CATS WEEKLY

ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HOME EDITION: November 9-13, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 9:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Monday!*
- ★ *Boys Volleyball practice @ 3:00*

Tuesday, November 10:



- ★ *Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gym at 9:30*
- ★ *Boys Volleyball practice @ 3:00*

Wednesday, November 11:

- ★ ***REMEMBRANCE DAY. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PAUSE AND REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DAY***
- ★ *Remembrance Day Fall Break. No classes for staff or students.*



Thursday, November 12:

- ★ *Remembrance Day Fall Break. No classes for staff or students.*

Friday, November 13:

- ★ *Remembrance Day Fall Break. No classes for staff or students.*





PRAYER

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Father Glenn McDonald: Little Liturgies – November 8, 2026:
https://youtu.be/o0Pdvo33t1E?si=RKV0c21jLAwJNMMk

Father Julian Bilyj – November 17, 2026 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary:
https://youtu.be/LG5UnYc3_ac?si=lBAnMAz_ORPFrcWK

Prayer for Remembrance Day: Heavenly Father, on Remembrance Day, we will gather in gratitude and reflection to honour the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our country and for the cause of peace. We remember those who gave their lives in times of war, and we hold in our hearts all those who continue to live with the physical and emotional wounds of conflict. Lord, welcome those who have died into Your loving embrace and grant them eternal rest. We give thanks for the courage, selflessness, and dedication of all who have served in our armed forces, and we pray for those who continue to serve today. We ask You to comfort veterans, their families, and all those who carry the burden of loss and sacrifice. May we never take for granted the freedoms and blessings we enjoy, and may we recognize the responsibility we share in protecting them. Lord, help us to be instruments of Your peace by choosing kindness over anger, understanding over judgment, and love over hatred. Guide our words and actions so that we may build a world where justice, compassion, and reconciliation prevail. May the lessons of remembrance inspire us to live with grateful hearts and to work each day toward a more peaceful world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





"In Flanders Fields"

by Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields The poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands , we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Holiday Hamper Sign Up:

Families who wish to sign up for the Holiday Hamper Program are needing to do so by November 23. Please scan the QR code below to sign up.







We want to remind families that students learn best when they feel their best. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover. This helps maintain a healthy learning environment for everyone. If your child needs to miss school due to illness, please submit an absence through SchoolMessenger or contact our office. Our teachers and staff are here to support your child's learning and can provide catch-up plans or resources to help them stay on track.

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.*
This link will connect them to the Compugen Parent Portal. Link Here

Optimal Learning Update:

https://www.ecsd.net/news/edmonton-catholic-schools-sets-direction-with-new-three-year-education-plan-20260429164455

We are excited to be continuing on our Optimal Learning Journey as a school and a Division. Please click on the link above for more information.

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.

CLOTHING Donation Event:

On Thursday, November 19 we will be having a Clothing Donation Event. We will have clothing donations available for families to come and get between 12:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m. The event will be in the concession hallway, outside of the gym and families are welcome to come and browse for items that thy may need at NO COST. Please bring your own bags as non will be provided.

CASINO FUNDRAISER AND OUR SAC:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our upcoming casino fundraiser at The Grand Villa Casino, 10204 – 104 Avenue, on:

Wednesday, January 13
Thursday, January 14

Casino fundraisers are a wonderful way to support our school, and we would greatly appreciate your help! No experience is necessary, and there are a variety of volunteer positions available:

- **Banker**
- **Cashier**
- **Chip Runner**
- **Count Room**

Volunteer Shifts:

- **Day/Evening Shift: 1:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

- **Evening/Late Shift: 8:15 p.m. – 3:45 a.m.**
- **Count Room: 11:00 p.m. – 3:45 a.m.**

We truly appreciate the support of our parent community. Thank you for considering giving a few hours of your time to help make our casino fundraiser a success! Please see attachments for more information.

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volunteer info-1.pdf

volunteer positions (1).doc

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR CASINO, PLEASE EMAIL NICOLETTE AT: nixs_n_luvs21@hotmail.com

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:

Inclement Weather

Schools and families should note that transportation cancellations are rare.In most cases, buses continue to operate but may experience delays due to weather and road conditions.

Data usage and rates will occur while using the Bus Planner Delays App.

Families are encouraged to download the BusPlanner Delays App and monitor the BusPlanner Live Delays Board for real-time transportation updates.

Additional information is available on the SharePoint page: Transportation-Notifications-During-Severe-Weather

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 OR DRIVE THROUGH THE STAFF PARKING LOT. WE ASK THAT YOU USE THE ANGLE PARKING BESIDE THE PARKING LOT.***

UPCOMING DATES

November 18: Junior Achievement grade 5's

EPL presentation (gr 4-7)

November 19: Demonstration of Learning

ECSD DIVISION WEBSITE:

https://www.ecsd.net/

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https://stcatherine.ecsd.net/

