



December 5, 2025

Dear Families,

As we continue our journey through this sacred season, we look ahead to the second Sunday of Advent when we will light the second candle—the Candle of Faith. This candle invites us to place our trust in God's guidance and to prepare our hearts to welcome the hope and promise that this season brings. May the coming week help us grow more deeply in faith as a school community.

This month, our school-wide focus is on **Charity**, which was beautifully highlighted at today's December assembly led by our Grade 4B class. Together, we are reflecting on what it means to give generously and how even the smallest acts of kindness can shine Christ's light in our world. Our students are learning that true charity is not only about giving, but about giving with love.

In this spirit, we invite families to support our Social Justice Project for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. Donations will help provide comfort and care to children in times of need and support vital pediatric research and innovation. Your generosity—whether big or small—makes a meaningful difference and helps our students experience and live out the true spirit of the Advent season.

Thank you for walking with us in faith, hope, and charity as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Peace and Blessings,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's December reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness as we begin our Advent journey by [clicking here](#) or by visiting 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: CHARITY DECEMBER 2025 Advent	
December 8	Grade 6 Immunization Full Day
December 9	Grade 6 to Legislature Picture Retake Day
December 10	Elder Gary Gagnon visits Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 for Storytelling
Thursday December 11 & Friday Dec. 12	Christmas Concert 4-6 @ 6:30 PM in the church, 4-6 matinee 10:30 at the school Christmas Concert K-3 @ 6:30 PM in the church, K-3 matinee 1:30 at the school
December 15-19	Christmas Spirit Week: 15- Christmas Door Decorating 16- Dress Like An Elf 17- Wear Advent Colors/ Red & Green Theme Day 18- Christmas Sweater/ Polar Express 19- PJ Day/ Festive Wear
Thursday December 18	Full Day (Early Dismissal Cancelled) Regular Kindergarten class
December 19	No Kindergarten- Early Dismissal – Christmas Break begins
December 22-Jan. 2	Christmas Vacation





Lifetouch will be here **December 9**, for Picture Retakes.

Students & Parents will need to let their teacher know if they will require retakes so no one is missed.



December 10, we welcome Metis Knowledge Keeper, Gary Gagnon to our Kindergarten to Grade 3 Classes.

Through storytelling, Gary shares his culture and how individuals and communities are connected to one another.



The week has arrived!

December 11 & 12, St. Charles Students will share in song a Hope-filled Christmas. Please see the invitations below. A reminder that there are no tickets needed this year for entry at the church or for the matinees at the school. We do ask that no food, coffee, or drinks come into the church. As well we will have students

holding baskets at the doors for any donations for the Catholic Social Services Sign of Hope Campaign



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Hope-filled: St. Charles Christmas

GRADES 4-6

STUDENTS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
WEAR RED, WHITE,
OR BLACK
OUTFITS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH
(17511 112 ST NW, EDMONTON)

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 PM
CONCERT STARTS AT 6:30 PM

A MATINEE
PERFORMANCE
WILL BE HELD AT
10:30 AM IN THE
SCHOOL GYM

“AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB
FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO
END” (LUKE 1:33)

ALL ARE WELCOME!
PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY
DRINKS OR FOOD INTO THE CHURCH



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YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Hope-filled: St. Charles Christmas

GRADES K-3

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

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We are excited to announce our school-wide fundraising project in support of the **Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation!** See the letter sent home.

Start Date: Monday, December 8

End Date: Friday, December 19

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](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

Additional tips for supporting mental health at this time of year

- AHS: Navigating the Holidays with Care:
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/Page18687.aspx>
- 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

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.



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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



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!



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School News



Congratulations to our Cardinals Volleyball Team for their outstanding teamwork and efforts at the Cardinal Ledger Tournament. We are so proud of the great sportsmanship and representation shown!



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And finally, a special congratulations to our **Ms. Chavarria** for her induction into our teaching profession. We wish you many amazing years ahead!

