



# CATS WEEKLY



HOME EDITION: May 4-8, 2026

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, May 4:

- ★ *Have a marvelous Monday!!!*
- ★ *Happy Bus Driver Appreciation Day*
- ★ *Slo-Pitch AWAY game at Airway Park @ 4:15*

### Tuesday, May 5:

- ★ *Jr. High Badminton at Holy Trinity Finals @ 3:00*
- ★ *Slo-Pitch Practice at Queen Mary Park @ 3:00*

### Wednesday, May 6:

- ★ *Badminton Practice at 3:00*
- ★ *Slo-Pitch HOME Game at Airway Park @ 4:15*
- ★ *STEM Club for those students registered @ 2:45*
- ★ *SAC MEETING FOR PARENTS @ 5:00 in the staffroom. We hope that you are able to join us!*

### Thursday, May 7:

- ★ *Have a wonderful Thursday!*

### Friday, May 8:

- ★ *Pizza lunch for those students who have ordered*
- ★ *Badminton open Practice (Gr 09)*

## **Weekly Prayer:**

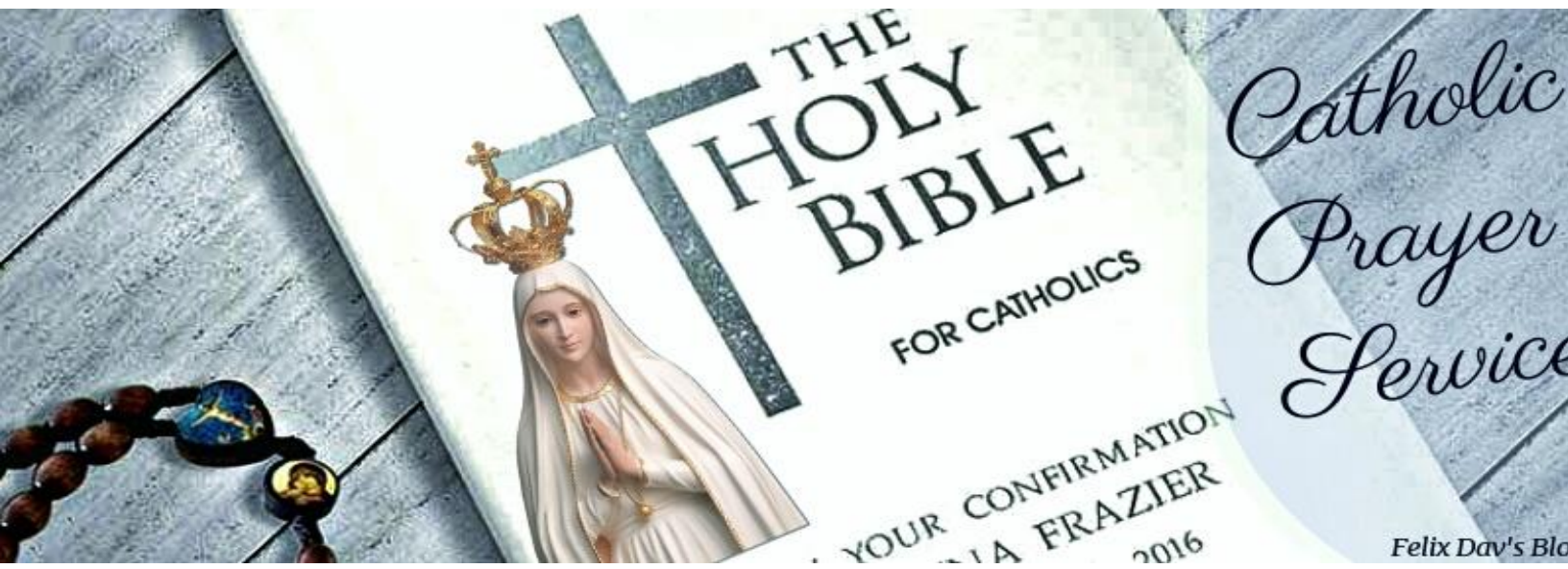
**Division Prayer:** Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us today to make us stewards of your gifts and witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ, in our schools and in our world. We were created in your image and likeness; each 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**

### **LITURGY AND PRAYER**

**Father Glenn McDonald – Little Liturgy – May 3rd:** [https://youtu.be/Oy\\_VU3UFCAQ](https://youtu.be/Oy_VU3UFCAQ)

**Father Julian Bilyj – Mary, the Mother of God:** <https://youtu.be/8Ag-vUOfVIQ>



## ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

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**CHIEF SUPERINTENDENTS MESSAGE:** <https://www.ecsd.net/fcbc5bc5-3621-4955-8316-e67939c0dfb9>

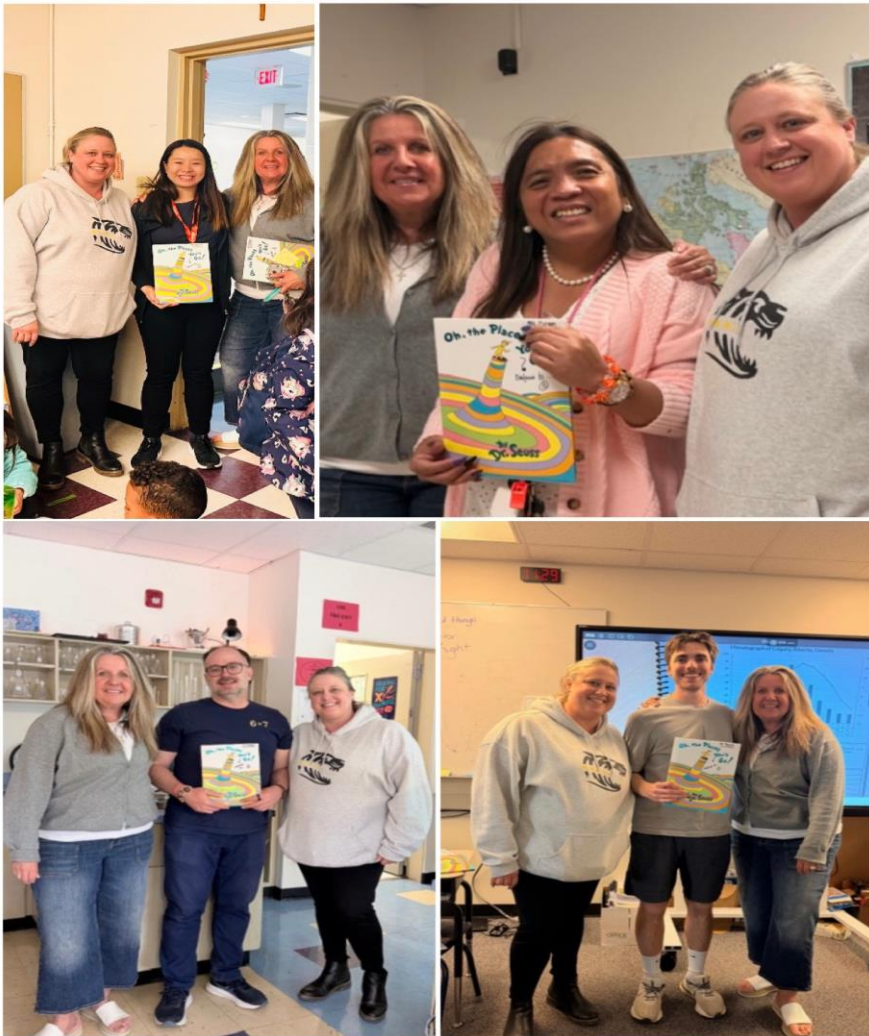


### **SAC MEETING**

On Wednesday, May 6 we will be having our SAC Meeting in the staff room at 5:00. We encourage all **parents** to attend. These meetings are an opportunity for parents to meet with our administration team and receive updates about the school and connect with each other parents. We hope that our parents are able to join us!



# Congratulations!



## **CONTINUOUS CONTRACTS FOR TEACHERS:**

Congratulations to our Mr. Petruch, Mr. Paradon, Ms. Cuizon and Mrs. Langlois who all received their Continuous Contracts with ECSD. May God Bless all of you. You continue to be blessings to our St Catherine Community.

## 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.

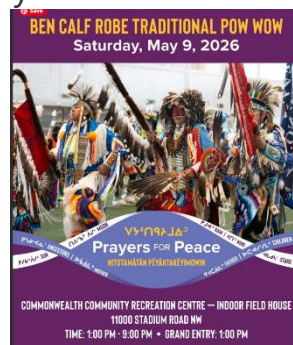
There will be no classes for all ECSD students on Monday, October 19, 2026, as the province conducts a scheduled referendum and Elections Alberta has requested that schools not be in session that day. Fall Break will now take place from October 12 to 23, 2026.

View and download the calendar at [ecsd.net/calendar](https://ecsd.net/calendar)



You're invited to the Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow! Taking place on Saturday, May 9 at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre Indoor Field House, this free, family-friendly event is open to all. The event features Indigenous culture and history, with performances by diverse dancers and drummers. Attendees can also explore a variety of artisan, craft, and food vendors. Everyone is welcome! For more details, visit

[ecsd.net/powwow](https://ecsd.net/powwow).



## **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.*

**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*

[Pay Online](#)



**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 11: Slo-Pitch Away Game vs Westmount@4:15**

**May 12: Slo-Pitch Away game vs St. Alphonsus@4:15**

**May 13: Stanley miller Library Visit ( 7 A & KC) @8.40 AM**

**Slo-Pitch Practice @ 3:00**

**STEM Club (4-6)**

**May 14: Mary Celebration (on Broadcast)**

**Junior High Track and Field**

**May 15: No School**

**May 18: Victoria Day- No school**

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

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