

November 22, 2024

Parent Week At A Glance

November 24 - November 30 , 2024



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that this upcoming week brings us to the end of November. This past week was filled with more incredible experiences! As part of our dedication to Truth and Reconciliation, our school was proud to host Goota Desmarais who shared her Inuit culture with all our students.



Grade 2 learned about printmaking and our Grade 6 students engaged in an interactive experience at our Alberta Legislature. We also had a select group of Grade 5 students spend the day at Lumen Christi and participate in our ECSD Wellness Symposium.



On the athletic front, our boys and girls volleyball teams continue to give 100% in match ups with Bishop Greschuk and a tournament at St. Edmunds.

This weekend our Choir attends the Oil Kings Game on Sunday to Sing for Santa and the Teddy Bear Toss. Thank you to Ms. Goertz for preparing our students for the fun experience!

[Chief Superintendent's November Message](#)



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THANK you
SO MUCH

YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!



We want to share a **BIG Thank you** to all the parents, grandparents, friends, family who are donating their time this Sunday and Monday for our Casino. These days are incredibly important to ensuring students receive the best experiences and access to learning resources.



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MORE BIG NEWS! Student Services Team

This week we welcomed our **Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)**, **Karla Blimke**, to our school based student support team. Ms. Blimke will be at our school on Mondays and Fridays. Please see her important message:

Hi St. Charles community,

*I am the new Family Liaison Worker at the school. My name is Karla Blimke. Christmas is coming soon and can be a challenging time. If you need support to make Christmas for your kids this year, there are two programs that you can apply yourself to get support with food resources and gifts for your kids. **The deadline to apply is December 2nd.***



1. [Christmas Bureau](#)—This program provides gift cards for food for the family and gift cards for teens (13-17 years old).
2. [Santa's Anonymous](#) - this program supports families with toys for your children (for 12 years and under)

If you need my help with filling out a form, please phone me at 780.237.5165 by November 30th.

*Thank you,
Karla Blimke*

Last week we welcomed **Ms Fenisha**, our **Emotional Behavioural Specialist** to our school based student support team. She is eager to work alongside our teachers to provide support for our students. She will also be working directly with students to help support their development. Ms. Fenisha will be here Monday to Friday all day.



Upcoming Events:

Did you know...

● Division

● School

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November 2024

month

week

day

list

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Collection for World Day of the Poor					Staff PD Day- Classes Cancelled	
	● 9:15 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena	● 10:00 AM Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant in Gr 4B	● 8:00 AM Sing for Santa Ticket Sale Last Day	● 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program ● 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	St. Charles School Faith Day	● 9:15 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena	● 12:00 PM No Stone Left Alone	● 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program ● 10:00 AM Remembrance Day Service	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break					Picture Retake Day	
Métis Week						
Hot Lunch orders due by Midnight		Remembrance Day			● 11:45 AM Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	
			● 2:30 PM Volleyball Game-St. Edmund at St. Charles			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Partnership Appreciation Week						
Goota Desmarais- Inuit Presentation Full Day		Gr 6 to Legislature	● 2:30 PM Volleyball Game Bishop Greschuk @ St. Charles	Holodomor Memorial Day		
● 2:30 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Greschuk		Mental Health Student Symposium		● 4:00 PM St. Edmund Volleyball Tournament		
School Bookings Open for Demo of Learning						
● 8:00 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena			● 6:30 PM SAC Meeting			

If you visit our website <https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices? This is the most up to date calendar of events.

Follow us on Instagram [stcharles_ecsd](#) for updates and announcements, and do not hesitate to reach out to us at (780) 456-5222 or email us at 8057PublicEmail@ecsd.net if you have any questions or need assistance.

Demonstration of Learning/ Scholastic Book Fair

Our November Demonstration of Learning will be November 28. Parents will Use this booking link to book a time and teacher:

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/tqt34>

Bookings will open on November 19 at 9:00AM and close November 26

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from November 26-28



Please be sure to check our Lost and Found when you come. All unclaimed clothing will be donated.



School Spirit Day- Silly Hair Day & Shumka Hot Lunch-
November 29

Orders for Hot Lunch are due before Sunday
November 24 before midnight!

Parent Advisory Council



Please join us in our first fundraiser of the year. We want to decorate your homes with beautiful Poinsettias and get everyone in the holiday season. We are offering a fantastic deal on Poinsettias. ***All proceeds will help with all the special school activities throughout the year.*** Your contribution and help are greatly appreciated!

The plant comes in a 7" pot with a foil pot cover and stands approximately 18" tall and 16" wide, making it an excellent seasonal decoration and festive gift.

1-2 plants total sold per student - \$25 each

3 or more plants total sold per student - \$23 each

- All orders are due by November 27th, 2024
- ***Cash or cheque payable to St. Charles Educational Association.***
- Pick-up – After school on December 4th and before & after school on December 5th.
- All poinsettias will need to be picked up from parents or caregivers due to the gentle nature of the items.

If you have any questions or concerns, kindly email:
Melissa Giacobbo at msgiacobbo@hotmail.com

Copies were sent home and messaged through School Messenger



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ECSD Annual Survey



1. Complete the paper survey
2. Fill out a survey for each child registered
3. Return by January 10, 2025

Visit ecsd.net/annualsurvey for more information

Have Your Say in Catholic Education!

The ECSD Annual Survey is here!

St Charles families will receive a paper survey sent home with their child. Your feedback helps shape the future of Catholic education. Please complete one survey per child and return it by mail or to our school using the provided envelope by January 10, 2025. Learn more: ecsd.net/survey



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7 Things You Need to Know About the ECSD Annual Survey

1. WHAT IS THE ECSD ANNUAL SURVEY?

The ECSD Annual Survey is held every year, giving you the opportunity to share feedback on how schools and the Division are performing. Paper surveys are distributed through schools or mailed directly to homes and can be easily returned using the provided envelope. This annual process helps Edmonton Catholic Schools improve and grow with your valuable input.

2. WE NEED YOU TO TELL US HOW WE ARE DOING

Edmonton Catholic Schools believes it is important to hear your thoughts on the overall performance of your child's school and the Division so that we can see what's working and what needs to be improved. The results of the ECSD Annual Survey will help inform our schools, sites, and departments and will be publicly shared with our Board of Trustees to support their decision-making.

At the Division level, we use the information from this survey to determine if there are areas that we need to spend more time and resources to provide the best possible experience for our students, families, and staff. Schools, in particular, look at their specific site-based information and build their growth plans to improve the experiences for their students, families, and staff.

Learn more at
ecsd.net/annualsurvey

3. WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS

You will be asked about the overall performance of your child's school and the Division, as well as your child's experiences on a variety of topics, including faith and religion, classroom learning and instruction, overall environment, and opportunities.

4. YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US GROW AS A DIVISION

The feedback we receive from this survey is incredibly important because, in addition to identifying areas for improvement, we also need to know what we're doing well so that we can target our efforts and resources effectively in the continuous improvement cycle.

5. ALL FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

We ask for feedback from a variety of sources in this survey. These sources include students in Grades 4-12, who complete the survey at school, teachers and administrators, and parents and guardians.

6. IT'S IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE A SURVEY FOR EACH CHILD YOU HAVE IN THE DIVISION

Each child has a unique educational experience. Completing a survey for each child allows families to tell us how we are meeting the diverse needs of our students.

7. YOUR VOICE MATTERS AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every voice matters. The more voices that are heard, the more accurate the picture that we get of the Division. The survey takes just a few minutes and will help us shape the future of the Division.



Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families



Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers who support children and youth, as well as sessions for adults looking to support their own wellness. Sessions are live and interactive. Our aim is to increase awareness and reduce the stigma around addiction and mental health challenges, provide participants with evidence-based information, and offer strategies that promote health and resilience. [Click to learn more.](#)

Download our latest newsletter: [November/December Newsletter](#)

Important Phone Numbers

- Recovery Alberta Children Youth & Families Centralized Intake Services: 1-780-342-4415
- Recovery Alberta Crisis and Stabilization Team: 780-407-1000
- Canadian Mental Health Association Distress Line: (780) 482-4357
- Kids Help Phone: Phone 1-800-668-6868 • Text 686868 • Message online kidshelpphone.ca

Check out the many more resources on [Healthy Living/ Healthy Communities](#)

[Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services](#)
[Health A-Z](#)
[Healthier Together](#)

Families Helping Families at St. Charles



We invite families to drop off any extra non-perishables to help stock our shelf for our families in need. We have relocated the shelf in our conference room just across from the office. This is a more discrete location to ensure the dignity of those who may need a helping hand.

Winter Clothing

For families requiring assistance with winter clothing, please contact our office. We have sizes available. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus, and our families for the generous donations.



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Visit <https://www.baturyn.ca/> to learn more about events and to sign up for their newsletter.

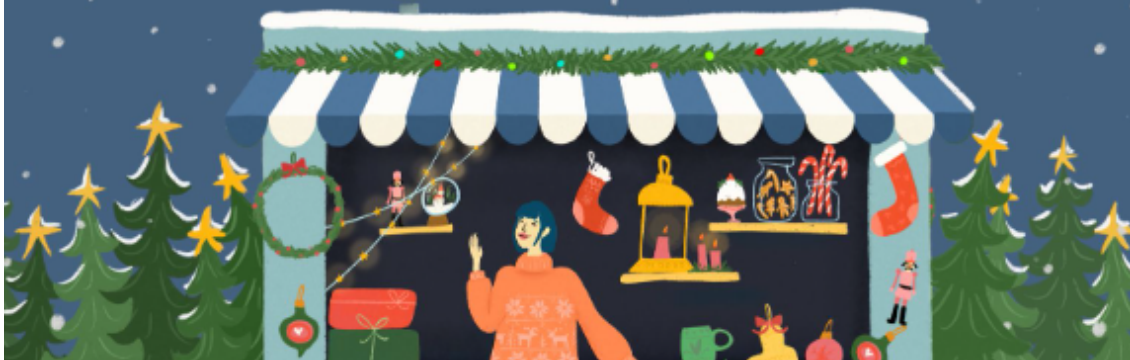
You are Invited to

Baturyn Community Holiday Market

FREE ENTRY
WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING
DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

Saturday 30 Nov, 2024	Baturyn Hall 10505 172 Avenue Edmonton	10:00am -3:00pm
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Enjoy the excitement of this year's holiday market event,
including over 20 amazing vendors and concession! Come on
out and support local makers and see what can be found for all
your holiday shopping needs and wants!



Focus: Peace NOVEMBER 2024 We Remember	
November 25	School Council Casino
November 26	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM Scholastic Book Fair
November 27	Scholastic Book Fair
November 28	Early Dismissal Fr. Cramer Visits Demonstration of Learning 1:00 -4:30 PM, & 5:30- 7:30 PM Scholastic Book Fair
November 29	YRCA Presentations Edmonton Public Library (Gr 4 - 8:30; Gr 5 - 9:00; Gr 6 - 9:30) Spirit Day (Silly Hair Day)/ Hot Lunch- Shumka Grade 4 to Visual Arts Studio- 11:00AM-1:45 PM

Focus: Joy DECEMBER 2024 Advent	
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December 2	Advent Liturgy @ 8:30 AM
December 3	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM
December 4	Grades 4-6 attend A Christmas Carol @ Citadel (TENTATIVE)
December 5	Assembly - Joy 8:30 am (No Broadcast today) Volleyball Cardinal Leger Early Dismissal
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
December 9	AHS Immunization All Day Advent Liturgy @ TBA
December 9-15	Hour of Code "Making the Invisible Visible"
December 10	Christmas Concert 6:00 PM, K-3 matinee 1:30
December 11	K-2 Skating (make up date) Christmas Concert 4-6 6:00 PM, matinee 1:30
December 12	Early Dismissal Fr. Cramer Visits
December 13	School Spirit Day and Hot Lunch IHop
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
December 16	Third Advent Liturgy @ 10:15
December 19	Full Day of Classes
December 20	Kindergarten Programming Early Dismissal- Christmas Break begins
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve
December 23 – Jan 3	Christmas Break





Important Reminders:

When being dropped off at school, please know that there is **no supervision at the park** in the morning. Students are to go directly to the back where there is supervision.



Dress
Warm!

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather. Students DO NOT go outside if the temperature and windchill is **-20 degrees** or colder. If temperatures are above -20C, students will be going outside, so dressing warmly is important!

Volunteers at St. Charles-

All people wishing to volunteer with us will need to complete a **volunteer form** for the year. Some parents will require a police record check (PIC) and child welfare check (IRC) if they are going on field trips or working with students. Please provide your child's teacher with your email address and interest in volunteering.

Police Information checks for volunteers, ages 18 and above, can be obtained free of charge directly from Edmonton Police Services, with a voucher which is provided by our Division.

The voucher must be **used within 1 week of obtaining it**. Please check your junk mail if you haven't received it.

Some field trip volunteers may also require an IRC to be completed, which is free.

Please contact your local Children's Services office or email CS-IRCrequest@gov.ab.ca for a blank form.

Please note that the clearance is valid for one year from the date it was issued.

Once you have received your documents, please send them to the office.

We love
OUR
Volunteers



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Parish News



Please visit [St. Charles Parish](#) for more on what is happening in our Parish.

Weekday Mass Times

- Tue: 6:30pm
- Wed: 9am
- Thu: 6:30pm
- Fri: 9am
- Sat: 9am

Weekend Mass Times

- Sat: 4:30pm
- Sun: 9am, 11am, 7pm



A reminder to all parents to send in a picture of your child once they have celebrated their sacraments.





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