

November 1, 2024

Parent Week At A Glance

November 4- November 8, 2024

Dear Families,

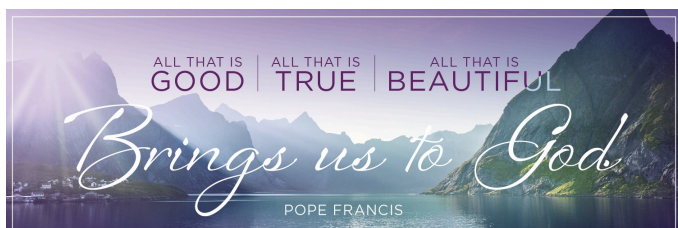
It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another month of school. This week students in our Grade 4B were treated to a special visit from our Truth and Reconciliation Consultant, Paula Campbell. They learned about her Metis heritage, enjoyed listening to stories and participating in valuable discussions. We look forward to more visits with Ms. Campbell.



October came to a spooktacular end with Halloween costumes and a special concert from the O'Leary Choir and Band.



While our students enjoyed some rest after a night of Halloween fun, November 1st was a professional development day for our staff. These professional growth opportunities are so important in helping us support all our students. We focused on data analysis of our reading assessments, effective writing instruction and digital tools. We are excited to implement the next steps in improving our students' literacy skills.



[Chief Superintendent's November Message](#)



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Remember this weekend we fall back one hour!

An important message from Parent Council:

We are URGENTLY requiring the following positions:
We are now in need of 2 shifts!

Sunday November 24, 2024

Countroom 11:30 pm to 3:30 am

Monday November 25, 2024

Chip runner 9:30 am to 6:30pm

Don't forget! Everyone that has signed up and completed the shift will be entered into a draw for 1 of 2 gift card prizes!

Please contact Amanda Garcia (780)919-8084 as soon as possible if you can help.

Upcoming Events:

Learning Portfolios/ Demonstration of Learning/ Scholastic Book Fair

If you haven't already received your child's portfolio, they should be arriving on Monday. Please take some time to sit with your child and go through their learning. Celebrate success! Our **November Demonstration of Learning will be November 28.** Parents will be receiving an email with details on registering for a time to visit the classroom next week.

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from November 27-28

November 4- St Charles Feast Day/ Student Faith Development Day

Students will be engaged in learning more about our namesake, St. Charles, and about what it means to live a life of service to others. We will spend time in prayer and reflection and end with a liturgy and acknowledgement of our students who demonstrated the Christian Value of Goodness throughout October. Thank you to our Religion Consultant for coming out to lead a session for our students.



FALL BREAK- November 8- 12, Classes Resume Wednesday November 13 at 8:00 am



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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. This week students will learn more about Métis identity, and the ongoing contributions of the Métis Nation.



Social Justice In Action this Month

Halloween Treat Collection

This year at St. Charles, we are encouraging students who go out trick or treating to bring back one or more Halloween treats for Edmonton's inner-city community. We will be collecting Halloween treats from Nov. 4-7. All treats collected will be delivered to people outside of shelters in Edmonton's inner city. If each student at St. Charles donates one Halloween treat, we will have 350 treats to share!



Sunday, November 17th is the 8th annual World Day of the Poor.

Thank you to our Grade two's for leading this initiative. and to all our families who brought donations. Items were dropped off to Sacred Heart Parish where they will distribute these care packages, and serve a warm meal to those in need. This year's event is planned for November 16th .

No Stone Left Alone

Our Grade 4 students will be making their way to St. Joachim's Cemetery on November 6 to lay painted poppies on the headstones of our veterans and to participate in a Remembrance Day outdoor graveside service. Our Grade 4 students are currently planning for a fundraiser to support our Veterans throughout the month.

Families are encouraged to watch the **NSLA National Remembrance Event** on November 4, 2024 at 10:30 MST. Watch live, or after the event at:

<https://www.nostoneleftalone.ca/national-live-stream>

A whole school ceremony will take place on November 7 at 10:00 AM. **All are welcome** to attend these events. Students will be receiving their poppies on this day. We have a collection box in the front office for any donations you may want to send in or drop off.

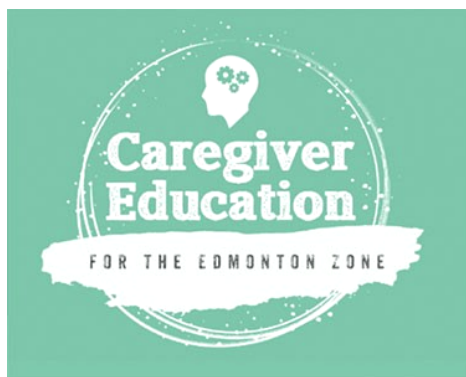


Remembrance Day
Lest We forget



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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.](#)

Download our latest newsletter: [November/December Newsletter](#)

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

Check out the many more resources on Healthy Living/ Healthy Communities

[Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services](#)
[Health A-Z](#)
[Healthier Together](#)

Families Helping Families at St. Charles

We invite families to drop off any extra non-perishables to help stock our shelf for our families in need. We have relocated the shelf in our conference room just across from the office. This is a more discrete location to ensure the dignity of those who may need a helping hand.

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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Upcoming Events

Focus: Peace		NOVEMBER 2024 We Remember
November 1		All Saints Day Staff Full Day PD- Classes Cancelled
November 4		St. Charles Feast Day- School Faith Day
November 5		Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM
November 6		Grade 4 to visit St. Joachim Catholic Cemetery- No Stone Left Alone leaving at 12:30 return at 2:30
November 7		Early Dismissal Kindergarten Program Remembrance Day Service @ 10:00 AM
November 8 - 12		Remembrance Day/Fall Break – Classes cancelled
November 10-16		Metis Week
November 14		Early Dismissal
November 15		Picture Retake Day Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza
November 18		Goota Desmarais- Inuit Presentation Full Day
November 19		Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM Mental Health Student Symposium Gr 6 to Legislature
November 20		National Child Day SAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 21		Early Dismissal
November 22		St. Edmund Volleyball Tournament
November 24		Choir goes to Sing for Santa at Rogers 4:00 PM School Council Casino
November 25		School Council Casino
November 26		Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena AM Scholastic Book Fair
November 27		Scholastic Book Fair
November 28		Early Dismissal Demonstration of Learning 1:00 -4:30 PM, & 5:30- 7:30 PM Scholastic Book Fair
November 29		YRCA Presentations Edmonton Public Library (Gr 4 - 8:30; Gr 5 - 9:00; Gr 6 - 9:30) Spirit Day (Silly Hair Day)/ Hot Lunch- Shumka Grade 4 to Visual Arts Studio- 11:00AM-1:45 PM



Please visit our school website www.st.charles@ecsd.net or follow us on Instagram [stcharles_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/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.



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Important Reminders:

SAFETY FIRST-

Please avoid walking through the parking lot now that construction on the roof is completed. Students and parents should walk along the side of the building where there is a sidewalk

Parking

Please be aware that we share our parking lot with the Baturyn Community League and Playschool, therefore parking is limited and our staff must be able to enter and park in order to be ready for students. Please avoid dropping off or picking up in the parking lot.

Lates/ Illness- PLEASE Communicate with our office or use Safe Arrival to report absences.

Volunteers at St. Charles-

All people wishing to volunteer with us will need to complete a **volunteer form** for the year. Some parents will require a police record check (PIC) and child welfare check (IRC) if they are going on field trips or working with students. Please provide your child's teacher with your email address and interest in volunteering.

Police Information checks for volunteers, ages 18 and above, can be obtained free of charge directly from Edmonton Police Services, with a voucher which is provided by our Division.

The voucher must be **used within 1 week of obtaining** it. **Please check your junk mail** if you haven't received it.

Some field trip volunteers may also require an IRC to be completed, which is free.

Please contact your local Children's Services office or email CS-IRCrequest@gov.ab.ca for a blank form.

Please note that the clearance is valid for one year from the date it was issued. Once you have received your documents, please send them to the office.







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

A reminder to all parents to send in a picture of your child once they have celebrated their sacraments.

