

January 24, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

January 26-February 1, 2025



**St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School**

Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Students,

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you an upcoming staffing change in our front office. We want to congratulate Ms. Ghosayel on accepting a position at St. John XXIII. "Ms. G" has been an incredible support to our leadership team, staff and students. We wish her all the very best as she spreads her "Cardinal" wings and heads off to an Elementary/ Junior High school. We will miss you. Marwa's last day with us at St. Charles will be Wednesday January 29.

We also want to welcome Patricia Brown to the role of Admin Support. Patti has many years of experience with our Division and is ready to join our amazing community. We look forward to welcoming Patti starting on Monday, January 27.

Our school has experienced a number of changes this year. We wish to thank all of our families and students for their continued support and for welcoming all our new staff who have joined us this year. St. Charles is truly a beautiful place to work, learn and play together.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee & Mr. Zydek

Principal

Assistant Principal

Chief Superintendent Message Please visit the website
<https://www.ecsd.net/january-2025-message>
for Chief Superintendent Anderson's January message.





January Report cards will be available at 4:00PM on January 31st on PowerSchool. Please take some time to read through them and celebrate your child's success this far!



It is survey time again. This week your child will be bringing home a survey from our Division on Embracing Diversity. More details to follow on how to complete and return. Your voice matters!

Spotlight on Learning and Fun

Grade 6 and Kinder Buddies Caterpillar Coding and so much more!



Did you know...

November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Collection for World Day of the Poor • 12:00 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena	• 10:00 AM Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant in G-48	• 8:00 AM Sing for Santa Ticket Sale Last Day	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert
	St. Charles School Faith Day • 8:15 AM Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena	• 12:00 PM No Store Left Home	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Remembrance Day Service	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Remembrance Day Service	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Remembrance Day Service	• 8:00 AM Kindergarten Program • 9:00 AM Remembrance Day Service
Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break
• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza	• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza	• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza	• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza	• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza	• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza	• 12:00 PM Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
Partnership Appreciation Week	Partnership Appreciation Week	Partnership Appreciation Week	Partnership Appreciation Week	Partnership Appreciation Week	Partnership Appreciation Week	Partnership Appreciation Week
• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 12:00 PM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner
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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](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.



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:

Instagram

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

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GET YOUR **OFFICIAL GEAR**

We are the official **St. Charles Catholic Elementary School** Shop!

Welcome to the St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Spiritshop where our students, parents, players and staff can buy custom spirit wear to show our pride! Plus, 10% of each sale supports our organization's fundraising goals.

Pick your favourite gear, customize it with designs found on the site, and make it yours with your name and number.

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/>

Upcoming Events:



Registration Opens for 2025-2026 School Year!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens on Monday, February 3, 2025. This is also when current ECSD students can complete the pre-enrolment process to select their school for the upcoming school year. Please visit our [registration page](#) for more information.

Focus: Love		FEBRUARY 2025 – Black History Month
February 3		Pre-enrollment Opens
February 4		Kinder Puppet Program in class
February 5		SAC Meeting 6:30
February 6		Early Dismissal
February 7		School Spirit Day & Hot Lunch
February 10		Grade 3-6 skiing at Sunridge Parent Evening with Santwana and Inclusion for All-6:30-7:30
February 13		Early Dismissal Kindergarten Program Fr. Cramer Visits
February 14		St. Valentine's Day
February 17		Family Day – Classes cancelled
February 18		Shireem Mohammed (EDIAR) visiting all grade 4-6 classes
February 20		Early Dismissal
February 21		School Spirit Day & Hot Lunch Running Room Games
February 26		Faith Development Day – Classes cancelled Pink Shirt Day
February 27 and 28		Teachers' Convention – Classes cancelled



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

- February 7, Boston Pizza
- February 21, Edo
- March 7, DQ
- March 19, Pizza Hut

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.



EPCOR and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services have asked us to remind students and their families to think twice and stay off the ice at stormwater management ponds, which are unsafe for any on-ice recreation - even walking. To see a map of stormwater ponds in Edmonton and resources to talk about at home, visit epcor.com/wintersafety.

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



Inclement Weather

Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton is the site that is consulted at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html.

The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder.



What to do when your yellow school bus is running late?
One of the most common questions from families is “What do I do when my yellow school bus is running late?”. The website ecsd.net/busdelays has recently been updated to clarify our recommendations for families in the event of bus delays.

We want all families prepared in the event of bus delays. While bus drivers will complete their route, no matter how late they may be running, we recommend that families make alternate arrangements if a bus does not arrive within 20 minutes of its scheduled time.

To help prepare for a delayed bus, families are reminded to:

- Check for delays before you head out the door via the BusPlanner Delays App or the [ECSD bus delays website](https://ecsd.net/busdelays).
- We recommend children wait with a friend or trusted adult at the bus stop.
- Have a plan in case the bus does not arrive. For example, return home or go to a neighbour's house.
- Make alternate arrangements for getting their child to school if needed.
- Dress children appropriately for the weather to withstand any delays or wait times .

Stay Notified

Our Transportation Services team uses several methods to keep families informed about bus delays:

- BusPlanner Delays App: Download the free app on Android or iPhone to receive notifications
- Division Website: Delayed routes are posted at <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>.
- Call Transportation Services at 780-441-6078.

Bus delays can happen, but being ready can make all the difference.

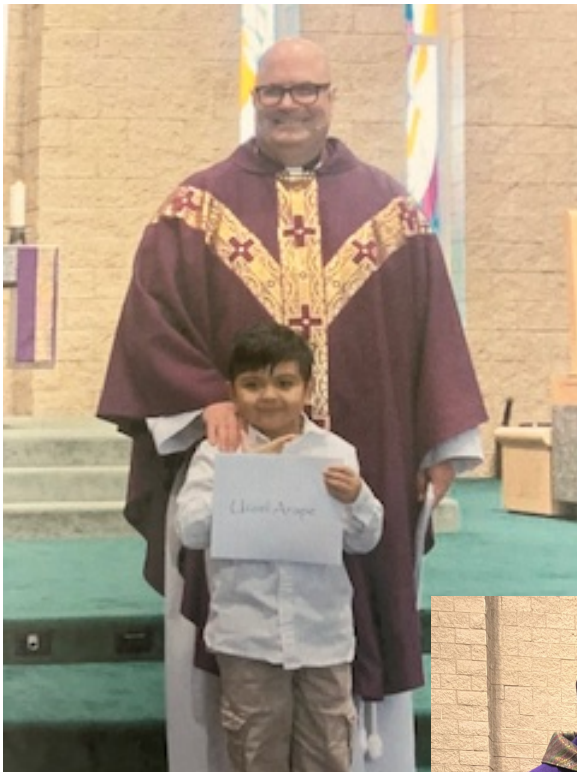
Celebrating the Sacraments



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.**

Congratulations to Adrianna, Jael, Simer, Anthony



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

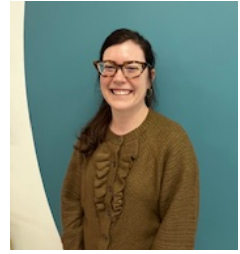
More Parish News



Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

Meet Our School Support Team

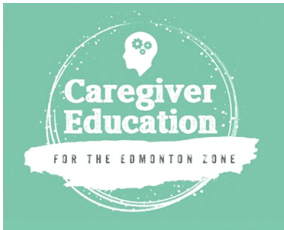
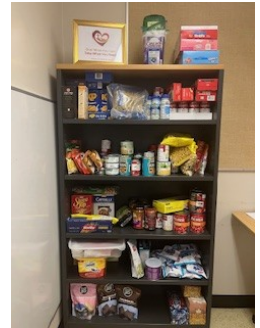
Karla Blimke, our **Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)**, offers support to our students and families here at St. Charles School. Mrs. Blimke will be at our school on **Mondays and Fridays**. Her email is karla.blimke@ecsd.net



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.

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.



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:

<https://mailchi.mp/ymcanab.ca/frn-newsletter-jan2025?e=26cf8cf2a0>

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

Child Care Available at St. Charles

Before and After School Care for children 6-12 years old

Kids & Company is a leading child care and early learning provider. In addition to child care for children under 5, we also offer School Age programming for children ages 6-12, including Before and After School care.

Why Kids & Company?

- Programming tailored to each child's interest.
- Meals and snacks provided by Kidco Kitchen.
- Care is provided on non- school days including PD Day.

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