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St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

October 31, 2025

Dear Families,

We are so happy to be back to see our students' smiling faces and to reconnect with families. The halls are once again filled with laughter, learning, and excitement!

This short week was spent getting us all back into routines. It was wonderful to end with our Halloween Parade and some fun as we shared in the spirit of creativity and community. Thank you to our parents for joining us.

Next week, our students will be gathering for our St. Charles Faith Day, a special time for reflection, prayer, and renewal as we continue to grow together in our mission of hope, love, and service. We are grateful for your continued support as we live out our faith in all we do.

We would also like to invite all parents to our upcoming Parent Council Meeting. Your ideas, involvement, and feedback help shape our school community, and we deeply appreciate your partnership in supporting our students' growth and success.

We're continuing to make a few adjustments to our calendar of activities and events and will share any updates with families as soon as they're available.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Erin Pruski

Principal

Assistant Principal

Chief Superintendent Message [October 2025 Message](#)

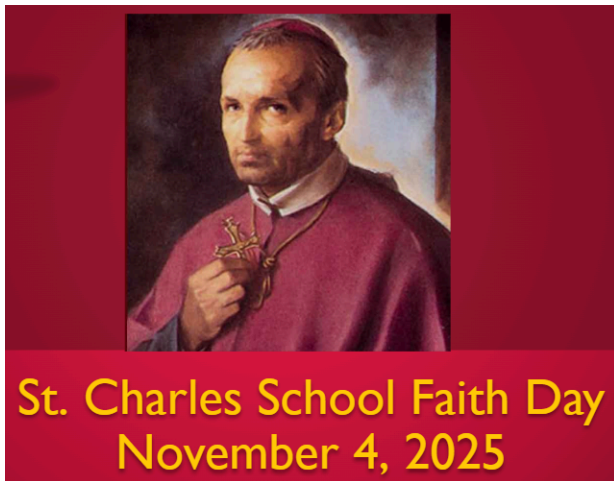


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School News

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](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)



On Tuesday, November 4th, we will be celebrating our Faith Day. This is the feast day for our beloved namesake, St. Charles.

This year's theme is Saints and Service: Our call to Holiness.

We will begin the morning with our school liturgy led by Fr. Marc and our Student Social Justice Leadership Team at 8:30 AM.

All are welcome.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:35-36

Prior to our leave, the Social Justice Club had planned for collections of cereal boxes and adult socks as part of our charitable actions for Thanksgiving in October. We are asking our families to please help us in supporting the homeless and our ECSD schools by:

Socktober- We are asking each family to donate 1 pair of socks for our city's homeless. (We will also welcome mittens, touques)

Cereal Drive for ECSD Schools- We are collecting cereal (low sugar) for our ECSD schools who offer a breakfast program.





School Advisory Council

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

November 5 @ 6:30 in the library- See Agenda attached

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

We encourage all families to join us so we have a strong representation of voices—and to ensure we meet quorum. Together, we can make a difference for our students and our school community.

[School Councils and School Societies](#)

[School councils | Alberta.ca](#)

School Society Training Videos: <https://www.ecsd.net/school-society-training-videos>



HEALTHY HUNGER - November 7- Edo

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



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

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.

On November 7th, at 10:30 AM, we will be holding our school Remembrance Day Service. All are welcome. If there are any members of the armed forces who are family members of the school community, please extend this invitation and let our office know. We would like to reserve them a special seat.



We will be collecting donations for poppies. A collection box is available in the front office.

No Stone Left Alone



Unfortunately, our field trip to St. Joachim Cemetery to lay poppies with our Grade 4 and 5 students has been cancelled at this time however, our students will be doing some service projects that include fundraising in support of NSLA. More information to come.



Halloween Treat Collection

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. 3-7. 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!



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.



Join Pinocchio on a magnificent adventure across enchanting Italy, deep beneath the Mediterranean sea, and into the belly of an enormous shark, in Alberta Musical Theatre Company's award-winning musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale!

The performance begins at 9:30 AM in our gym on November 13.



FALL BREAK- November 8- 12, Classes Resume Thursday, November 13 at 8:00 AM



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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



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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".

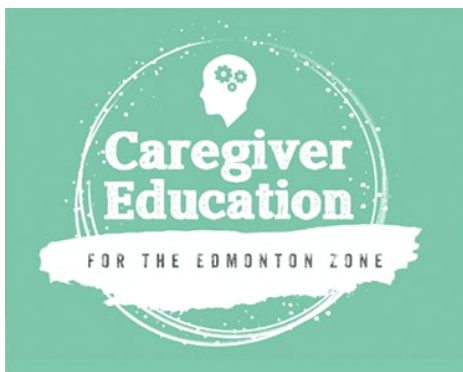
We look forward to sharing your child's educational journey with you!

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

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.

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



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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

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	
Saturday November 1	All Saints Day
November 3	School Spirit Day- Assembly
November 4	St Charles Feast Day/ Faith Day- 8:30 Liturgy with Fr. Marc
November 5	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 in the library- All are welcome
Friday Nov. 7	Hot Lunch- EDO Remembrance Day Service @10:30
November 9-15	Rock Your Mocs
November 10-12	November Break
November 10-16	Metis Week



Thursday Nov.13	Alberta Musical Theatre Company- Pinocchio @ 9:30 am
November 14	Picture Day
Sunday November 16	World Day of the Poor
November 18	COSC (Community of School Councils) Evening
Thursday November 20	Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 -4:30 PM, & 5:30- 7:30 PM & Book Fair (POSTPONED)

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](#)



Parish News

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

