

February 21, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

February 24 -March 1, 2025



**St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School**

Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Students,

Today we bid farewell to our Assistant Principal, Mr. Zydek. We are very blessed to have had his leadership here, even for a short time. His patience, kindness and connections with students and staff has left a lasting impression. We wish Mr. Zydek all the very best in his new placement.

On Monday, we will welcome Mrs. Ashley Jennings to the role of Assistant Principal. We look forward to building new relationships and continuing to serve our students, staff and families.

This upcoming week is very short, as all ECSD staff will gather for our annual Faith Development Day on February 26, followed by Teachers Convention on February 27 and 28. There is no school for students on these days. Since these days will be filled with professional development, a simple reminder of upcoming events will be shared next week on Friday. Please visit our website calendar for the most up to date information.

We pray for warmer temperatures and special time for our students and families to enjoy this break.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Chief Superintendent Message

March brings the beginning of Lent in our liturgical calendar. Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson continues to reflect on the themes of goodness, truth, and beauty in her Chief Superintendent's Message. Read about opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations about Catholic education, Lenten activities in our schools, and the Jubilee of Volunteers. You can [read the full message here](#).



Pre-Enrollment Period Closes March 14!

Families have until **March 14, 2025**, to inform schools of their registration plans for September. It is essential that transition forms are completed for any students transferring to another school before their student files are sent to the receiving school.

To provide clarity:

- By **April 14, 2025**, all existing ECSD students will receive confirmation of their registration requests.
- This confirmation will indicate that the student has been accepted and is officially assigned to their new school for September.



To complete your pre enrollment:

1. Sign into your [PowerSchool account](#)
2. 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 or Junior High.
3. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2025 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming.
4. To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.



The poster features a red background with a white heart logo containing a cross and a hand. Below the logo, the text reads "St. Charles CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" in white, followed by "OPEN HOUSE" in large yellow letters, and "March 13 at 6:00 PM" in white. A photo of five diverse children smiling is positioned in the middle. At the bottom, it says "Register for Kindergarten!" in yellow, "stcharles.ecsd.net" in white, and includes a QR code.

St. Charles
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
March 13 at 6:00 PM

Register for Kindergarten!
stcharles.ecsd.net



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!

A Letter from Your Lost and Found



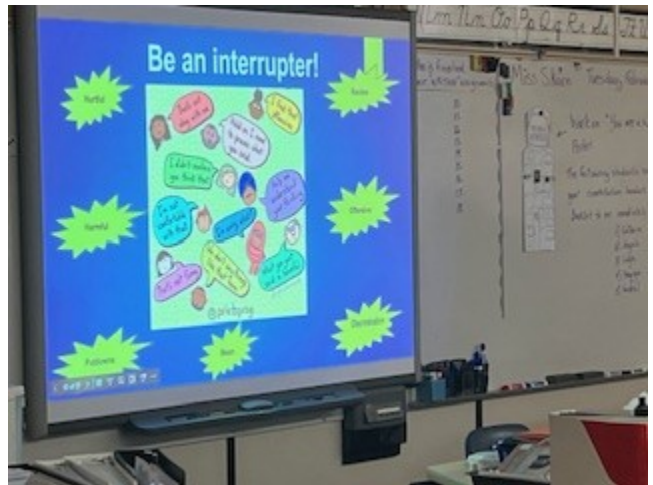
Dear kids and parents,

We need your help in finding our owners. We are tired of sitting in the lost and found box, and now we are stuck laying on these cold tables. Please take us home by Tuesday February 25th. Mr. Melynuk promised to pack us up after that date and find us a new home at the donation depot.

Sincerely missing you,

Lost clothes

Spotlight on Learning and Fun



Upcoming Events:



We are looking for parent volunteers to help us with a few upcoming events:

March 4- Shrove Tuesday- Come and help cook, and serve pancakes to our students.

March 11 & 12- Book Fair shifts

Please call or email our office if you can help.

We All Belong Here!

As a Catholic school, we strive to instill in our students the values of love and respect as children of God. To support this understanding, ECSD Specialist, Shireen Mohammed, will be speaking with students about the power of language and how to respond to harmful words, including racial slurs and discriminatory language. Ms. Mohammed will equip students with strategies to be "interrupters" of negativity and encourage them to seek help when needed, promoting a school environment that reflects Christ's love and respect for all.

Grades 4-6 presentations will be February 18, 2025

Grades 1-3 presentations will be **March 3, 2025**



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

- March 7, DQ
- March 19, Pizza Hut

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



Inclement Weather and Bus Delays

Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton is the site that is consulted at 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.

Check for bus delays before you head out the door via the BusPlanner Delays App or the [ECSD bus delays website](#).

Delayed routes are posted at <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>.
Call Transportation Services at 780-441-6078.

Did you know...

Division

School

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Today

November 2024

month

week

day

list

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Collection for World Day of the Poor	2 9:22 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena	3 10:00 AM Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant in QG 4B	4 10:00 AM KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM - Sign for Santa Ticket Sale Last Day	5 10:00 AM Halloween Band Concert	6 Staff PD Day: Classes Cancelled	7
8 St. Charles School 14th Day	9 9:15 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena	10 12:00 PM No Stone Left Alone	11 10:00 AM KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM - Remembrance Day Service	12 Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	13	14
15 Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	16 Picture Release Day	17 Melts Week	18 Hot Lunch orders due by Midnight	19 Remembrance Day	20 2:30 PM Volleyball Game St. Edmund at St. Charles	21 2:45 AM Jed Lunsh - Boston Pizza
22 Partnership Appreciation Week	23 State Dramatics - Youth Presentation Fall Day 2:30 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gruesch	24 Grade 8 Legislature Mental Health Student Symposium 9:00 AM Skating Events Open for Demo of arena	25 2:30 PM Volleyball Game Bishop Gruesch @ St. Charles	26 Indigenous Memorial Day 4:00 PM St. Edmund Volleyball Tournament	27	28
29	30	31				

If you visit our website <https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices? This is the most up to date calendar of events.

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

SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE! Our official shop is open! All orders give back a portion of the sales to our school. Check out the selection and options available. The link is now available on our website.

<https://stcharlescatholicelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/>

A banner for the St. Charles Catholic Spiritshop. At the top left is the St. Charles Catholic logo, featuring a red devil head and the text 'ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC'. To the right is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH SHOP' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: 'HOME PAGE | NEW ARRIVALS | MEN'S | WOMEN'S | KIDS' | HATS & TOQUES | BRANDS | MY ACCOUNT | CONTACT US'. The main part of the banner shows three items of clothing: a grey hoodie with a red devil head logo, a white t-shirt with the 'ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC' logo, and a black zip-up jacket with the same logo. Below the clothing is the text 'GET YOUR OFFICIAL GEAR' in large, bold, blue letters. At the bottom of the banner is a dark blue bar with the text 'We are the official St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Shop!' in white. Below this bar is a paragraph of text: 'Welcome to the St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Spiritshop-where our students, parents, players and staff can buy custom spirit wear to show our pride! Plus, 10% of each sale supports our organization's fundraising goals.' and a line of text: 'Pick your favourite gear, customize it with designs found on the site, and make it yours with your name and number.'



PARKING REMINDER-

Please do not use the shared parking lot as a drop off zone for your children. We had a few close calls with children running through our lot to get to parked cars.

Parents must use the drop and go areas or wait until buses have left. Safety is all our responsibility and we must be courteous neighbors to our community league. Please practice patience!

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.

Weekday Mass Times

- Tue: 6:30pm
- Wed: 9am
- Thu: 6:30pm
- Fri: 9am
- Sat: 9am

Weekend Mass Times

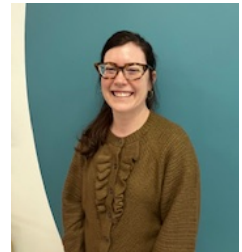
- Sat: 4:30pm
- Sun: 9am, 11am, 7pm



Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

Meet Our School Support Team

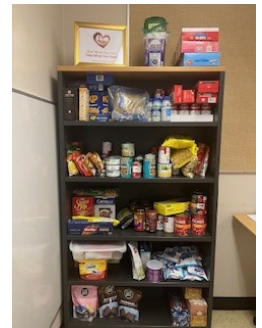
Karla Blimke, our **Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)**, offers support to our students and families here at St. Charles School. Mrs. Blimke will be at our school on **Mondays and Fridays**. Her email is karla.blimke@ecsd.net



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.

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.



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

**North Central Edmonton
Family Resource Network**

Newsletter

Community Board Baturyn Community League

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



**BATURYN
COMMUNITY LEAGUE
PLAYSCHOOL**

2025-2026
open house & registration

OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025
1-3 PM (FOLLOWING AGM)

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
6-7:30 PM

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REGISTRATION FORMS AND ALL REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND AND
PRINTED AT [BATURYN.CA/PLAYSCHOOL](https://www.baturyn.ca/playschool)

***IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE IT TO REGISTRATION PLEASE EMAIL THE
PLAYSCHOOL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DROP OFF COMPLETED FORMS
AND ALL REQUIREMENTS. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

For more inquiries email
playschool@baturyn.ca or visit [baturyn.ca/playschool](https://www.baturyn.ca/playschool)

Before and After School Care

for children 6-12 years old

Kids & Company is a leading child care and early learning provider. In addition to child care for children under 5, we also offer School Age programming for children ages 6-12, including Before and After School care.



Register



Why Kids & Company?

- Programming tailored to each child's interest.
- Meals and snacks provided by Kidco Kitchen.
- Care is provided on non- school days including PD Day.



Focus: Love FEBRUARY 2025 – Black History Month	
February 26	Faith Development Day – Classes cancelled Pink Shirt Day
February 27 and 28	Teachers' Convention – Classes cancelled

Focus: Self-Control MARCH 2025	
March 2	Free Throw KofC Championship- Council and District Free Throw
March 3	Shareen Mohammed (EDIAR) presents to grades 1-3 Grade 3 In School Field Trip (Hands on Science) in Learning Commons ALL DAY
March 4	Shrove Tuesday- pancakes served in the gym to all students, Fr. Cramer coming to bless
March 5	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 1:00 pm- All are welcome
March 6	Early Dismissal Fr. Cramer Visits School Interviews Booking site opens
March 7	Assembly 8:30 a.m.- All are welcome
March 11	COSC- Community of School Council Meeting at Lumen Christi- Preregistration required for SAC members
March 12	SAC Meeting at 6:30 in the library- All are welcome
March 13	Early Dismissal Demo of Learning 1:00- 4:30 PM & 5:30-7:30 PM St. Charles Open House for K- 6 @ 6:00 PM Scholastic Book Fair
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19	Gr 1A and 1B Science in School Field Trip Hot Lunch
March 20	Full Day of School Cultural Day
March 21	Early Dismissal Kindergarten Program Spring Break begins
March 24-28	Spring Break