

January 10, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

January 12 -January 18, 2025



St. Charles Catholic Elementary School

Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Students,

It was so wonderful to see everyone back this week! With the start of the new year, our school was blessed to welcome two new staff members to the team who will be providing reading and numeracy intervention, as well as helping to support our English Language Learners. We also held our Parent Council meeting on Wednesday. It was great to see new faces! Just a reminder to all our families that as a parent in our school, your voice matters to us in helping to shape and support our school vision. We hope to see more of you attending these monthly meetings. Please check our website calendar for dates, and our website for agendas and minutes.

We completed the week with our student assembly, where we honored many of our students who, throughout the month of December demonstrated Joy. Our focus for January is on Patience. A BIG congratulations to Adalynn for winning the Knights of Columbus poster contest for their Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. Thank you to those students who entered this year.



Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee & Mr. Zydek

Principal

Assistant Principal



Upcoming Events:

Did you know...



The screenshot shows a monthly calendar for November 2024. The calendar is color-coded by day of the week: Sunday (blue), Monday (orange), Tuesday (green), Wednesday (purple), Thursday (red), Friday (brown), and Saturday (pink). Various events are listed throughout the month, including 'Collection for World Day of the Poor' on Sunday, 'St. Charles School Fall Day' on Monday, 'Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break' on Friday and Saturday, and 'Halloween Band Concert' on Friday. The calendar also includes a 'today' button and navigation arrows.

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.



Instagram

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:

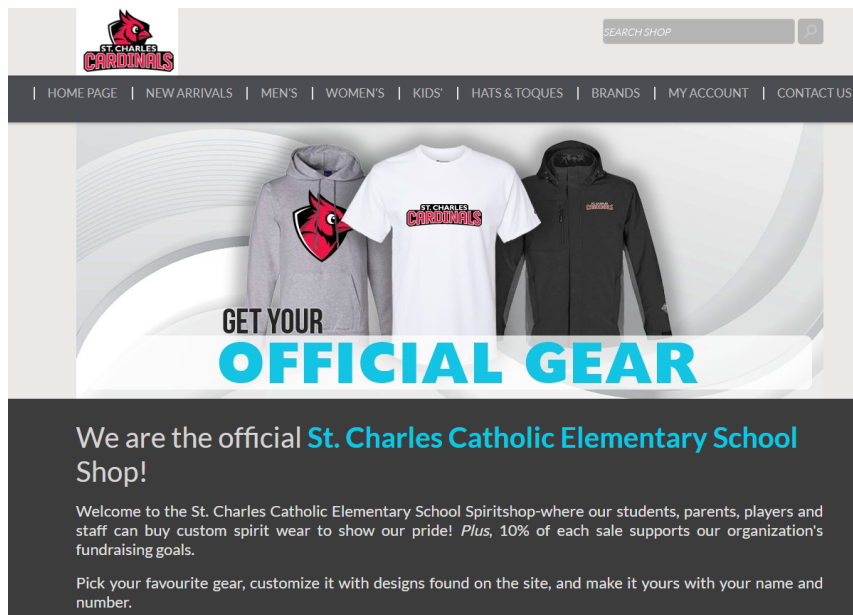
[stcharles_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)

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 will soon be available on our website.



<https://stcharlescatholicelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the St. Charles Cardinals Spirit Shop. The header features the St. Charles Cardinals logo and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME PAGE, NEW ARRIVALS, MEN'S, WOMEN'S, KIDS', HATS & TOQUES, BRANDS, MY ACCOUNT, and CONTACT US. The main content area displays three items: a grey hoodie, a white t-shirt, and a black jacket, all featuring the St. Charles Cardinals logo. Below the items is a large blue banner that reads 'GET YOUR OFFICIAL GEAR'. At the bottom, there is a dark grey section with white text that reads: '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.'

Focus: Patience JANUARY 2025	
January 13	• Grade 3-6 skiing (also Feb.10)
January 16	• Early Dismissal
January 22	• Grade 6 visit from Cardinal Ledger 12:30-1:30
January 23	• Early Dismissal • Gr 6s to St Edmund for feeder school visit
January 24	• School Spirit Day Hat Day & Hot Lunch
January 30	• Early Dismissal • Kindergarten Program • Fr. Cramer Visits
January 31	• Gr 1A and 1B Printmaking In School Field Trip in Library • Digital Summary Report Card PDF available at 4:00 PM

Important Reminders:

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

Parking Lot/ Drop Off & Pick Up- High Importance



Please refrain from driving in and out of the parking lot to drop off or pick up your child at the back entrances. Please use the drop and go areas and limit the time in these spots so that traffic is not backing up.

Supervision is in the back and front starting at 7:45am. Please do not drop off earlier than our supervision time. Our priority is always student safety but we need everyone's cooperation.

Inclement Weather



The health and safety of students is a paramount consideration in the organization of outdoor activities and recess. Decisions regarding outdoor activities are to take into consideration inclement weather that may result from the following conditions or combination of conditions:

Continuous rain, Extreme wind, Extreme cold and/or Air Quality.

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.

- During inclement weather (e.g. temperatures below -20°C with windchill) students will be permitted in the school at 7:45 am. Indoor supervisors will be assigned to supervise areas inside the school. Outside bus supervision will still occur from 7:45 am to 8:00 am.
- Recess will occur indoors during inclement weather. Students will remain in their homeroom classes and schedules may be prepared for classes to access the gym during indoor recess breaks.
- Late arrivals of all students after 8:00 am, are, at all times, asked to enter the main doors.
- Students are to re-enter the school at the end of the day if they miss their bus, the bus is delayed, a sibling forgets to meet the student, etc.

Bus Transportation



REMINDERS FROM EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Information regarding pick up and drop off times for your child are found on PowerSchool.

Parents of kindergarten and grade one students are reminded that there must be an ADULT (not an older sibling) at the stop to receive the student. If there is no adult at the stop, the student will remain on the bus and will be returned to school to await pick up.

All transportation enquiries/concerns are to be addressed to the Edmonton Catholic Schools Transportation department at 780-441-6078, NOT the school, bus driver or bus carrier.

Volunteers at St. Charles-

All people wishing to volunteer with us will need to complete a **volunteer form** for the year. Some parents will require a police record check (PIC) and child welfare check (IRC) if they are going on field trips or working with students. Please provide your child's teacher with your email address and interest in volunteering.



Police Information checks for volunteers, ages 18 and above, can be obtained free of charge directly from Edmonton Police Services, with a voucher which is provided by our Division. The voucher must be **used within 1 week of obtaining it**. Please check **your junk mail** if you haven't received it.

Some field trip volunteers may also require an IRC to be completed, which is free. Please contact your local Children's Services office or email CS-IRCrequest@gov.ab.ca for a blank form. Please note that the clearance is valid for one year from the date it was issued. Once you have received your documents, please send them to the office.

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

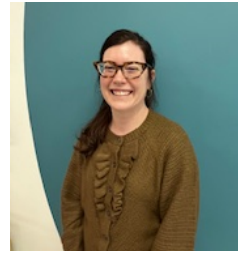
Weekend Mass Times

- Sat: 4:30pm
- Sun: 9am, 11am, 7pm

Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

Meet Our School Support Team

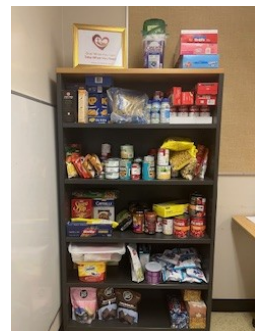
Karla Blimke, our **Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)**, offers support to our students and families here at St.Charles School. Mrs. Blimke will be at our school on **Mondays and Fridays**. Her email is karla.blimke@ecsd.net



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.

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.](#)

**North Central Edmonton
Family Resource Network**
Newsletter

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

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.

Register

