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St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

January 25, 2026

**Dear Families,**

February is shaping up to be a very busy month at our school, as many of the events originally planned for October have been rescheduled and will now take place in the coming weeks. A long-awaited highlight is **inline skating**, which all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will have the opportunity to experience. A big thank you to our Parent Council for generously subsidizing most of the cost. Field trip forms will be coming home this week.

Please note that **Thursday, January 29 is a school professional development day**, and there will be **no school for students**. On this day, our staff will be engaged in professional learning focused on strengthening teaching practices to best support student growth and well-being.

We are looking forward to an upcoming **school assembly led by our Grade 1 students**, who will be sharing their learning around the value of Love. It is always a joy to see our youngest learners lead us in reflection and model our shared values.

We are also excited to welcome families to our **Family Winter Carnival on February 13**. We hope to see everyone for an evening of fun, connection, and community building. Events like this are a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the relationships that make our school such a special place. **Tickets can be added to your cart on PowerSchool** (only **one ticket** is needed per family for entry). An exciting **Silent Auction** will also take place that evening.

Looking ahead, **registration for the 2026–2027 school year opens on February 2**, with **Kindergarten registration beginning at the same time**. Please help spread the word to friends, neighbours, and family members who may be considering joining our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal





## Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's January reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness as we begin our Advent journey by [clicking here](#) or by visiting [ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-message](http://ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-message) .

## 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.

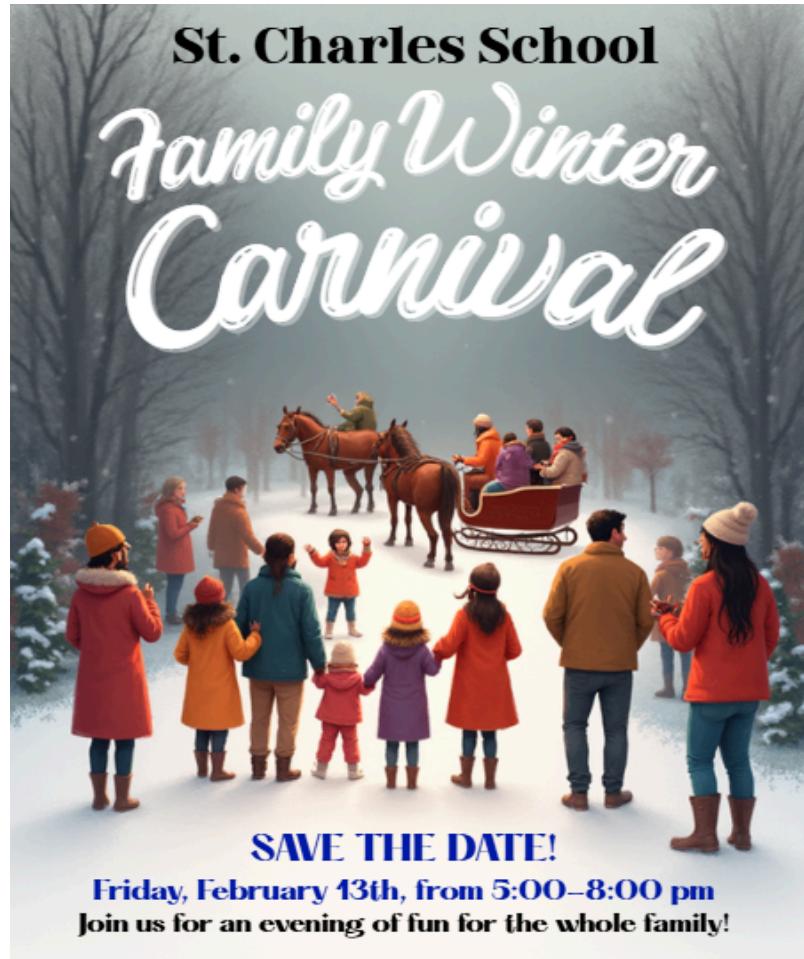
**St. Charles is on Instagram!** This is where you will find a snapshot of the upcoming week and some great photos of what is happening. Follow us at: [stcharles\\_ecsd](#)

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

Focus: COURAGE	JANUARY 2026
January 26	Grade 4-6- First FLEX Sessions 8:45-9:45 (Every Monday) Grade 1 In school Field trip - Art Workshop- Clay & Glass Fusion Cardinal Leger Presentation to Grade 6 students
January 27	<a href="#"><u>Family Literacy Day 2026: Make mealtime family learning time</u></a> <b>January Summary Reports available online at 4:00PM</b> Kindergarten Puppet Treehouse Presentation
<b>Thursday January 29</b>	<b>School PD Day- No Classes</b>
Friday January 30	Assembly- Love led by Grade 1 at 9:15 AM School Visit with Gary Gagnon (ILS) Medicines and Prayer Grade 4-6

Focus: LOVE FEBRUARY 2026 – Black History Month	
Feb. 2	Pre-enrollment and new registrations open
Feb 2-13	Alien In Line
Feb. 3	Snow Valley Skiing for Grades 4-6
Thursday Feb 5	Grade 6 Feeder School Visit to St. Edmunds
Friday February 6	School Spirit Day/ Hot Lunch- Little Caesar
February 9 & 10	Grade 4A to ICE School
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Family Winter Carnival Evening- 5:00-8:00 pm (see details below)</b>
Feb. 14	Valentines Day
Feb. 14-20	Random Acts of Kindness Week <u>The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation</u>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>Family Day- no school</b>
Feb. 17	Chinese Lunar New Year- Year of the Horse <b>Shrove Tuesday</b>
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Deacon Joseph at 9:00AM
Thursday Feb. 19	<b>Fr. Marc Parish Visit</b>

Feb. 24	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 25	<b>Faith Development Day/PD- No School</b>
<b>Thursday February 26-27</b>	<b>Teacher's Convention</b>



### Family Winter Carnival 2026/ Silent Auction

We are excited to host our first Family Winter Carnival Event on **February 13!** What a great way to kick off the Family Day Long Weekend with sleigh rides, a photobooth, dance, crafts and treats. All activities are free with **your one time Family Ticket purchase of \$ 25.00.**

Ticket sales are on PowerSchool now!

We will also be running a **Silent Auction** for some incredible city wide family fun events to make your weekend awesome! Proceeds from the auction will be donated to the ECSD Foundation.

**A special thank you to our Silent Auction Donors:**

Sponsor:	Donation:	Value:
The Comic Strip	8 tickets to a performance	\$280.00
RiverHawks	2 tickets for 2026 season	\$50
Alberta Aviation Museum	Family Pass	\$38.00
Calaway Park	4 one-day passes	\$234.99
Bronx Bowling	1 hour Gift Certificate	\$46.00
Laser City	6 free games of Laser Tag	\$65.94
Canadian Brewhouse	Burger Bar Voucher	\$250

**A table will be set up next to the staffroom**



January Report cards will be available at 4:00PM on January 27 on PowerSchool. Please take some time to read through them and celebrate your child's success this far!



## Registration Opens for 2026-2027 School Year!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year opens on Monday, **February 2, 2026**. This is also when current ECSD students can complete the pre-enrolment process to select their school for the upcoming school year. Please visit our [registration page](#) for more information.

**Our Open House is March 5th 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

### Important Reminders

#### Inclement Weather

Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton is the site that is consulted at [https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50\\_metric\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html).

The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside if the temperature is **-20° C or colder**, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder. Indoor supervision will begin at 7:45 AM.

#### Drop Off Zones/Designated Handicapped Parking

A reminder to not enter the parking lot for end of day pick up as only the Baturyn Playschool parents with valid passes are permitted. Individuals who hold a valid handicapped pass are the only ones who should be accessing the dedicated space. Finally, please avoid parking by the fire hydrant to avoid getting ticketed.

Please be patient and try to help by following these simple rules. If you notice an issue, please call into the office- 780 456-5222 immediately and we will try to get a staff member outside to help direct traffic especially after school. We all must be responsible for our students' safety.

### **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](#)



### **School Advisory Council**

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

**Our Next Meeting is March 4 @ 6:30 in the library**

**For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities please email:**

[stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com](mailto:stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com)



A reminder to all parents that **school fees are now due**. Please log into your parental portal to make payment. If you need assistance, please contact our office.

## Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

### 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](http://kidshelpphone.ca)

### Additional tips for supporting mental health at this time of year

- CMHA Edmonton: Winter Mental Health - a Guide for Good Practices: <https://edmonton.cmha.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CMHA-Edmonton-Winter-Mental-Health-Guide.pdf>

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! [www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca)



### 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.

### Food Donations

We want to remind all our families that we are here to support you. We are still collecting food donations for our pantry, and any family in need is asked to contact the office or speak with Mrs. Moniz directly for assistance. Her email is [laura.moniz@ecsd.net](mailto:laura.moniz@ecsd.net)



## Parish News

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

Please let us know when your child celebrates their Sacraments and send along a photo for our display!



**Registration for our  
2026 summer camping  
season opens on  
January 26th.**

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For young people from grades 4 to 12. Experience faith, fun, and community at camp! Celebrate the Sacraments, make friends, and learn new skills like archery.

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# Make mealtime family learning time.



**Follow recipes, make shopping lists, and share stories at the dinner table.**

Preparing for mealtime is a fun (and tasty) way for families to learn together!

Find fun family activities at: [FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://FamilyLiteracyDay.ca)

