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St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

March 15, 2026

Dear Families,

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Fourth Week of Lent invites us to pause and reflect on the gift of hope and renewal. This is often called *Laetare Sunday*, a time when we are reminded of God's promise of light and joy even as we continue to prepare our hearts for Easter. During this season, we encourage our students to look for ways to show kindness, compassion, and generosity in their daily actions.

We are currently collecting donations for our **Jars of Hope Campaign** in support of *Development and Peace*. Thank you for helping our students learn the importance of social justice and caring for those most in need. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference.

All families are warmly invited to join us for the **Stations of the Cross** at **St. Charles Parish this Friday at 7:00 PM**. We are very proud that our **Social Justice Club** will be leading the prayers during this special evening of reflection and faith.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our **Family Math Games Night on Wednesday, March 18th**. This promises to be a fun and engaging evening for students and families to enjoy learning together. Please remember that **registration is required** — kindly call or email the school **by Monday** to reserve your spot. A small concession with snacks will be available for purchase.

Finally, a reminder that **Thursday is a PD Day for staff**, and **there will be no school for students** on that day.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing both the academic and faith development of our students. As we continue our Lenten journey, may it bring peace, hope, and many blessings to you and your families.

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	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	Spring Break
					Good Friday • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Spring Break Easter Sunday	Spring Break Easter Monday	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



**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](#)



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Subject to Change

Focus: FORGIVENESS		MARCH 2026 (Math Madness)	
March 15		Purdys Order Deadline	
March 16		Grade 6 Ski Trip to Sunridge <b>Last Day to register for Math Games Night Call the school to register</b>	
March 17		St. Patrick's Day- wear green	
March 18		<b>Family Math Games Night 6:00-7:15 with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks- pre registration required</b>	
<b>Thursday March 19</b>		<b>PD DAY- Rescheduled - No School</b>	
Friday March 20		Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish @ 7:00 PM- All Are Welcome	
March 23		Grade 1 In School Field Trip	
<b>Thursday March 26</b>		<b>Cancellation of Early Dismissal Kindergarten Classes Today Passion Play @ 1:00pm</b>	
March 27		Early Dismissal at 11:30 No Kindergarten	
<b>March 30- April 6</b>		<b>Spring Break</b>	

## Registration is Open for 2026-2027 School Year!



We are accep[ting new registrations for the 2026-2027 school year. Please encourage any new families to visit our [registration page](#) for more information.



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](mailto:stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com)



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**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 Last Day to Order:**



**The deadline to order is March 15, 2026.**

What you need:

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

Order Now!

**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: +, -, x, ÷
- Place Value

We will be hosting a **Family Math Games Night** on **March 18** from **6:00-7:15** with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks.

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

**Pre-registration by March 16 is required. Email or call the school at 780 456-5222**

**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



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## **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

**St. Charles School Student Social Justice Club will be leading the Stations of the Cross at the Parish on Friday March 20th at 7:00PM. All families are welcome to attend this beautiful liturgy.**

## **Confirmation 2026**

**Registration for Confirmation will take place in person on Thursday, March 19 from 10 AM to 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 21 from 10AM to 1PM (registrations are drop-in).**

This sacrament is for youth grade 6 (11 years old) or older. Candidates' Baptism Certificate is required. Classes will be on Tuesdays, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM.

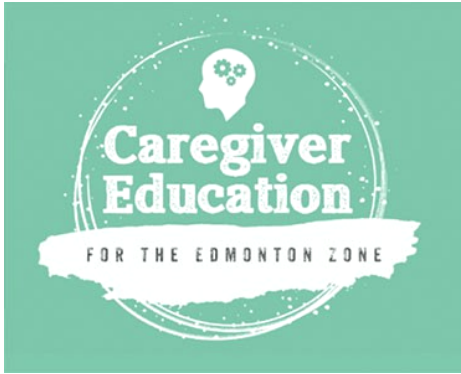
Class dates: April 14, 28; May 5, 12 & 19 Retreat Day & Rehearsal: To be announced.

Confirmation Celebration will be in June. Date to be announced. For more information, **please call Linda at the Parish office 780-456-5399 or email: [Linda.Boire@caedm.ca](mailto:Linda.Boire@caedm.ca)**



## 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](http://kidshelpphone.ca)

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! [www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://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.](#)



## 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](https://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**

