



November 7, 2025

Dear Families,

November has been a truly meaningful month in our school community, filled with reflection, gratitude, and service.

We began the month by celebrating our **School Faith Day**, centred on the theme *"Saints and Service: Our Call to Holiness."* Students participated in a beautiful liturgy and classroom activities that deepened their understanding of the lives of the Saints, especially our newly canonized Saint Carlos Acutis. The day was a wonderful reminder that holiness is found in everyday acts of kindness and service.

Today we came together for our **Remembrance Day ceremony**, led by our Grade 3 classes, to honor the courage and sacrifices of those who have served our country. We were blessed to have Honorable Laurie Hawn, along with Randal Purvis, from No Stone Left Alone, in addition to Corporals Choquette, Taylor, Fytopoulos. It was a heartfelt and respectful tribute to the importance of peace and gratitude.

A sincere **thank you to our Parent Council** for their ongoing support in meeting our school's needs—your generosity continues to enrich our students' experiences and provide equitable access to technology.

Finally, I would like to recognize our **Social Justice Leadership Team** and all the students and families who donated items to create treat bags for the homeless. This initiative was a beautiful expression of compassion and faith in action. We will



continue to gather donations for adult socks, gloves, and toques until the end of the month.

Together, we continue to grow as a community grounded in faith, hope, and service to others.

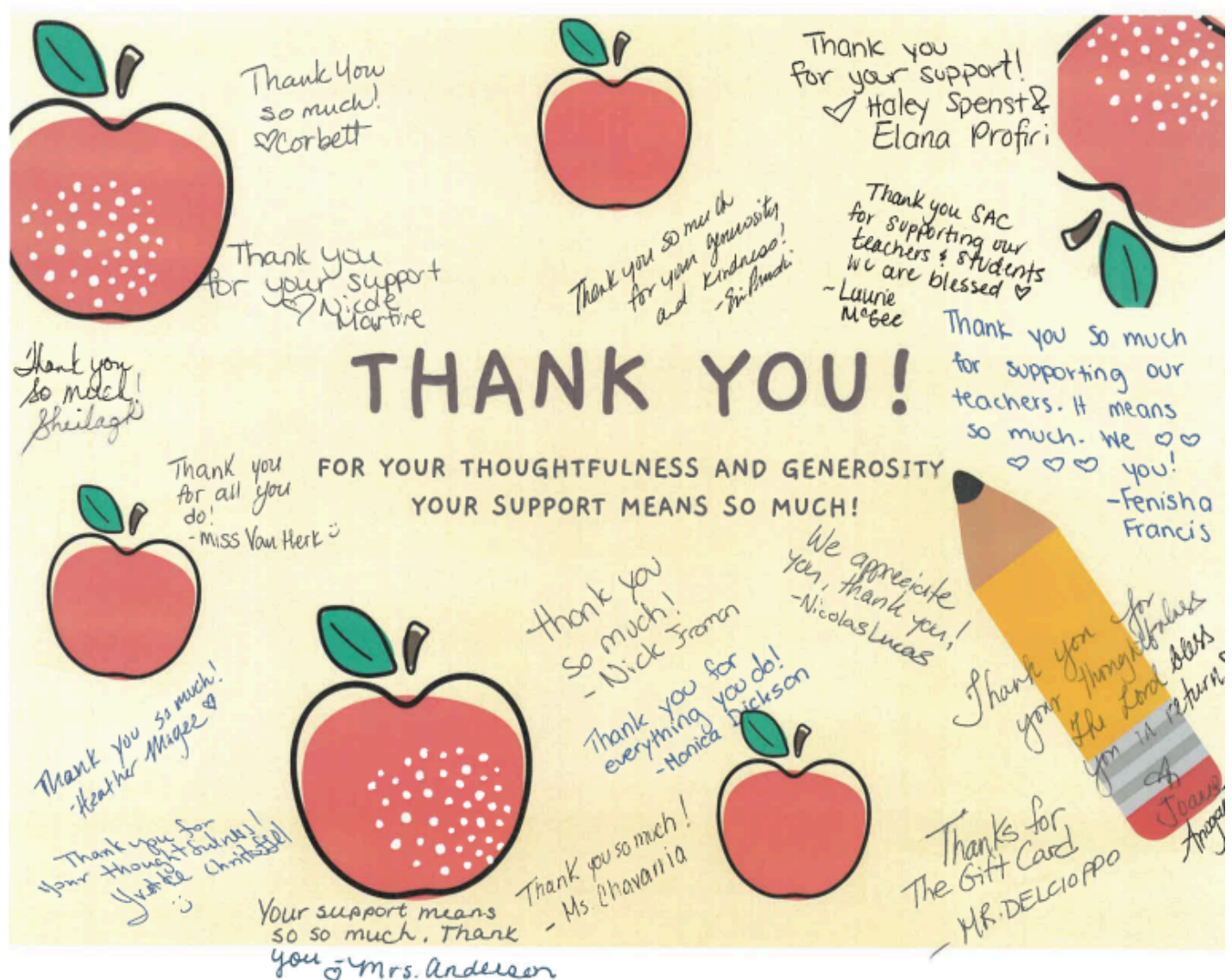
With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Erin Pruski

Principal

Assistant Principal



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## **School News**

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](#)



**There is no school from Monday, November 10 to Wednesday, November 12.**

**Classes resume November 13, 2025**

We hope you take time to participate in a Remembrance Day Ceremony.



Tuesday, November 11th is Remembrance Day. On this special day, we have the opportunity to reflect, honour, thank, and remember the achievements and sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom. Through their determination and selflessness, generations of Canadian and Indigenous heroes have helped ensure we can live as a free and peaceful country.







**IMPORTANT:** On Thursday, **November 20**, we will be holding our Parent/Child/Teacher conferences.

These will be scheduled 10 minute meetings, starting at 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. We will send more information and a booking link on November 14.

### Metis Week- November 10-16

Métis Week is an annual commemoration held in November to honour the culture, heritage, and contributions of the Métis people, in Canada. Students will learn more about Métis identity, and the ongoing contributions of the Métis Nation.



**Lifetouch.**

# Picture Day is Coming!

Friday, November 14, 2025  
St. Charles School



#### What to Expect:



Students are  
photographed on  
Picture Day



Proofs are sent home  
with your student



Order packages  
and more on  
[mylifetouch.ca](https://mylifetouch.ca)



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## Important Reminders:



Introducing SpacesEDU:

Access Your Child's Learning Portfolio

We're excited to introduce SpacesEDU, a new platform that provides you with insights into your child's learning journey! SpacesEDU allows you to view evidence of your child's progress across subjects.

Through this portfolio, you'll see samples of their work, reflections, and other achievements, providing a broader view of their learning and growth.

Please follow the instructions in the attached link to download the SpacesEDU app on your smart device for easy access. You will receive an email inviting you to SpacesEDU, don't forget to check your "junk mail".

We look forward to sharing your child's educational journey with you!

<https://resources.spacesedu.com/en/getting-started-guide-for-families/>



## School Advisory Council

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

**January 7 @ 6:30 in the library**

March 4 @ 6:30 in the library

May 6 @ 6:30 in the library

June 3 @ 6:30 in the library

**Thank you to our SAC for approving 21,900 towards more technology and \$40.00 per student allocation to cover school experiences!**

**The financial report, minutes, and principal report will all be uploaded shortly to the school website.**



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### **CAN YOU HELP?**

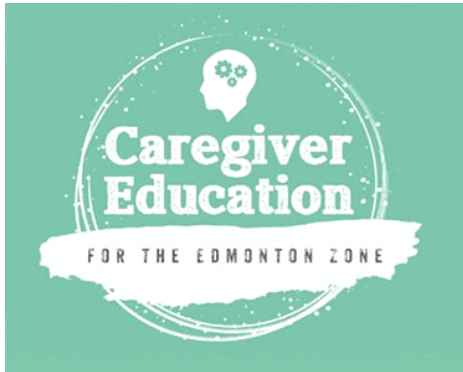
Our Community League is in need of anyone willing to help flood and maintain the rink, they are also in need of anyone that wants to volunteer at the rink shack to allow an indoor space for washrooms, warming and tying skates.

Our school is hoping to use the rink as part of our physical education program. It would be great to have our students skate on our community rink!

Please contact Jared at [Rinkmanager@baturyn.ca](mailto:Rinkmanager@baturyn.ca)



## 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.](#)

### 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)

### 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.

### Parish News

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



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## HEALTHY HUNGER - December 5-IHop

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

2. If for some reason you placed an order and your child will not be attending school that day, changes can be made up until the 5 day mark. After that day, NO CHANGES may be made. There are 3 options that can be done in the instance that your child is unable to attend that day.....

- a. **You may come and pick up your child's lunch after 12 noon**
- b. **You may donate it to another child of your choice**
- c. **You may allow the office to donate it to a child in need of a lunch**

In all instances, please call the office ASAP, to let them know what we should do with your child's lunch. If we have not heard from a parent by 11:00 AM your child's lunch will be donated so it does not go to waste. **Next Dates are:** December 5 - ihop, January 9 - Subway, February 6- Little Caesar's, March 6 - DQ



### 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](#)



## Upcoming Events:

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

### School Wide Events Planned for 2025/2026:

- November 13- Alberta Opera- Pinocchio
- Feb. 2- 13-Alien Inline Skating K-6 (tentative)
- Feb. 13- Family Winter Carnival-
- Feb.17- Shrove Tuesday- Pancakes for School Community
- Snow Valley Skiing Lessons-Grade 4- 6
- Symphony at the Winspear for Grade 1-6 (Edu Concerts)
- March 18- Family Math Games Night
- April 10- April 24 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency

Subject to Change

Focus: PEACE NOVEMBER 2025	
November 9-15	Rock Your Mocs
November 13	<b>Spirit Day- PJ DAY</b>
<b>November 10-12</b>	<b>November Break</b>
November 10-16	Metis Week
<b>Thursday Nov.13</b>	Alberta Musical Theatre Company- Pinocchio @ 9:30 am
November 14	Picture Day Booking Link will open for Interviews
Sunday November 16	World Day of the Poor
November 18	COSC (Community of School Councils) Evening
<b>Thursday November 20</b>	<b>Parent / Child/ Teacher Interviews 1:00 -5:00 PM (appointments only)</b> <b>Book Fair (POSTPONED)</b>

