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St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

October 3, 2025

Dear Families,

We are sharing this week's newsletter, which includes details about upcoming events and school news. Please note that, due to the possibility of a province-wide teachers' strike beginning Monday, October 6, regular school operations may be disrupted. Any school events on our calendar will not take place during a strike.

If an agreement is not reached, classes will be cancelled, and students will not attend school in person or online. Families are encouraged to arrange childcare and ensure personal items are brought home by Friday. We remain hopeful for a resolution and will resume regular communication once the strike ends.

For updates and FAQs, visit [Labour Update: Preparing for ATA Strike Action](#)

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal

**Chief Superintendent Message** [October 2025 Message](#)



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## School News



Our **School Fundraising Society** would like to hear from parents about the kind of Fundraising they would like to see happen in the 2025/2026 school year.

Here is the survey link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_QSt7w3pNNnJAUdQTSbPHyij8rro4Cs8oG5nNb7N GG1NjKQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=115665666576295923481](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_QSt7w3pNNnJAUdQTSbPHyij8rro4Cs8oG5nNb7N GG1NjKQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=115665666576295923481)



Introducing SpacesEDU:

Access Your Child's Learning Portfolio

We're excited to introduce SpacesEDU, a new platform that provides you with insights into your child's learning journey! SpacesEDU allows you to view evidence of your child's progress across subjects.

Through this portfolio, you'll see samples of their work, reflections, and other achievements, providing a broader view of their learning and growth.

Please follow the instructions in the attached link to download the SpacesEDU app on your smart device for easy access. You will receive an email inviting you to SpacesEDU, don't forget to check your "junk mail".

We look forward to sharing your child's educational journey with you!

<https://resources.spacesedu.com/en/getting-started-guide-for-families/>



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Our **Social Justice Leadership Club** is kicking off a month of gratitude by supporting 2 very important social justice actions!

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:35-36*

**Socktober-** We are asking each family to donate 1 pair of socks for our city's homeless.

**Cereal Drive for ECSD Schools-** We are collecting cereal (low sugar) for our ECSD schools who offer a breakfast program.

We will be collecting for the month of October. Donation boxes will be set up in our library.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Please continue to check our website calendar regularly for news and events, <https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices.

**St. Charles is on Instagram!** This is where you will find a snapshot of the upcoming week and some great photos of what is happening. Follow us at: [stcharles\\_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)

We have also included the link to the Division Calendar for next year. [ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

October 5 is



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Dates / Times subject to change

| Focus: GRATITUDE OCTOBER 2025 |                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 5                     | <a href="#">World Teachers' Day</a>                                                                          |
| October 6-10                  | Read In Week- <b>READ IN 2025! READ IN Week Books to Bytes</b>                                               |
| October 8                     | <b>Picture Day Individual &amp; Class</b>                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday October 9</b>     | <b>School PD- No School today</b>                                                                            |
| Friday October 10             | World Mental Health Day <a href="#">World Mental Health Day</a><br>Thanksgiving Liturgy at School (time TBA) |
| <b>October 13</b>             | <b>Thanksgiving Day- No Classes</b>                                                                          |
| October 14                    | <a href="#">Alien In-Line K-6</a>                                                                            |
| October 15                    | <a href="#">Alien In-Line K-6</a>                                                                            |
| <b>Thursday October 16</b>    | <a href="#">Alien In-Line K-6</a>                                                                            |
| October 17                    | <a href="#">Alien In-Line K-6</a><br><b>Kindergarten Full Day</b>                                            |
| October 18-24                 | Catholic Education Week                                                                                      |
| October 19                    | Catholic Education Sunday                                                                                    |
| <b>October 20</b>             | <b>Municipal ELECTION DAY</b>                                                                                |
| October 21, 22, 23, 27, 28    | <a href="#">Alien In-Line K-6</a>                                                                            |
| October 31                    | Halloween                                                                                                    |

| Focus: PEACE NOVEMBER 2025  |                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday November 1         | All Saints Day                                                                      |
| November 3                  | School Spirit Day- Assembly                                                         |
| Nov. 4                      | St Charles Feast Day/ Faith Day- 8:30 Liturgy with Fr. Marc                         |
| Friday Nov. 7               | Hot Lunch- EDO<br>Remembrance Day Service                                           |
| November 9-15               | Rock Your Mocs 2025 Rock Your Mocs                                                  |
| <b>November 10-12</b>       | <b>November Break</b>                                                               |
| November 10-16              | Metis Week                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday Nov.13</b>      | Alberta Musical Theatre Company- Pinocchio @ 9:30 am                                |
| November 14                 | Picture Retake Day                                                                  |
| Sunday November 16          | World Day of the Poor                                                               |
| November 18                 | COSC (Community of School Councils) Evening                                         |
| <b>Thursday November 20</b> | <b>Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 -4:30 PM, &amp; 5:30- 7:30 PM &amp; Book Fair</b> |

School Wide Events Planned for 2025/2026:

- October 14-28- Alien Inline Skating K-6
- November 13- Alberta Opera- Pinocchio
- Feb. 13- Family Winter Carnival-
- Feb.17- Shrove Tuesday- Pancakes for School Community
- Snow Valley Skiing Lessons-Grade 4- 6
- Symphony at the Winspear for Grade 1-6 (Edu Concerts)
- March 18- Family Math Games Night
- April 10- April 24 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency



## **BusPlanner Delays App**

We encourage our families who have children who take the bus to download the BusPlanner Delays App on their mobile phones to receive late bus notifications. Instructions are located on [Yellow Bus Delays - Edmonton Catholic Schools](#)



## **HEALTHY HUNGER**

Our Healthy Hunger program has started up again this year. If you are new to the program, you can visit [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to sign your child up. Click on create account and follow the steps. You will be prompted to find your child's school as well as their grade and teacher. If you already have an account, you can log in with your same credentials and it will prompt you to add a student. Once lunches have been added, you will see them listed and you can order accordingly. Please note the following

1. **All orders MUST be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date.** In most cases, this will be a Sunday.
2. If for some reason you placed an order and your child will not be attending school that day, changes can be made up until the 5 day mark. After that day, **NO CHANGES** may be made. There are 3 options that can be done in the instance that your child is unable to attend that day.....
  - a. **You may come and pick up your child's lunch after 12 noon**
  - b. **You may donate it to another child of your choice**
  - c. **You may allow the office to donate it to a child in need of a lunch**

In all instances, please call the office ASAP, to let them know what we should do with your child's lunch. If we have not heard from a parent by 11:00 AM your child's lunch will be donated so it does not go to waste.

3. Please make sure to **double check** on the Healthy Hunger website that you have placed your child's order on the Sunday before. If your child's name is not on the list on hot lunch day, unfortunately there is nothing that we can do at the school as it is all done directly through healthy hunger.

If you have any questions in regards to your healthy hunger account, you may contact Healthy Hunger directly. **Next Dates are:** November 7 - Edo, December 5 - ihop, January 9 - Subway, February 6- Little Caesar's, March 6 - DQ





## School Advisory Council

Our **School Advisory Council** (SAC) plays an important role in building a strong school community, and we need your help.

November 5 @ 6:30 in the library

January 7 @ 6:30 in the library

March 4 @ 6:30 in the library

May 6 @ 6:30 in the library

June 3 @ 6:30 in the library

We encourage all families to join us so we have a strong representation of voices—and to ensure we meet quorum.

Together, we can make a difference for our students and our school community.

<https://www.ecsd.net/school-councils-and-school-societies>

[School councils | Alberta.ca](https://www.ecsd.net/school-councils-and-school-societies)

School Society Training Videos:

<https://www.ecsd.net/school-society-training-videos>



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## Parish News

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



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**First Reconciliation (Confession)  
&  
First Communion**



**Classes for FALL 2025**

**CLASSES ARE FOR BAPTIZED CATHOLICS ONLY**

### **How Do I Register?**

- **In person:** At the parish office on **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** between 10am and 6pm
- **In person:** At the parish office on **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** between 10am and 1pm.
- **Or by appointment.**

**→ No on-line registrations ←**

**→ Space is limited ←**

**NO Registrations will be accepted when classes are full.**

### **When Is a Child Ready to Celebrate These Sacraments?**

Children must be a minimum age of 7 years and in Grade 2 or higher.

### **What Do I Need in Order to Register?**

1. A copy of your child's Baptism certificate (unless your child was baptized at St. Charles).
2. A registration fee of \$50 for materials is requested (cheque, cash, or e-transfer to [office@saint-charles.com](mailto:office@saint-charles.com)).

### **Parental Involvement:**

It is mandatory for all children to be present at each class along with a parent (or another adult). Children will have homework each week to be completed with the help of a parent or another adult.



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## **2025 FALL Class Schedule:**

**All classes will start with mass at 6:30pm**

**Classes: 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

1. Tues. Oct. 7 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation
2. Tues. Oct. 14 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation  
Tues. Oct. 21 – NO CLASS
3. Tues. Oct. 28 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

**Wed.** Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – *Celebration of First Reconciliation*

4. Tues. Nov. 4 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Tues. Nov. 11 – NO CLASS – Fall Break
5. Tues. Nov. 18 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
6. Tues. Nov. 25 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
7. Tues. Dec. 2 – class for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

***First Communion*** will be celebrated at the Saturday evening & Sunday masses during the December 2025. Parents will be able to sign up for the date they want.

The first three classes will prepare the children for the celebration of First Reconciliation; the remaining four classes will prepare the children for First Communion.

***Because there are so few classes for each sacrament, it is necessary that your child attend ALL the classes.***

***It is mandatory that the children attend Saturday evening or Sunday mass.***

**Classes for these sacraments will be offered again in January 2026.**

*For more information, please call Linda at St. Charles Parish,  
780-456-5399 or email: [Linda.Boire@caedm.ca](mailto:Linda.Boire@caedm.ca)*





*St. Charles CWL Annual*

# *FALL BAZAAR*

*Saturday, October 25*

*10 am to 3 pm*

*St. Charles Activity Centre*

*17511-112 St.*

*Free Admission*

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*Bistro Lunch*

*Raffle, Baking, Gifts, Crafts*

***VENDOR MARKET***

*Bring your friends & family!*



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