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St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

April 26, 2026

Dear Families,

As we reflect on another wonderful week at St. Charles School, we are filled with gratitude for the many moments that remind us of the strength of our school community.

A huge congratulations goes out to our students for their incredible final hip hop performance following their two-week dance residency. Their energy, confidence, and enthusiasm were truly inspiring, and it was wonderful to see them showcase their hard work and talent. Thank you to our staff and Groovebox Inc for supporting this memorable experience and to our families for cheering on our students.

We would also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to three of our teachers who have recently secured continuous contracts with Edmonton Catholic Schools. This is a significant professional milestone, and we are proud to celebrate their dedication, commitment, and the positive impact they make each day in the lives of our students.

Last week, we were also blessed with the opportunity to come together in service to our St. Charles Parish. We are deeply grateful to all of our staff for their support in helping with an afternoon of service. Acts of service are a beautiful reflection of our Catholic faith and a reminder that we are called to serve one another with love, humility, and generosity.

As we look ahead, we are excited to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week. Our volunteers are an essential part of our school community, and their time, kindness, and commitment make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and staff. Whether helping in classrooms, supporting school events, or sharing their gifts in countless other ways, our volunteers help make St. Charles a stronger and more connected community. We are so grateful for all that they do and look forward to recognizing and celebrating them throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making St. Charles such a special place to learn, grow, and belong.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



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## Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's April reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness by visiting: [April 2026 Message](#)

## Upcoming Events:

Please continue to check our website regularly for news and events,

[St. Charles Catholic Elementary School](#) you can download the calendar to your devices or print it out! [Calendar of Events](#)



**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](#)

## [ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

Subject to Change

Focus: JUSTICE		APRIL 2026 Easter / Autism Celebration Month
April 27-May 1		Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 28		National Day of Mourning
April 30		Leadership Appreciation Day Fr. Marc Parish Visit

Focus: COMPASSION		MAY 2026- Asian Heritage Month
May 1		Deadline to order Spring Fundraiser
May 4		Bus Driver Appreciation Day Parent Appreciation Event at 7:45 - 8:45 am- Drive Thru
May 6		<b>SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm- ALL ARE WELCOME</b>
Friday May 8		School Spirit Day/ Assembly 12:45 Hot Lunch- Booster Juice
Sunday May 10		Happy Mother's Day
May 13		Wingspear Grades 1-3 at 10:00AM
May 19		Grade 4/5B Wild North Education Virtual Fieldtrip
May 15-18		Victoria Day Weekend
May 25		Living Rosary @ 10:30 AM
May 28		Fr. Marc Parish Visit
May 29		Talent Show (time TBA)

Focus: FAITHFULNESS		JUNE 2026 – National Indigenous History
June 2		School Spirit Day/ Assembly at 1:00 pm
June 3		Last SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm Grade 2 Jurassic Forest All Day
June 4		ELA Part B Provincial Achievement Test




June 5	St. Charles Multicultural Day
June 8	Grade 6 Immunization
June 10	Riverhawks Game at 11:00 for Grades 1-5
June 11	Social Studies PAT Fr. Marc Parish Visit
June 12	Science PAT Kindergarten Full Day Zoo Field Trip
June 15	Math Part A PAT
June 16	Games Day- Fitset Ninjas Booked for the day Hot dog lunch provided by SAC
June 17	Year End/ Grade 6 Farewell 10:00 AM Liturgy
June 18	Math Part B PAT
June 19	Grade 6 to Camp Nakamun Grade 2 Bronx Bowling 11:00AM-1:00 PM
June 21	Happy Father's Day National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	Grade 4-6 to Millenium Place Grade 1 Bowling at St. Albert Bowling Center
Tuesday June 23	Last Day of Instruction
Wednesday June 24	Report Cards go Live at 12:00 noon

## **ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027- Updated Final**

# Updated Calendar

## for the 2026–2027 School Year



[ecsd.net/calendar](https://ecsd.net/calendar)

Updated 2026–2027 School Year Calendar  
Edmonton Catholic Schools has updated the 2026–2027 Division school year calendar. While the total number of instructional and operational days remains the same, a few dates have changed.

For most ECSD students, the first day of school will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026. There will be no classes for all ECSD students on Monday, October 19, 2026, as the province conducts a scheduled referendum and Elections Alberta has requested that schools not be in session that day.

View and download the calendars at [ecsd.net/calendar](https://ecsd.net/calendar).



## Volunteer Appreciation Week April 27-May 1



**To all of our volunteers, thank you for being a living witness to Christ's love — generously giving your time, talents, and energy to support our Catholic school community. We celebrate and recognize all the volunteers, including students, staff, and families, who play an integral role in supporting our schools.**

**Edmonton Catholic Schools**  
is **grateful**  
to all our  
**teachers, staff, & community members**

who volunteer their time in various ways, including organizing, supervising, conducting, directing, coaching, and refereeing.



Many of the experiences students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, staff, and community members generously give their time. This may include helping with lunchtime activities, special events, clubs, or school teams, often before or after the school day. These activities are not part of regular instructional time, but they play an important role in helping students build confidence, learn to work with others, and feel connected to their school community.

Our school and Edmonton Catholic Schools are grateful to the teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time in these ways. By working together, we can show respect and appreciation for those who support students outside of regular work hours and help make school a welcoming place for all.



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**Leadership Appreciation Day is on April 30.** It's a day where we can express gratitude for our leaders at Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Leadership comes in many forms, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and selfless individuals who lead by example, display an unwavering commitment to serve the common good, and encourage us to be our best. Their guiding light is a beacon for us all as we walk together with Christ.



**Get Involved!**

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

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

**For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities please email:**  
[stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com](mailto:stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com)



**Our next Hot Lunch is May 8- Booster Juice**

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



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**You're invited to the Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow!**

Taking place on Saturday, May 9 at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre Indoor Field House, this **free**, family-friendly event is open to all.

The event features Indigenous culture and history, with performances by diverse dancers and drummers. Attendees can also explore a variety of artisan, craft, and food vendors. Everyone is welcome! For more details, visit [ecsd.net/powwow](https://ecsd.net/powwow).

**BEN CALF ROBE TRADITIONAL POW WOW**  
Saturday, May 9, 2026

**Prayers FOR Peace**  
NITOTAMÁTÂN PÉYÄHTAKÉYIMOWIN

COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE — INDOOR FIELD HOUSE  
11000 STADIUM ROAD NW  
TIME: 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM • GRAND ENTRY: 1:00 PM



## Parish News

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



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

**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> - PLEASE JOIN US FOR A**



### DETAILS:

**WHERE:** St. Charles Catholic Church  
in the Activity Centre  
(17511 112 Street NW)

**DATE:** Saturday, May 2, 2026

**TIME:** 10 AM – 3 PM

**COST:** "FREE \*"



*\* Note: We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul in lieu of admission, if you are able \**



*Being hosted by the St. Charles Catholic Women's League*



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# YOUR ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Are Promoting a  
**Lenten & Spring  
CLOSET PURGE**

*Clean out your closet*



## WE NEED YOUR CLOTHING

*Clear out your closets this Lent & Spring.  
Then on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** donate those clothes  
(Men's, Women's, Children's, Babies)  
you gathered, to our upcoming  
**FREE CLOTHING BOUTIQUE**  
On May 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

*That's right; we're hosting a fun, no-cost  
shopping experience for anyone who could  
use a little help this Spring*



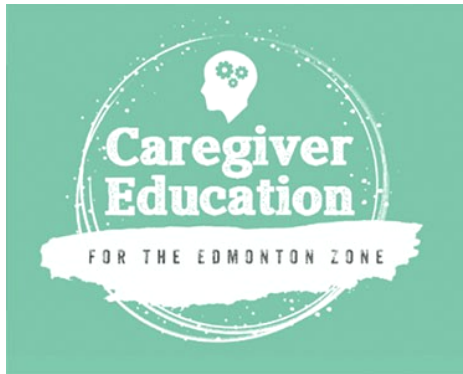
## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 1. CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS**  
Wash and package your gently used clothing (all sizes) –  
\*\*Especially looking for baby & children's clothing\*\*
- 2. DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH  
FRIDAY, MAY 1**  
Bring your donations to St.  
Charles Church Activity Centre
- 3. MORE INFO TO COME**  
Re the FREE CLOTHING  
BOUTIQUE on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
St Charles Activity Centre

*Thank you for helping support our neighbours!*



## 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)

## Addiction and Mental Health Edmonton Zone Resources



### Child and Adolescent Mental Health Intake – Call 825-402-6799

- Provides a single intake service for child & adolescent community mental health clinics across the Edmonton Zone and can provide support to determine the services that best fit the needs of a child or youth.

### Child and Adolescent Single Session Walk-In Clinics

- This service offers a 50-minute, solution-focused, single therapy session on a first-come, first-serve basis with a focus on exploring specific issues and possible solutions. A guardian must accompany the child/youth for consent purposes.
- Please call ahead; phone appointments are also available.
  - Northgate Centre 780-342-2700 (Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:00 pm)
  - Rutherford Health Centre 780-342-6850 (Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:00 pm)
  - St. Albert 780-342-1410 (Wednesday, 12:30-4:00 pm)
  - Leduc Central Hope Building 780-986-2660 (Wednesday, 12:30-4:00 pm)

### Mobile Addiction Services, Youth – Call 780-408-8783 (8:00 am – 4:30 pm)

- This service offers a continuum of programs and services for children/adolescents (aged 12 - 18), families, and professionals concerned about alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and gambling. Phone appointments are available.

### Addiction and Mental Health Crisis Team for Children and Youth – Call 780-644-4591

- This service offers immediate crisis support to children and adolescents and their care providers; it also provides support to professionals in the community in the child serving sector. Available 7 days a week, 8:00 am – 11:30 pm.





# Helping Kids When Things Feel Hard

Community Information  
Fair & Symposium

May 9 | Stanley A. Milner Library

Learn more at [epl.ca/HelpingKids](https://epl.ca/HelpingKids)

**Free drop-in.**

 [epl.ca](https://epl.ca)

## Helping Kids When Things Feel Hard: Community Information Fair & Symposium

Saturday, May 9, 2026  Add to Calendar

11:00 am – 3:30 pm

Stanley A. Milner (Downtown)

**EPL is hosting a free community information fair and symposium event on May 9<sup>th</sup>** that is designed to support parents and caregivers of kids of any age in better understanding children's social emotional development and mental health and wellness.

Link to the event listing on epl.ca: [Helping Kids When Things Feel Hard: Community Information Fair & Symposium | Events | Edmonton Public Library](https://epl.ca/HelpingKidsWhenThingsFeelHard:CommunityInformationFair&Symposium)



Some Special St. Charles Moments:



Thank you to **GrooveBox Inc** for an amazing Hip Hop Residency. **Congratulations** to Ms. Spentst, Mrs. Magee and Ms. Dickson for receiving their Continuous Contracts with ECSD!



April 23rd was our **Grace for the Heart and Soul** afternoon. We took the opportunity to serve at our St. Charles Parish.

