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St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

March 6, 2026

Dear Families,

As we continue our journey through the third week of Lent, we are reminded that this sacred season invites us to pause, reflect, and grow closer to God. Lent calls us to practice prayer, kindness, generosity, and reflection in our daily lives. Each classroom has a “Jar of Hope” and we encourage our students to bring in donations for Development and Peace. There is more information within our newsletter.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our families who joined us for our Demonstration of Learning Evening. It was wonderful to see our school filled with excitement and pride as students shared their learning. A special thank you as well to our student leaders, who helped support our Open House and warmly welcomed prospective families to our school. Our students did an outstanding job sharing their experiences and helping visitors feel the joy and sense of belonging that makes our school such a special place. We are very proud of the leadership, confidence, and hospitality they demonstrated.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Math Games Night, which will be a fun and engaging evening for families to explore math through games and hands-on activities together. If you would like to attend, please call the school office (780) 456-5222 to register, as this helps us ensure we have enough materials and space for everyone.

Finally, a friendly reminder for families to complete their pre-enrolment for the 2026–2027 school year. The deadline to complete pre-enrolment is this Friday. This information helps us plan for staffing and programming for the upcoming year, and we appreciate your support in completing this important step if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making our school such a welcoming and vibrant community.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



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Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's March reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness by visiting: [Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's March 2026 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 or print it out!

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	In School Field Trip Grade 2- Clay Guys	• 1:00 PM School Assembly- Forgiveness	• 6:30 PM School Council Meeting- All Are Welcome	• 1:00 PM Demonstration of Learning / Book Fair • 6:00 PM Open House	Spirit Day- Twin Day/ Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen • 9:00 AM Winspear Performance for Grades 4-6 • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Numeracy Week	Numeracy Week	Numeracy Week	Numeracy Week	Numeracy Week	Numeracy Week
		Grade 3 In School Field Trip- Art Fusion	Hockey Hooky Field Trip to Rogers -Grades 6 & 2 Sunridge Ski Trip- Grades 4 & 5		Pre-Enrollment Ends • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Purdy's Fundraiser Closes Today	Ski Trip Grade 6 at Sunridge		• 6:30 PM Family Math Games Night- Pre Registration required	Staff PD Day- No Classes	• 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits • 7:00 PM Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Grade 1 In School Field Trip-"A Day at the Race Track"		• 3:00 PM Public Board Meeting	• 1:00 PM Passion Play Performance from our Drama Club	• 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
					Good Friday • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Spring Break	Spring Break	Summer School Registration Opens	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24 • 9:00 AM School Assembly	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24 • 11:30 AM Hot Lunch- Love Pizza • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday					



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](#)



[ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

Subject to Change

Focus: FORGIVENESS		MARCH 2026 (Math Madness)	
March 9-13	Numeracy Week		
March 10	Grade 3 In-School Art Fusion		
March 11	Sunridge Ski trip gr 4 & 5 Hockey Hooky field trip (Grade 2 and 6)		
March 13	Pre-enrollment ends		
March 14	Pi Day		
March 15	Purdys Order Deadline		
March 16	Grade 6 Ski Trip to Sunridge Last Day to register for Math Games Night Call the school to register		
March 17	St. Patrick's Day- wear green		
March 18	Family Math Games Night 6:30-8:00 with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks- pre registration required		
Thursday March 19	PD DAY- Rescheduled - No School		
Friday March 20	Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish		
March 23	Grade 1 In School Field Trip		
Thursday March 26	Cancellation of Early Dismissal Passion Play @ 1:00pm		
March 27	Early Dismissal		
March 30- April 6	Spring Break		

Registration is Open for 2026-2027 School Year!

Reminder of Deadline for Pre-Enrolment



Don't forget to share your plans for the 2026-2027 school year! Sign in to your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending as you move into kindergarten, junior high, or high school. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and

programming. You can find more information about pre-enrolment on ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.

Please visit our [registration page](#) for more information.



Get Involved!

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

Our Next Meeting is May 6@ 6:30 in the library.

For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities

please email: stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com



Our next Hot Lunch is April 10- Love Pizza

All orders **MUST** be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date. In most cases, this will be a Sunday.

May 8-Booster Juice

SAC Fundraiser Has Started:

The deadline to order is March 15, 2026.

What you need:

- Campaign number: 27056
- Campaign link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000027056>

Order Now!

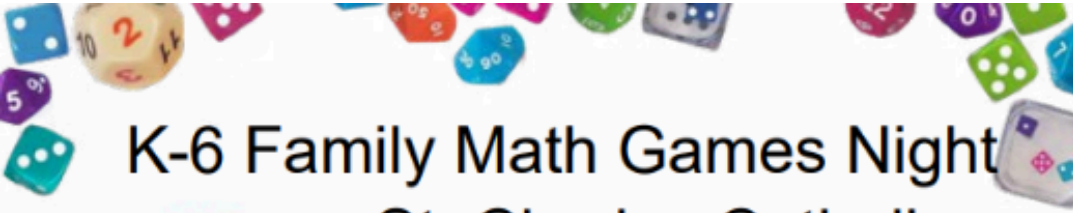




We will be hosting a **Family Math Games Night** on **March 18** from **6:30-8:00** with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks.


Bring your family for an evening of fun math games that support numeracy skills!

Pre-registration will be required. Email or call the school at 780 456-5222



K-6 Family Math Games Night

St. Charles Catholic Elementary School



Come to St. Charles Catholic Elementary School and spend an evening playing a variety of K-6 math games! Each registered family will receive a packet of math games to play along with the presenter, and materials will be provided for use during the event. Bring your best energy and be ready to PLAY!

Benefits for Kids:

Games are a fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills at home!





Children who are secure in their math skills will grow in self-esteem and have greater success in school.

Benefits for Parents:

Games are a motivating, simple and economical homework support that reinforce concepts taught in school.

Your presenter will provide you with strategies, tips and tricks to help your child with math fluency.

Games Reinforce:

 Counting	 Problem Solving
 Basic Facts: $+$, $-$, \times , \div	 Place Value

WHEN: Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00-7:15 PM

WHERE: St. Charles Catholic Elementary Gym

RSVP To: StCharles@ecsd.net

RSVP By: Monday, March 16th, 2026



Parish News

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



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

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross - Fridays; Fridays; March 6,13, 20, 27 - 7PM

Penitential Service - Thursday, March 12 - 7PM

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 28 - 4:30PM

Sunday, March 29 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

Reading of the Passion, Pabasa - Thursday, April 2—12 Noon

Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 2- 7PM

Good Friday - Friday, April 3 - 11AM, 3PM

Holy Saturday - Saturday, April 4 - Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food - 10AM

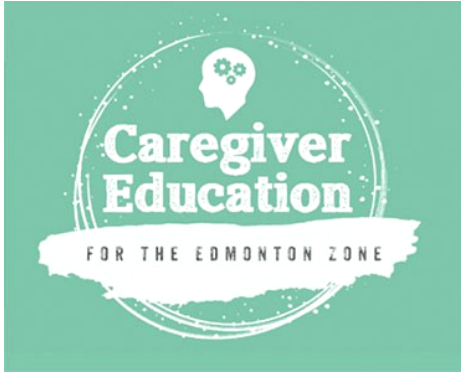
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4 - 9PM

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM



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

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/resources/cyf-amh-resource-links/anxiety-parents>

WEBSITES

Anxiety Canada - Anxiety Canada

- [Numerous resources and information regarding a diverse array of anxiety-associated disorders and issues for all ages.](#)

Anxiety in Kids - Child Mind Institute

- [A website that provides information about different types of anxiety for kids and parents.](#)

Tips for Parents and Caregivers - Anxiety & Depression Association of America

- [Tips for parents and caregivers for helping children manage their anxiety disorder.](#)

Generalized Anxiety Disorder - Mental Health Literacy

- [Information about General Anxiety Disorder causes, treatments, and resources for coping and treatment.](#)

Coping Skills for Kids - Encourage Play

- [Website with practical ways to help kids cope with stress, anxiety, and anger.](#)

Stress in Children and Teens - Government of Alberta

- [Foundational information about stress in children and teenagers.](#)



School Spotlight-



A special thank you goes out to our Student Leaders for helping to lead our Open House this year and letting your Cardinal Spirit shine. You are true ambassadors of our school!



Numeracy Week: Family Home Activities (March 9–13)

To celebrate Numeracy Week, we invite families to explore fun, hands-on math activities at home! These activities are simple, engaging, and help students see math in everyday life.

1. Family Budget Challenge

A great connection to wellness and financial literacy!

Choose a family planning activity such as:

- Preparing a meal
- Planning a small outing
- Organizing a pretend birthday party

Students estimate costs, compare options, and calculate totals (older grades can determine savings too!)

2. Math in the Kitchen

Math is everywhere in cooking! Families can explore:

- Doubling or halving a recipe
- Counting ingredients
- Measuring and estimating
- Timing and sequencing steps

3. At-Home Shape Hunt

Turn your home into a geometry adventure!

- Look for 2D and 3D shapes
- Count edges, sides, or faces
- Younger students can draw what they find
- Older students can classify or sort the shapes

4. Family Game Night: Math Edition

Perfect for cozy evenings! Try games you may already have:



- **UNO** → number recognition & strategy
- **Yahtzee** → addition & probability
- **Monopoly Junior** → money concepts
- **Jenga** → spatial reasoning
- **Connect Four** → patterns & planning

You can also explore free math games online [mathforlove.com](https://www.mathforlove.com)

5. Walk-and-Count Challenge

Make math part of your family walk:

- Count steps
- Estimate distances
- Notice street numbers
- Look for patterns (even/odd, repeating numbers)



St. Charles Catholic School Share Lent Project 2026



This Lent, let's move forward On Track for Justice "The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." — Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, §75) Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched!

Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity.



The destruction of your Creation, our Common Home, echoes in our hearts the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Listening to this cry, we hear your call to ecological conversion.

Turn us away from actions that harm our relationships to you, our planet, and our sisters and brothers.

Turn us towards the track for justice.

Gather us as your Church, North and South, to walk this track together.

Let us be guardians of Creation and not rivals for its spoils.

May we encounter others on the way who seek ecological justice and join our efforts to their own.

Guide us together towards the dream of our human family living on a healthy planet, in dignity, solidarity, justice and peace.

AMEN

How can our students and their families help?

1. Parents can go online to donate at devp.org/give
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 have "**Jars of Hope**" in each classroom for students to drop off donations.
3. We will be hosting a craft sale before Spring Break
4. 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**

