

March 21, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

March 23- April 5, 2025

Message from the Administration

Dear Families,

This week we came together in celebration of our vibrant and diverse school community. Our Cultural Day highlighted the beautiful ethnic mosaic that fills our building. The joy and excitement, and of course the abundance of food reminded all of us of how truly blessed we are to be here at St. Charles. Thank you to the families who supported the event in big and small ways. We appreciate all you do for our school and your participation.

We invite parents to join us on Tuesday April 1st in the library for our next Parent Council meeting starting at 6:30 pm, to learn more about upcoming events and how you can be involved.

Upon our return from Spring Break, we continue our Lenten journey and our social justice through collections in support of Development and Peace, and we begin preparations for Holy Week through our student-led Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday.

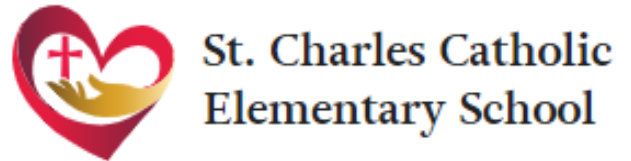


On behalf of all our staff we wish you all a restful Spring Break. Classes will resume March 31st.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee
Principal

Mrs. Ashley Jennings
Assistant Principal



Chief Superintendent Message

Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on our Lenten journey and the many ways that students develop their gifts and talents in Edmonton Catholic Schools. [Click here](#) to read her April Message.



New Registrations Are Still Open!

Do you know a family that has a child born in 2020?

If so, let them know that our school is accepting registrations for Kindergarten!

Our goal is to have two half day classes for this fall. We would love to offer a morning and afternoon choice for families.

Visit our website for a great video and don't forget to follow us on Instagram.

Spread the word....

St. Charles Catholic School is Awesome!

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to contact our office to book a tour.

(subject to change)

Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates: Orders for Hot Lunch are due the Sunday prior, before midnight!



- April 4- Subway
- May 2- iHop



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.



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](#)

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdy's chocolates from our fundraiser! 💜🍫



This year, we're hoping to raise \$3000 for Makerspace, and we need YOUR help! 🙌😍

What is a Makerspace? A Makerspace is a dedicated area in our school where students can engage in hands-on, creative projects. It is equipped with a variety of materials and coding programs that allow students to explore, invent, and build. The Makerspace is a hub of creativity and innovation, encouraging students to think outside the box and develop practical solutions to real-world

problems.

The space offers numerous benefits for our students. It enhances learning by allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of concepts through hands-on and coding activities. They develop critical skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical proficiency. The interactive nature of the Makerspace increases student engagement, making learning more enjoyable. Additionally, the skills and experiences gained in the Makerspace prepare students for future academic and career opportunities in a rapidly evolving world.

From now until March 30th, you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter/Spring chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. 😊

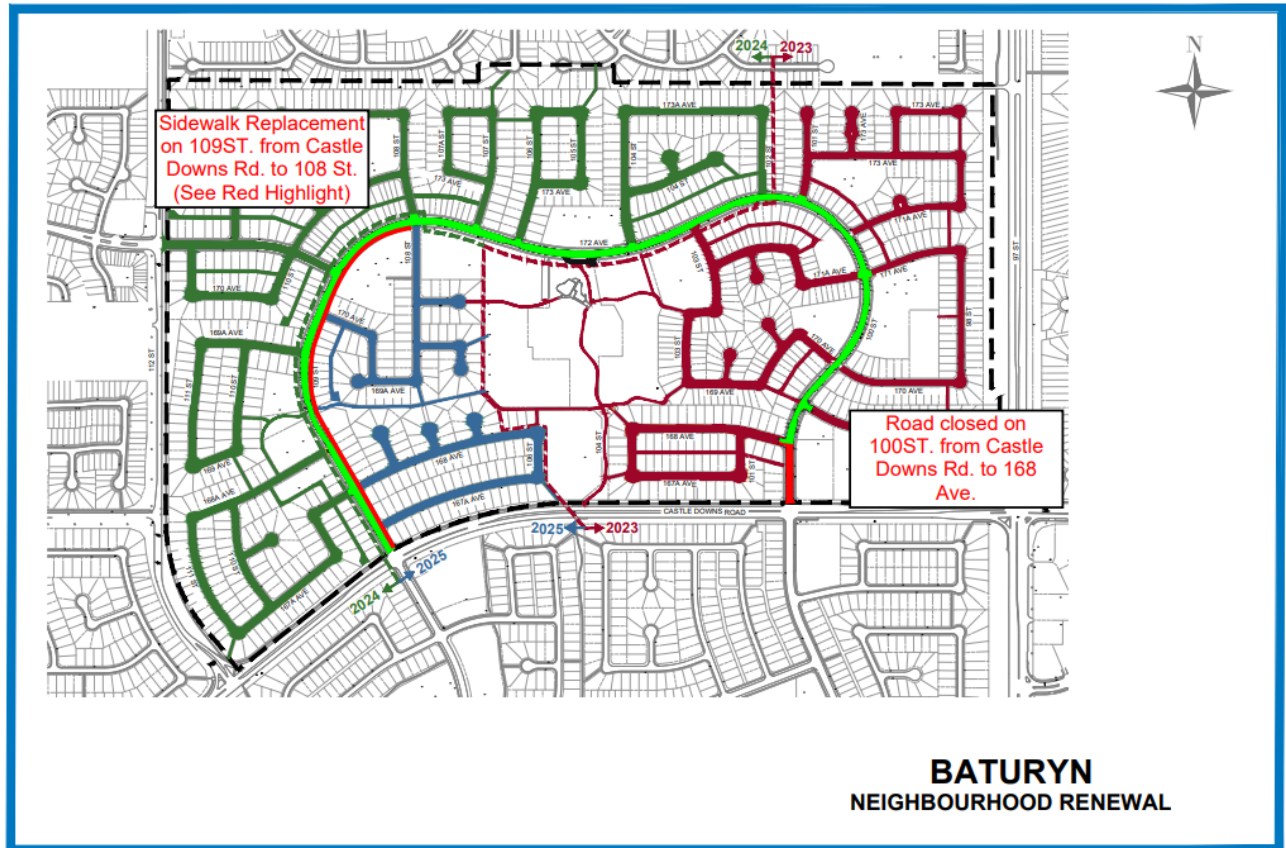
What you'll need to order:

1. **Our campaign number: 62104**
2. **Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1932652-127363>**
3. **Click "Join Campaign"**
4. **Shop, shop, shop away! 🥰**

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy Chocolating! 🍫🌟

More Road Construction Begins April 28, 2025 (more information to come)



We are also an Election Site-
Stay tuned for more information if
an election is called.



Important Reminders:



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.

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

Kindergarten Program- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM-11:00AM (Additional Days- January 30, February 13, March 21, April 17, May 15)

Grades 1-6- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:03 AM- 2:39 PM

Morning recess 9:45 AM-10:00 AM,
Lunch 11:45- 12:20 (recess 12:05-12:20)

Thursday 8:03 AM- 11:29
Morning recess 9:45 AM-10:00 AM



Celebrating the Sacraments



First Reconciliation & First Communion

Congratulations to all our students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion! May you always know how much He loves YOU! **Please remember to send us a picture.**

Parish News

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

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7PM
Fridays, April 4, 11- 7PM

Nicene Creed Presentation

March 13 - Mass & Nicene Creed Presentation - 6:30PM

Parish Mission

March 17, 18-7PM
Penitential Service March 19-7PM

Palm Sunday

April 12- 4:30 PM April 13- 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

Holy Thursday

April 17 - 7PM

Good Friday

April 18 - 11AM & 3PM

Holy Saturday

April 19 - Morning Prayer & Blessing Food-10AM

Easter Vigil

April 19 - 9PM

Easter Sunday

April 20 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM





ELEVATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 12TH

ST. LORENZO SCHOOL RED DEER

\$35 (INCLUDES SNACK, LUNCH, AND BUSSING)

THE ELEVATE CONFERENCE IS FOR GRADES 6-9!
COME TO **ENCOUNTER THE LORD,**
HAVE FUN, AND BE EMPOWERED!
THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES LOTS OF GAMES,
LUNCH, TALKS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, ADORATION, AND MORE.



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Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

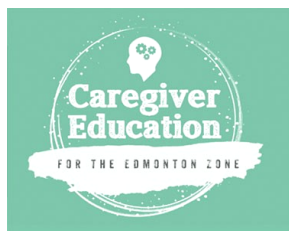
Meet Our School Support Team

Karla Blimke, our **Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)**, offers support to our students and families here at St. Charles School. Mrs. Blimke will be at our school on **Mondays and Fridays**. Her email is karla.blimke@ecsd.net



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

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.



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.](#)

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)

Community Board Baturyn Community League

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



St. Charles Catholic School Share Lent Project 2025

Turn Debt into Hope

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada joins the global campaign led by Caritas Internationalis, KAIROS and many others to **Turn Debt into Hope**, so that our sisters and brothers in the Global South can live in dignity, free from the burden of unjust debt.

In this Jubilee year, Pope Francis called on the world to “forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.” Earlier this year, he said, “This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.”

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, is why the *Social Justice Student Leadership Team* is asking for your support in our fundraising efforts for Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

How can our students and their families help?

1. Parents can go online and sign the worldwide petition calling on public, private and multilateral creditors to cancel or reduce debts and for political leaders to support a multilateral framework for debt resolution. Please visit devp.org/debt to sign or come and sign the petition sheet in the office.
2. The *Social Justice Student Leadership Team* has organized a couple of fundraising activities to take place over Lent, so please consider supporting us. We will be selling tickets to our students for **a chance to win “Principal for a Day” which includes a special lunch.** We will also have “Jars of Hope” in each classroom for students to drop off donations.
3. Pray with us. We ask all our families to pray in solidarity for a just world.

**Thank you for your support,
St. Charles Social Justice Leadership Team**



Prayer for wisdom and justice in addressing external debt

Loving and Gracious God,

Help us understand that we have the power
and the duty to act against the injustices that
bind people in poverty and debt.

Grant us the courage to challenge the structures
that perpetuate these conditions, and the strength
to work tirelessly for a world where every person
can achieve their full potential.

Inspire our hearts with Your compassion and
justice. Empower us to be bearers of hope and
agents of change. Together, may we help bring
forth solutions rooted in fairness and equity;
economic systems that uplift and create hope for
the downtrodden; and a future where every nation
can walk the path of sustainable development,
free from the shackles of debt.

May we be instruments of Your peace, secure
in the faith that, through our collective effort,
poverty can be overcome.

Amen.

— Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ, Zambia



Wonder What it Might Be Like to Be a Principal?

Come and buy a ticket
for your chance to be...
“Principal for a Day”

Tickets will be on sale starting Wednesday March 19 at lunch recess in the Makerspace, and will continue after Spring Break. The draw will take place April 28th, (includes lunch with Mrs. McGee).

1 ticket for \$2

3 for \$5.00

6 for \$ 10.00

All proceeds go to Development and Peace Share
Lent Campaign: Turn Debt into Hope

Don't forget to fill your classroom “Jars of Hope” too!