

October 4, 2024

Parent Week At A Glance

October 6 -October 12, 2024



**St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School**

Dear Families,

Welcome to October! We wish to thank our parents for coming out to our first SAC meeting and hope to see more parents join us on November 20th at 6:30 pm for our next one. We have included a message in this week's newsletter detailing some exciting incentives for parents who have signed up for or will sign up for our Casino. The 2 day Casino brings in extra funds to the school to support the great things we plan to do this year. YOUR support is essential to our school community.

This short week was filled with some BIG moments of celebration for our teachers and students. On October 3rd, two of our new teachers were inducted into the Alberta Teaching Profession. Congratulations to Ms. Angotti and Ms. Dickson!

We celebrated ALL our amazing teachers on Friday by delivering a special treat to them in honor of World Teacher's Day on Sunday October 5th. We are grateful for their dedication to our students and families.

Our Friday morning ended with our student assembly where we honored our students who demonstrated Kindness throughout the month. All students will be recognized at some point through the year, but our hope is they strive each month to grow in a Christian Value. After all... here at St. Charles we are called to be the Hands and Heart for Christ. Our focus for October is Goodness.



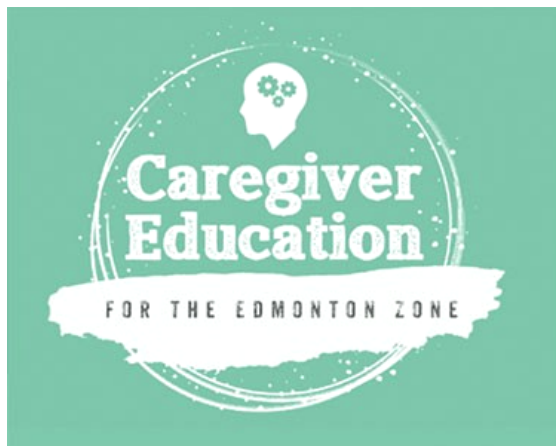
A reminder to all parents to send in a picture of your child once they have celebrated their sacraments.

Check out more great pictures on our Instagram account:
[stcharles_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)



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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: [October 2024](#)



Children, Youth and Families
Addiction and Mental Health - Edmonton Zone

Executive Functioning: Helping Your Child Succeed in School

📄 1 Pager Executive Functioning.pdf

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

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.



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October 2024 Message

Upcoming Events:

Website and Monthly Calendars-

Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming events.

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

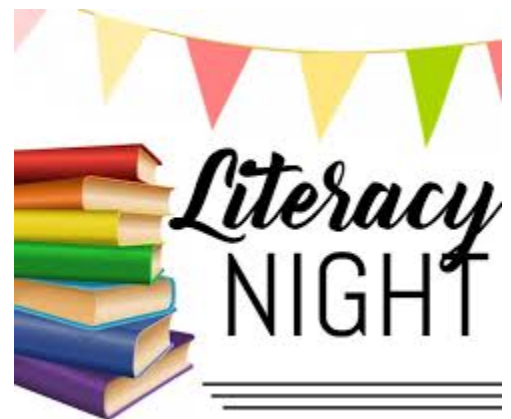
Our website calendar has now been updated, you will be able to click on the calendar, see what is happening and even print it off if you wish.

Read In Week- October 7-11, 2024



Thank you to Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Molenaar and Mrs. Martire for planning some awesome activities that promote the love of literature.

Parents are reminded that on **October 9, at 6:00 pm**, we will be hosting our Parent Literacy Evening with guest speaker Karen Filewych. Please call to RSVP to this **free event** by calling our office. All are welcome!



Picture Day- October 8,



Bring your beautiful smiles!

Retakes Nov. 15



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Thanksgiving Liturgy October 10 @ 9:00 AM

Please join us in the gym for our Thanksgiving Liturgy. We are asking students who are able to bring in a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. Boxes will be available by the office hallway for donations.

No School on October 14th - Take time for family and give thanks.

- Read **A Letter of Thanksgiving**, written by Sandra Talarico, Manager Religious Services

A blue graphic for Catholic Education Week 2024. It features a circular inset photo of diverse students walking. To the right is a white cross with yellow rays, above the word 'TESTIFY!' in bold, with the tagline 'SHARE THE REASON FOR YOUR HOPE' below it. At the bottom right is a small icon of a megaphone. The text 'Catholic Education Week 2024 October 19 - 25' is in yellow. A quote from 1 Peter 3:15 is in white text: 'But in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.'

Catholic Education Week 2024
October 19 - 25

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Catholic Education Week October 19-25, 2024

Catholic Education Week holds deep significance for the Catholic community, especially in today's increasingly secular world. This week stands as a beacon of hope and commitment.

A Time for Unity and Reflection

Catholic Education Week offers a dedicated time for prayer, reflection, and unity within the Catholic community. It celebrates the profound role that Catholic schools play in the formation of young people.

Celebrating the Value of Catholic Education

This week provides an important opportunity to reaffirm the value of Catholic education. Our publicly funded Catholic schools form students to become compassionate, morally grounded individuals who contribute to our society.

A Collective Purpose

Catholic Education Week unites the community to recognize the importance of Catholic education, pray for our students, and seek blessings for the future. It is a time to express gratitude for the opportunities that Catholic education provides and recommit to upholding the values and teachings of the Catholic faith.

"Testify! Share the Reason for Your Hope"

The theme "Testify! Share the Reason for Your Hope" offers a powerful reminder of the responsibility that comes with the privilege of publicly funded Catholic education. It calls for courage to ensure that schools remain true to Church teaching while providing academic excellence. (Taken from GRACE Newsletter, Sept. 2024)



An important message from Parent Council

Thank you to all who have signed up for our 2024 Casino.
We appreciate your support deeply!

We still need a few more positions filled.
We are looking for:

Sunday November 24, 2024

Evening Banker 6:15 pm to 3:45 am

Chip Runner 6:30 pm to 3:15 am

Monday November 25, 2024

General Manager 6:15 pm to 3:45 am

2 Cashier positions 6:45 pm to 3:15 am

Chip Runner 6:30 pm to 3:15 am

Count Room Supervisor 11:30 pm to 3:30 am

4 Count Room positions 11:30 pm to 3:30 am



We will be entering all that have signed up for the Casino and completed shift into a Draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 Walmart gift cards.

If you would to sign up for one of the positions above please contact Amanda Garcia at (780) 919-8084 or Melissa Giacobbo (780) 984-6680

With deepest appreciation,
Student Advisory council and Society.

Upcoming Important dates

OCTOBER 2024 Focus on Goodness	
October 5	World Teacher Day
October 6	Wellness Dog Visit
October 7-11	Read In Week
October 8	Picture Day- Class and Individual
October 9	Parent Literacy Evening with Karen Filewych 6:00-7:30
October 10	Early Dismissal Kindergarten Program Thanksgiving Liturgy Time @ 9:00 in the Gym- All Are Welcome Wellness Dog Visit



Reminders:

School Start Times/ Lates/ Illness- PLEASE Communicate with our office

SCHOOL HOURS

Hours of Operation Kindergarten Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	
Morning Program - 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Additional Days: September 26, 2024, October 10, 2024, October 31, November 07, 2024, December 20, 2024, January 30, 2025, February 13, 2025, March 21, 2025, April 17, 2025, May 15, 2025	
Hours of Operation Grades 1-6 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	Hours of Operation Grades 1-6 Thursday
Block 1: 8:03 AM – 9:45 AM (First Bell: 8:00) Recess: 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Block 2: 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM Lunch: 11:45 AM – 12:05 PM Recess: 12:05 PM – 12:20 PM Block 3: 12:20 PM – 2:00 PM Block 4: 2:05 PM – 2:39 PM Dismissal: 2:39 PM	Block 1: 8:03 AM – 9:45 AM Recess: 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Block 2: 10:00 AM – 11:29 AM Dismissal: 11:29 AM
Bell Schedule Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	Bell Schedule Thursday
8:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 8:03 AM – Inside Bells 9:45 AM – Inside Bells 10:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 11:45 AM – Inside Bells 12:05 PM – Inside Bells 12:20 PM – Inside & Outside Bells 2:39 PM – Inside Bells & Outside Bells	8:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 8:03 AM – Inside Bells 9:45 AM – Inside Bells 10:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 11:29 AM – Inside & Outside Bells

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PowerSchool under School Engage. Please click on this
[link](#) to find out more information or to watch a video on
how to sign up.*



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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 <https://saint-charles.com/> for what is happening in our Parish.

Please visit our school website www.st.charles@ecsd.net or follow us on Instagram [stcharles_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/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.

Yours in Catholic Education,

~The School Administration



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