



February 20, 2026

Dear Families,

As we journey in this season of Lent, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers who prepared and served pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. Your generosity of time and spirit created a warm and joyful gathering for our students and staff. These moments of community are such a gift.

We are incredibly proud of our Grade One students who helped lead our Ash Wednesday liturgy. They participated with reverence and confidence, reminding us all of the importance of prayer, and growing closer to God during this Lenten season.

This month has also been filled with rich learning and community-building experiences. Thank you to our dedicated teachers for thoughtfully planning activities around Random Acts of Kindness, the excitement of the Olympics, and meaningful learning in honour of Black History Month. Through these experiences, our students are learning about compassion, perseverance, inclusion, and the many contributions that continue to shape our world.

The week ahead is a short one for students as our teachers participate in a Division Faith Development Day, followed by two days of Teachers' Convention. These opportunities allow our staff to grow professionally and spiritually as we continue striving to provide the very best learning environment for your children.

When we return in March, we will begin preparing for our upcoming Open House and Demonstration of Learning. We look forward to welcoming families into our school to celebrate student growth, creativity, and achievement.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



## Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's February reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness as we by visiting: [ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-message](https://ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-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!

### February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Pre-Enrollment and New Registrations Open! Registration Opens for the 2026-2027 School Year • 8:00 AM Alien In-Line (Feb. 2-13) K-6	Snow Valley Skiing Grades 4-6		Grade 6 Students visit St. Edmunds	Spirit Day/ Hot Lunch-Little Caesar • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
8	Grade 4A Ice School	Grade 4 Ice School			• 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits • 5:00 PM Family Winter Carnival	Random Acts of Kindness Week February 14-20
15	Family Day Family Day- No School	Chinese Lunar New Year-Year of the Horse Shrove Tuesday Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday • 9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes • 1:00 PM Grade 6 EPS Presentation: Responsible Citizenship • 3:00 PM Public Board Meeting		• 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
22	School Bookings Open for Demo of Learning	Pink Shirt Day	ECSD Faith Development Day- No School ECSD Faith Development Day- No School Faith Development Day (No Classes)	Teachers' Convention (No Classes) Teacher's Convention- No School	Teachers' Convention (No Classes) Teacher's Convention- No School • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
1	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/ Hot Lunch-Dairy Queen • 9:00 AM Winspear Performance for Grades 4-6 • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
8		Grade 3 In School Field Trip- Art Fusion	Hockey Hooky Field Trip to Rogers -Grades 6 & 2 Sunridge Ski Trip- Grades 4 & 5		• 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	



**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)



We have also included the link to the Division Calendar for next year.

**Plan Ahead for the 2026–2027 School Year**

Families can now view, download, and print the updated 2026–2027 school year calendar. Please note that the Remembrance Day Weekend and Fall Break have been extended and will run from November 10 to November 13, 2027. Students will return to classes on Monday, November 16, 2027. Visit [ecsd.net/2026-2027](https://ecsd.net/2026-2027) calendar for full details.

[ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

Focus: LOVE		FEBRUARY 2026 – Black History Month	
Monday Feb. 23		Flex Options 4-6	
Feb. 24		Pink Shirt Day	
Feb. 25		Faith Development Day/PD- No School	
Thursday February 26-27		Teacher’s Convention-No School	

Flex This Week:

Title
"Paper Plate Roller Coaster Challenge"
Heart & Mind Club with Mrs. Moniz
Marshmallow Catapults
Marshmallow Towers with Ms. Fenisha
Micro.bit Mini Lessons
Paper Airplane Making
PlayDoh Jam Band

Subject to Change

Focus: FORGIVENESS		MARCH 2026 (Math Madness)	
March 2		Clay Guys In-School Field trip (grade 2)	
March 3		School Assembly- Forgiveness	
March 4		SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm- ALL are Welcome!	
<b>Thursday March 5</b>		<b>Demonstration of Learning/Scholastic Book Fair 1:00-4:30, 5:30-7:30</b> <b>Open House 6:00-7:30</b>	
Friday March 6		Spirit Day- Twin Day Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen <b>Windspear Grade 4-6 10:00 AM Show</b>	
March 10		Grade 3 In-School Art Fusion	
March 11		Sunridge Ski trip gr 4 & 5 Hockey Hooky field trip (Grade 2 and 6)	
March 13		Pre-enrollment ends	
March 14		Pi Day	
March 16		St. Patrick's Day Grade 6 Ski Trip to Sunridge	



March 18	<b>Family Math Games Night 6:30-8:00 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
<b>Thursday March 26</b>	<b>Cancellation of Early Dismissal</b>
March 27	Early Dismissal
<b>March 30- April 6</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>



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

**Our Next Meeting is March 4 @ 6:30 in the library.**

**For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities**

**please email: [stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com](mailto:stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com)**

### **Demonstration of Learning/ Book Fair- March 5, 2026**

We are excited to share that our upcoming **Demonstration of Learning** is just around the corner, March 5th! This special opportunity allows students to proudly showcase their growth, achievements, and the learning they have been working so hard on throughout the term. It is always a meaningful experience for students to reflect on their progress and share their successes with you. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and celebrating the learning journey together.

Our **Book Fair** will be available from March 3rd to March 5th. It will be open during the Demo of learning hours as well.

To book a time to attend with your child please use our online booking system and code:



<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/5m8c8>

Kindergarten- 8:00AM-11:00AM, 1:00PM- 4:30PM

Grade 1-6- 1:00PM- 4:30PM, 5:30PM- 7:30PM

**Bookings will be open on Monday, February 23 at 8:00 AM**



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## Our next Hot Lunch is March 6- Dairy Queen

All orders MUST be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date. In most cases, this will be a Sunday.

**April 10-Love Pizza , May 8-Booster Juice**

## Registration Opens for 2026-2027 School Year!



Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open!

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.

**Our Open House is March 5th 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

### Reminder of Deadline for Pre-Enrolment

Don't forget to share your plans for the 2026-2027 school year! Sign in to your [PowerSchool account](#) and 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, junior high, or high school. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming.

You can find more information about pre-enrolment on [ecsd.net/pre-enrolment](https://ecsd.net/pre-enrolment).





### **Second Ski Date- Update**

Our second ski date has been rescheduled, however due to the size of our group and a conflict in date with another fieldtrip, we will have to go on separate dates:

**Grades 4 & 5 - Wednesday, March 11**

**Grade 6- Monday, March 16**



We will be hosting a **Family Math Games Night** on **March 18** from **6:30-8:00** with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks.

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

Pre-registration will be required. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Reminders**



Just a reminder that when our temperatures drop to -20 with the wind chill. Students will be brought indoors.

**Please do not drop off your child before 7:45AM** as there is no supervision available until then. The office and any staff who arrive early are preparing for the day and can not be asked to supervise. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us all have a safe and great start to the day.



## 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)

### Parish News

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

Please let us know when your child celebrates their Sacraments and send along a photo for our display!



## Community News:



**BATURYN  
PLAYSCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2026 5-7 PM  
BATURYN COMMUNITY HALL  
10505 172 AVE

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2026-  
2027 YEAR

[Click for more information.](#)

Visit <https://www.baturyn.ca/> to learn more about events with Baturyn Community League and to sign up for their newsletter.

Registration is Open for our  
Neighborhood Playschool!

In need of childcare?

Located right here in our school!

Contact information:

780-472-1936

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## School Spotlight- Highlights from this week!



**Growing in Faith & Community**

**Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday**





**A Visit with our Community Police Officers**



**Learning about Lent & Kindness**



and finally....



Buddy Olympics! Go Team Cardinals!

