



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: April 13-17



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 13:

- ★ *Happy Monday!*

Tuesday, April 14:

- ★ *Happy Tuesday!*
- ★ *Homework club with Mr. Shimelis for those students who are registered @2:45*
- ★ *Jr. High Badminton at St. Nick*

Wednesday, April 15:

- ★ *Happy Wednesday!*
- ★ *STEM Club for students who are registered @ 2:45*

Thursday, April 16:

- ★ **ST CATHERINE PD DAY. NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**

Friday, April 17:

- ★ *Design Studies Option field trip to AGA (PM)*
- ★ *Have a wonderful Friday!*

PRAYER

Little Liturgies Father Julian Bilyj:



: <https://youtu.be/qYcrIsmG BA?si=u mmGDaORh7d-HVO>

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

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT LYNNETTE ANDERSON'S APRIL MESSAGE:

Once again, it is my pleasure to share some examples of *truth, beauty, and goodness* being experienced within Edmonton Catholic Schools this April.

TRUTH. One of the [pastoral priorities of our Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton](#) is Formation for Confident Witness. In support of this priority, on April 8 and 9, our [Board of Trustees](#) will present a [Lumen Christi Student Faith Leadership Award](#) to a student from each of our schools. These students were selected because their confident witness helps spread the truth of the Gospel among their school communities and beyond. The mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another. Our award winners are a true testament to the importance of Catholic education.

ENYA LEARNING PARENT EVENING:

On April 15 at 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting an evening for parents and students to learn more about ENYA Learning which is a program to support students and their families in literacy.

ENYA is made up of a team of individuals shaped by their diverse immigrant backgrounds, personal experiences of displacement, and the relentless desire to create an education system that serves every child.

Their mission is to revolutionize literacy and is driven by a deep understanding of students' struggles and the power of education to transform lives. They believe that each of us brings a unique perspective, grounded in our lived experiences, making our commitment to equity and personalized learning a true calling for each of us.

PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 AT 6:00 IN THE GYM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ENYA LEARNING AND HOW YOU CAN USE THIS PROGRAM AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

SCHOOL FEES:

Pay Online

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.

WE ARE ASKING ALL FAMILIES TO HAVE THEIR FEES PAID IN FULL BEFORE THE END OF MAY.

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.

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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 **BusPlanner 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 are able to 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 Carlos and the St Andrew Parish

Community would love to have our St Catherine School Community come and celebrate with them.

UPCOMING DATES

April 20: Jr. High Badminton at St. Catherine at 3.00 PM to 5.30 PM

April 21: Jr. High badminton at Holy Cross at 3.00 PM to 5.30 PM

April 24: Grade 5A at Clearview Recreation Centre

May 01: Multicultural day

ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE:

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

***Please click the link below
to access our school website:***

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

