



CATS WEEKLY

HOME EDITION: March 16-20, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 16:

- ★ *Have a marvelous Monday!!!*
- ★ *8:45 – St Joes staff here to register Grade 9 students who will be going there*
- ★ *12:30-1:20 - Grade 9 High School RAP Presentation*
- ★ *12:00-3:00 Visit from Hearing specialist*

Tuesday, March 17:

- ★ *St Patrick's Day*

Wednesday, March 18:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Wednesday!*
- ★ *12:30 – Science FUNdamentals in school field trip for Grade 5A*
- ★ *1:00 – Science FUNdamentals in school field trip for Grade 2A*
- ★ *2:45 – STEM Club for those students who have registered*

Thursday, March 19:

- ★ *FULL Day of Instruction for Students*
- ★ *Father Mike Mireau Youth Faith Day field trip to St Charles Parish for our Grade 8 Students. (morning)*
- ★ *1:30 – Basket Ball Pep Rally for Junior High Students*

Friday, March 20:

- ★ *½ Day of Instruction for Students*
- ★ *Badminton open Practice (Gr 9)*
- ★ *12:00 Spring Break Begins... Many blessings for a beautiful Spring Break*

Weekly Prayer:

LITURGY AND PRAYER

Father Glenn McDonald – Little Liturgy – March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent:

<https://youtu.be/V29juUYR1sM>

An Easter Prayer

***Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior for You bring light to our darkness,
joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.***

***Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your
Resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from
following You.***

***In this Easter season, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we
might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels:***

He is not here in the tomb:

He is risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Please see the following link for more information about our
journey through Lent: <https://www.ecsd.net/news/our-lenten-journey>***
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Message From Administration:

Spring is that time of the year when all nature seems to come back to life. It is nature's time of the year to shout: "all things will be new!" It is a time of hope. The beautiful winter is over. The snow and cold have done their marvelous work of preparing for the newness of spring.

Lent is the springtime of our lives with God. The seed of the word of God was planted in our hearts. It has been there waiting to come forth. Lent is the time to grow in our relationship with God. In many parts of the world, there are people preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Sundays of Lent will find them standing before the communities into which they will be Baptized and promising to live the "way."

May God Bless you as you and your families continue to journey through Lent towards Easter!

Mrs. Stelmaschuk, Mrs. HagEstad, Ms. Carabeo

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.

ECSD Summer School 2026 – Registration Opens April 7

The School of Alternative Education is offering Summer School for ECSD students currently in Grades 9–12. Students can complete, upgrade, or accelerate coursework through a variety of delivery options.

Delivery Methods & Locations

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>



SPRING BREAK at EPL



A-Maze-ing Mazes (Ages 6 to 8)

Monday, March 30th from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A-maze yourself and your friends with your maze-building skills. Create your own twisty designs using recycled materials and help a robot race through a maze.

Pollinator Pals (Ages 6 to 8)

Tuesday, March 31st from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Discover how pollinators help flowers, vegetables, and other plants grow with crafts and activities!

Splat! (Ages 6 to 8)

Wednesday, April 1st from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Create amazing art with a shimmy, a shake and a splatter of paint! Clothes that can get messy are recommended.

LEGO Motion Lab (Ages 9 to 12)

Thursday, April 2nd from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your LEGO to life—one frame at a time! Create your own LEGO sets and characters, then bring them to life through stop-motion movie magic.

Shelley Milner Children's Library (Downtown)
7 Sir Winston Churchill Square Centennial Plaza
Phone: (780) 496-7039



SPRING BREAK at EPL



The Triple Fun Show

Tuesday, March 31st from 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

The Triple Fun show from Puddle of Mud Productions is a 'choose your own adventure theatre extravaganza!' It's run by two professional performers and the audience helps decide what happens by directing the choices. We get the audience active - they get to sing with us, dance with us and act with us, the goal is that they are up and down in their 'seat's' and we bring up several volunteers who get to dress up and be part of the performance throughout.



Bounce into Spring with Beth!

Wednesday, April 1st from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Beth's Picnic Show is back at EPL and this time she's celebrating Springtime! Songs focus on nature, creativity and picnic fun. Together, we pretend to have a picnic and notice the signs of Spring. This colourful and engaging indoor concert is great for the whole family.



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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 **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 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

March 19: Full day

March 20: Half day

March 20: Badminton open Practice

April 07: Classes resume

April 09: Holy Thursday Celebration

April 10: Spring Class Photos By Lifetouch



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

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

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

