

February 28, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

March 2- March 8, 2025



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Message from the Administration

Dear Families,

We hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy these extra days off from school. The beautiful weather and the extra few hours of daylight seem to bring us all a little more joy, and definitely an eager anticipation for long, warm summer days ahead.

This week our staff took time to gather as an ECSD faith community to celebrate Mass and to reflect on our vocation as Catholic Educators, inspiring hope through our service to God and our community.

Teachers continued their professional development by attending 2 days of Teacher's Convention. It was wonderful to reconnect with our colleagues and engage in sessions that will support our continuously changing profession. Sessions included topics such as increasing student engagement, creating vibrant, collaborative school cultures, as well as keynote speakers who brought messages of hope and wellness for all who strive to inspire our youth and make education accessible for all.

We return to school in anticipation of the approaching Lenten Season. As we make preparations to enter this holy time in our liturgical year, we would like to thank our SAC and volunteers who will be at school making and serving pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We also encourage parents to join us for our Ash Wednesday liturgy at 1:00pm. Ashes will be distributed to all in attendance.

March is another short month, with Spring Break fast approaching, and many important events scheduled. Please be sure to check our website calendar regularly and if you have not completed our pre-enrollment, please do so, as we use our projected enrollment to plan for class sizes and supports for the upcoming school year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee
Principal

Mrs. Ashley Jennings
Assistant 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!

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to attend our Open House, or contact our office to book a tour.

Upcoming Events:

(subject to change)

Focus: Self-Control		MARCH 2025
March 1		Classroom newsletters sent to home
March 3		Shareen Mohammed (EDIAR) presents to grades 1-3 Grade 3 In School Field Trip (Hands on Science) in Learning Commons ALL DAY - 3B: 9:30-11:30 - 3A: 12:20-2:20
March 4		Shrove Tuesday- pancakes served in the gym to all students, Fr. Marc is coming to bless us. Thank you SAC and Volunteers!
March 5		Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 1:00pm with Father Marc- All Are Welcome
March 6		Early Dismissal Fr. Cramer Visits
March 7		Assembly 8:30 a.m. Focus on Self Control- All Are Welcome Hot Lunch - DQ Wellness Dog- Kindergarten, Grade 1, SPACE
March 11		COSC- Community of School Council Meeting at Lumen Christi
March 12		SAC Meeting at 6:30 pm- All Are Welcome School Bookings Closed Book Fair Opens
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 - Pizza Hut
Thursday March 20		Full Day of School Cultural Day
Friday March 21		Early Dismissal Kindergarten Program
March 24-28		Spring Break



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

- March 7, DQ
- March 19, Pizza Hut



**Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us?
Order Purdy's chocolates from our fundraiser!** 💜🍫

This year, we're hoping to raise \$3000 for Makerspace, and we need YOUR help! 🙌🥰

What is a Makerspace?

A Makerspace is a dedicated area in our school where students can engage in hands-on, creative projects. It is equipped with a variety of materials and coding programs that allow students to explore, invent, and build. The Makerspace is a hub of creativity and innovation, encouraging students to think outside the box and develop practical solutions to real-world problems.

The space offers numerous benefits for our students. It enhances learning by allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of concepts through hands-on and coding activities. They develop critical skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical proficiency. The interactive nature of the Makerspace increases student engagement, making learning more enjoyable. Additionally, the skills and experiences gained in the Makerspace prepare students for future academic and career opportunities in a rapidly evolving world.

From now until March 30th, you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter/Spring chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. 😊

What you'll need to order:

1. **Our campaign number: 62104**
2. **Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1932652-127363>**
3. **Click "Join Campaign"**
4. **Shop, shop, shop away!** 🥰

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy Chocolating! 🍫🌟

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**

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



Did you know...

Division

School

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today

November 2024

month

week

day

list

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Collection for World Day of the Poor						
	● 11:00 AM Skating R-2 at Castledowns Arena	● 12:00 AM Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant in Gr 4th	● 11:00 AM Bring for Santa Ticket Sale Last Day	● 6:00 AM Kindergarten Program ● 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert	Staff PD Day - Classes Cancelled	
	3	4	5	6	7	8
	St. Charles School Faith Day			● 12:00 PM No Store Left Alone	● 6:00 AM Kindergarten Program ● 9:00 AM Remembrance Day Service	Remembrance Day Weekend Fall Break
	10	11	12	13	14	15
Remembrance Day Weekend Fall Break					Picture Retake Day	
Fall Week						
Fall Lunch orders due by Midday		Remembrance Day		● 2:30 PM Volleyball Game St. Edmund at St. Charles	● 2:30 AM Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	
	17	18	19	20	21	22
Partnership Appreciation Week						
Gotta Demands- Inuit Remembrance Fall Day		Gr 4 to Legislature Wellness/Health Game Bishop Groscheuk @ St. Charles			Halloween Memorial Day	
● 2:30 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk		School Bookings Open for Days of Learning			● 2:30 PM St. Edmund Volleyball Tournament	
	● 12:00 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena		● 2:30 PM Skating Meeting			

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/>



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

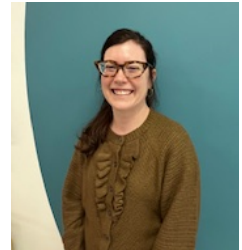


- Sun: 9am, 11am, 7pm

Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

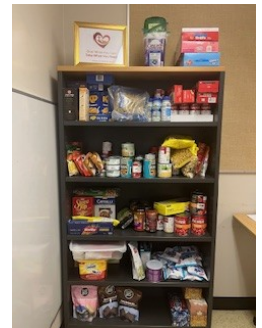
Meet Our School Support Team

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.



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)





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