



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: April 20-24, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 20:

- ★ *Have a marvelous Monday!!!*
- ★ *Science FUNdamentals Program in for grade 5A @ 10:30 AM*
- ★ *Junior High Badminton Game @ home @ 4:00*

Tuesday, April 21:

- ★ *Division guest visiting the junior high Bible Club*
- ★ *EISA Homework club for those students registered*
- ★ *Junior High Badminton away game @ Holy Cross*
- ★ *Junior High Slo-pitch tryouts @ Queen Mary Park*

Wednesday, April 22:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Wednesday!*
- ★ *Grade 5A @ Clareview Rec Center Field Trip*
- ★ *STEM Club for those students registered @ 2:45*

Thursday, April 23:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Thursday!*

Friday, April 24:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Friday!*
- ★ *Grade 5A @ Clareview Rec Center Field Trip*

Weekly Prayer:

Father Glenn McDonald – Little Liturgy – April 19th: <https://youtu.be/MAV1Ujqpo7k?si=1k5etuZZDVjslYll>

Father Julian Bilyj – Third Sunday of Easter – The Road to Emmaus: <https://youtu.be/JvT96a9X2-g?si=mFXGHZpolVJQH2MI>

A Spring Prayer

Dear God,
Thank You for spring.
Thank You for sunshine,
flowers growing,
and birds singing.
Thank You for our family
and the love we share.
Help us to be kind,
to help one another,
and to say thank you every day.
Fill our hearts with joy,
and our home with peace.
Thank You for Your love
today and always.
Amen





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Division Calendar For Next Year:

*The dates for the 2026/2027 school year have been set by the Division. To view the calendar, please us the following link: <https://www.ecsd.net/documents/4e476dbe-1164-4d0a-8c68-dfc2f1915a51/2026-2027-ECSD-YR-Calendar-MAR-2026-FINAL.pdf> ***Division Calendar****

For Next Year:

Please see the link provided, from the Government of Canada on free personal income tax clinics. This is not associated with the school. If you need more information please contact the Government of Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program.html>

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Many of the experiences 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.

Classroom-Based (In Person):

- *Archbishop MacDonald – 14219 109 Ave NW*
- *Louis St. Laurent – 11230 43 Ave NW*
- *St. Francis Xavier – 780-489-2571*
- *École J.H. Picard (French Immersion) – 7055 99 St NW*

Self-Paced (In Person):

- *Cardinal Collins Clareview – 3802 139 Ave NW*
- *Holy Trinity – 7007 28 Ave NW*
- *Mother Margaret Mary – 2010 Leger Rd NW*

Online (Asynchronous):

- *Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre – 9405 50 St NW*

Important Dates

- *Registration Opens: April 7, 2026*
- *3-Credit Courses: July 2–15, 2026*
- *5/6-Credit Courses: July 2–23, 2026*
- *Registration Deadline: June 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM*

For more Summer School information visit: <https://www.ecsd.net/summer-school>

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.

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.

COOLER TEMPERATURES:

The weather has shifted to cooler temperatures. We are reminding families about the importance of ensuring that their children are dressed warmly.

Decisions regarding outdoor activities are guided by [Administrative Procedure 131](#). The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder.

Please remember that recess will be moved indoors only during extreme weather conditions, so students are to come to school dressed appropriately for the outdoors.

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

April 27: Jr. High Badminton at JHP
April 28: Jr. High Badminton at St. Nick
April 29: St. Catherine Feast Day
May 01: Multicultural Day
Badminton Open Practice (Gr 09)
May 15: No School
May 18: Victoria day- No school

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