

November 29, 2024

Parent Week At A Glance

December 1 - December 7, 2024



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that our Advent season is upon us. We are excited for all the upcoming events in December and look forward to celebrating this season with our students and families.

The end of November was filled with more memorable moments. Our Volleyball team played exceptionally well at the St. Edmund's Tournament and our Choir went to Sing for Santa at the Oil Kings Game. Thank you to our students and teachers for all your time and effort. Go Cardinals! (Keep Reading...)



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We would like to thank our families for coming out to our Demonstration of Learning on Thursday. These are special days when parents get to celebrate their children's learning. We also want to thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. A special thank you as well to our parent volunteers and Mrs. Melnyk who helped manage the set up, sales and clean up.



SPECIAL NEWS:

We wish to introduce our school community to our new Mascot and Sport Logo for St. Charles. The symbolism behind the Cardinal bird, representing hope, love, and spiritual presence, fits perfectly with the current hearts and hands of the school logo. The logo was inspired from a Grade 5 student's sketch and was embraced by students, staff, and parents who were actively involved in the decision-making process. This really makes the Cardinals logo a fantastic choice (and design)! **Go Cardinals!**



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Student Services Team

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*

Ms Fenisha, our Emotional Behavioural Specialist works 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. Her email is fenisha.francis@ecsd.net



Upcoming Events:

Did you know...

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November 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Collection for World Day of the Poor 8:00-12:00 AM Skating 8-12 at Castledowns Arena	10:00-12:00 AM Patrick Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultation at St. Charles	12:00-4:00 PM St. George's Santa Ticket Sale Last Day	8:00-10:00 AM Kindergarten Program	8:00-10:00 AM Halloween Band Concert	Staff PD Day - Classes Cancelled	
	St. Charles School Fall Day	12:00-1:00 PM Skating 8-12 at Castledowns Arena	12:00-1:00 PM No Stone Left Alone	8:00-10:00 AM Kindergarten Program Remembrance Day Service	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	
Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break Halloween	Remembrance Day		12:00-1:00 PM Volleyball Game - St. Edmund at St. Charles	12:00-1:00 PM Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza		
	Partnership Appreciation Week Costa D'Amato's - Irish Remembrance Fall Day	8:00-10:00 AM St. George's Legislative St. George's Legislative School Bookings Open for Terms of Learning	8:00-10:00 AM Skating 8-12 at Castledowns Arena	Halloween Memorial Day 8:00-10:00 AM St. Edmund Volleyball Tournament		

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.

Focus: Joy		DECEMBER 2024 Advent	
December 1		First Sunday of Advent	
December 2		Advent Liturgy @ 8:30 AM - ALL ARE WELCOME ESCD Annual Survey sent home this week	
December 3		Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM	
December 4		Grades 4-6 attend A Christmas Carol @ Citadel	
December 5		Assembly - Joy 8:30 am (No Broadcast today)- ALL ARE WELCOME Volleyball Cardinal Leger Early Dismissal	
December 8		Second Sunday of Advent	
December 9		AHS Immunization All Day Advent Liturgy @ 8:30	
December 9-15		Hour of Code "Making the Invisible Visible"	
December 10		Christmas Concert 6:00 PM, K-3 matinee 10:30	
December 11		K-2 Skating (make up date) Christmas Concert 4-6 6:00 PM, matinee 1:30	



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS- Due to fire code regulations, we will have to ticket our evening performances. All families will receive 2 tickets for entry into our gym for the 6:00 pm concerts. Tickets are coming home this week. We encourage extended family members to come to our matinee performances instead.

December 10- Kindergarten to Grade 3- Matinee at 10:30 am

December 11- Grades 4-6- Matinee at 1:30 pm



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

Have Your Say in Catholic Education!

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

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. A detailed letter will be coming home via School

Messenger once the surveys are distributed.

Learn more: ecsd.net/survey

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



Please reach out to our office if you are experiencing challenges. Our school team is here to support all our families.

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.





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



Important Reminders:

Please check the temperatures prior to leaving for school. We will not be sending out morning messages regarding entry to the school on cold days. Please trust that if the temperature is -20 or colder, all students are hurried inside via the closest entry point, including the front door.



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.

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.

