

October 25, 2024

Parent Week At A Glance

October 28 -November 1, 2024



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Dear Families,

This special week dedicated to Catholic Education, reminded all of us of how blessed we are to be able to learn, pray, and celebrate together. Our school community joined together to pray the Angelus and classes engaged in various reflection activities on how our Catholic school nurtures hope within each of us. We encourage our families to pray this beautiful prayer at home and to continue praying for our Catholic Education.

*"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."
(1 Peter 3:15)*



Please read the letter from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories: [English Letter](#)

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
Thy grace into our hearts, that we to
whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy
Son was made known by the message
of an angel, may by His Passion and
Cross be brought to the glory of His
Resurrection. Through the same
Christ Our Lord.
Amen



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Our students had the opportunity to visit with **Cree Elder Gary Gagnon** to learn more about Indigenous culture. We are grateful for his sharing of stories and experiences. We look forward to more guests coming to visit us so we can grow in our understanding of our brothers and sisters and walk together toward Truth and Reconciliation

The month of October was also dedicated to Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness. It is a chance to highlight the different ways our students communicate and how we can all work together to create a communication-accessible community. Our Educational Assistants, students and Instructional Coach participated in some very powerful learning experiences.



An important message from Parent Council:

We are now in need of 5 shifts!

Sunday November 24, 2024

- Day Banker 9am to 6:30pm
- Day Cashier 9:30 am to 7pm
- Chip Runner 6:30 pm to 3:15am

Monday November 25, 2024

- 2 Evening Cashiers 6:45pm to 3:15 am



Don't forget! Everyone that has signed up and completed the shift will be entered into a draw for 1 of 2 gift card prizes!

Please contact Amanda Garcia (780)919-8084 as soon as possible if you can help.

Upcoming Events:

Learning Portfolios

Teachers will be sending home your child's learning portfolio for September/October this week. Please take some time to sit with your child and go through their learning. Celebrate success!

October 31-Halloween/ Kindergarten Program

This year, Halloween falls on a Thursday. We will be welcoming the O'Leary Band at 9:10 AM for a Spooktacular Concert. Students are welcome to arrive in costume. Please remember no weapons, masks or other articles that may be deemed unsafe or threatening. Students will have activities in their classrooms after recess. Please see more information from your child's teacher.



HALLOWEEN REMINDERS



Students are encouraged to come to school already dressed in their costumes, as there will not be time to get ready at school.

Please keep your costumes 'school appropriate'

- No violent or gory costumes (this means no weapons, either)
- Keep the props at home
- Full face masks may only be worn in the classroom
- Costumes cannot interfere with schoolwork

If you don't want to wear a costume, feel free to wear orange/black to still be in the Halloween spirit!



November 1- No School/ Staff Professional Development Day

There is no school for students. Our staff will be engaging in a full day of professional development in the area of literacy.

November 4- St Charles Feast Day/ Student Faith Development Day

More details to come about this very special day dedicated to deepening our faith life as a school community.



Social Justice In Action this Month

Halloween Treat Collection

This year at St. Charles, we are encouraging students who go out trick or treating to bring back one or more Halloween treats for Edmonton's inner-city community. We will be collecting Halloween treats from Nov. 4-7. All treats collected will be delivered to people outside of shelters in Edmonton's inner city. If each student at St. Charles donates one Halloween treat, we will have 350 treats to share!



Sunday, November 17th is the 8th annual **World Day of the Poor**. Sacred Heart Parish will organize an outreach event targeted at reaching approximately 350 of our city's most vulnerable and unhoused men and women. Each year, the Parish plans a warm meal to serve and also distributes clothing and toiletry essentials. They also create care packages that are delivered to those men and women that cannot make it to the church. This year's event is planned for November 16th .

The Grade two's are leading this initiative. Your child will be bringing home a note, "World Day of the Poor" asking for specific items. **We will be collecting from October 21-31.** Here is the list of items assigned to each class (All adult sizes please):

Grade one and Kindergarten- Socks

Grade two - Face cloths

Grade three -Underwear (M and L)

Grade four - Long sleeve T-shirts (M and L)

Grade 5 - Scarves

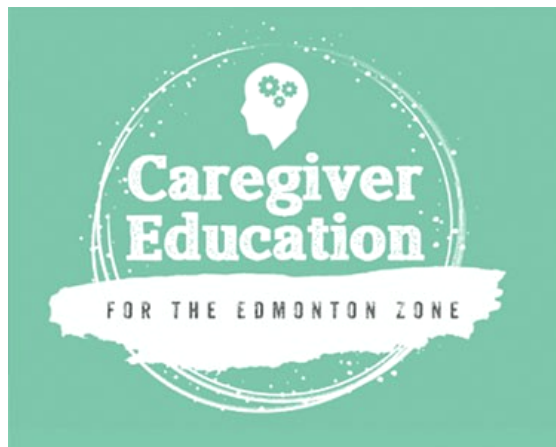
Grade 6 - Touques

No Stone Left Alone

Our Grade 4 students will be making their way to St. Joachim's Cemetery on November 6 to lay painted poppies on the headstones of our veterans and to participate in a Remembrance Day outdoor graveside service. They will be preparing for this through acts of service to raise money for our veterans. A whole school ceremony will take place on November 7 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend these events. More details to follow.



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](#)



[YMCA North Central Edmonton Family Resource Network 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](https://www.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 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.



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Upcoming Important dates

October 28	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena 9:15-11:30AM U of A Nutrition Students visit 4B, 5B, 6B Bernie the Wellness Dog visits
October 29	Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant visits Gr 4B
October 30	Lockdown Practice Drill 2:05pm - Students will be informed of procedures prior
October 31	Early Dismissal Halloween Concert from O'Leary at 9:10 and classroom activities after recess Kindergarten Program
Focus: Peace NOVEMBER 2024 We Remember	
November 1	All Saints Day Staff Full Day PD- Classes Canceled
November 4	St. Charles Feast Day- School Faith Day
November 5	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM
November 6	Grade 4 to visit St. Joachim Catholic Cemetery- No Stone Left Alone Ceremony
November 7	Early Dismissal / Kindergarten Program Remembrance Day Service @ 10:00 AM
November 8 - 12	Remembrance Day/Fall Break – Classes canceled
November 15	Picture Retake Day Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza
November 18	Goota Desmarais- Inuit Presentation Full Day
November 19	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM Mental Health Student Symposium Gr 6 to Legislature
November 21	Early Dismissal St. Edmund Volleyball Tournament
November 22	School Spirit Day & Hot Lunch
November 24	Choir goes to Sing for Santa at Rogers 4:00 PM School Council Casino - Urgent Volunteers Needed
November 25	School Council Casino - Urgent Volunteers Needed
November 26	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM
November 28	Early Dismissal Demonstration of Learning 1:00 -4:30 PM, & 5:30- 7:30 PM Scholastic Book Fair
November 29	Spirit Day & Hot Lunch- Shumka



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.



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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 <i>(First Bell: 8:00)</i> 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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[link](#) to find out more information or to watch a video on
how to sign up.*



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.

