon of Hope*, reminds us that our schools are rooted in Jesus Christ and called to be places of faith, clarity, compassion, and joy in a changing world.

At Edmonton Catholic Schools, we are grateful to serve more than 51,000 students through a mission-centred education that inspires learning and calls students to serve God in one another. We give thanks for our students, families, staff, and parish partners who support Catholic education.

World Catholic Education Day is Thursday, May 14. School communities are encouraged to wear blue in recognition of the role Catholic schools play in faith and education across Alberta and beyond.

*And now abide
Faith, Hope, Love,
these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Health and Wellness Information:

Please see the links below for some information on health and wellness.

- [Health & Well-being in Edmonton Catholic Schools](#)
- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Kidshelpphone.ca](#): Kids Help Phone is a free, confidential service where children and youth can talk to a trained counsellor or crisis responder any time, day or night.
- [Kickstand Connect](#): Kickstand Connect offers free, confidential virtual mental health support for youth ages 11–25, including one-on-one sessions and group spaces, with no referral required.

Things to do now that the weather is nicer:

The City of Edmonton offers a variety of outdoor adventure programs for youth, families and groups. Learn more about the day camps, drop in outdoor programs and the available activities found in parks by clicking the link below.

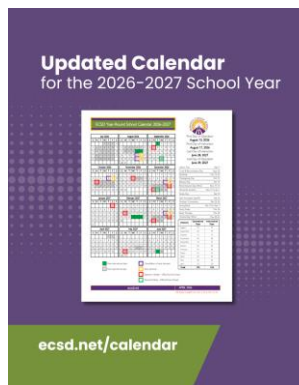
https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/outdoor-adventure-programs

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



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.

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

UPCOMING DATES

May 15: Victoria Day Long Weekend, no classes for students or staff

May 18: Victoria Day- No school

May 19: Slo-Pitch Practice @ Queen Mary Park

May 20: STEM Club (4-6)

May 21: Gr 09 ELA Part A PAT

Slo-Pitch Away Game vs Kenilworth

May 22: Badminton Open Practice

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

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

