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**St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School**

May 29, 2026

Dear Families,

As we reflect on this past week at St. Charles School, hearts are filled with gratitude for the many opportunities students had to grow in faith, celebrate their gifts, and build community together. Our Living Rosary Celebration was a beautiful witness to prayer and faith in action as students led our school community in honouring Mary and reflecting on the power of prayer. The joy and confidence displayed during our Talent Show also reminded us of the unique gifts and talents that make our school community so special. A sincere thank you to our staff for organizing these meaningful experiences and for creating opportunities for students to shine, lead, and celebrate together.

This week also brought excitement as we welcomed next year's Kindergarten students and families for our Wonder Day. It was exciting to see so many new faces exploring classrooms, meeting staff, and experiencing a glimpse of Kindergarten life at St. Charles. We look forward to welcoming these students officially in the fall and beginning their learning journey with us.

As we look ahead, families are warmly invited to attend our final Parent Council meeting of the school year on Wednesday June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the year and discuss upcoming plans and initiatives. We are also looking forward to our upcoming Multicultural Day on June 5th, where we will celebrate the many cultures, traditions, and backgrounds that enrich our school community. It promises to be a wonderful day of learning, connection, and celebration.

Wishing all of our families a blessed and joyful week ahead.

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Erin Pruski

Principal

Assistant Principal

### **Chief Superintendent Message**

Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on the 2025-2026 school year and offers summer wishes in [her June Message](#).



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## 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](#)

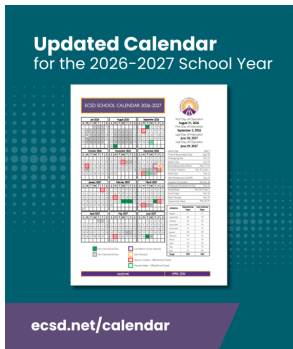


**St. Charles is on Instagram!** This is where you will find a snapshot of the upcoming week and some great photos of what is happening. Follow us at: [stcharles\\_ecsd](#)

[ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#) Subject to Change

Focus: FAITHFULNESS		JUNE 2026 – National Indigenous History	
June 1, 2026	Grades 4/5 & 5A away at Fort Edmonton (morning only) All library books to be returned Transportation Deadline to apply		
June 2	School Spirit Day/ Last School Assembly at 10:15 am		
June 3	<b>Last SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm</b> 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 Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza		
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 <b>Kindergarten Family Picnic Day</b> Grade 2 Bronx Bowling 11:00AM-1:00 PM Grade 3 to Splitsville Bowling 10:30-1:30		
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 Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day in the morning		
Wednesday June 24	Report Cards go Live at 12:00 noon		





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



**Summer Fun Comes Early!**

**Our Grade 6 classes will be selling Jumbo Freezies for \$ 2.00 on Friday June 12th. All proceeds support camp and farewell activities.**

**Thank you for your support!**





**Please return all library books for June 1st.** Mrs. Melynk will be organizing and reshelving titles in preparation for the fall. Any students who have not returned their books by June 1st will receive a friendly reminder. Thank you for helping us with our year end wrap up.

### Transportation Applications Due June 1

Transportation applications for the 2026–2027 school year are due by Monday, June 1.

Please apply by June 1 if your child:

- will take the bus for the first time
- has a new home address
- is changing schools

**You do not need to apply if your child already takes the bus and both your address and school remain the same.**

If your child currently takes the bus but will not need transportation next year, please submit a cancellation form and return the bus pass to the school office by the end of June to avoid future charges.

Apply or cancel at [ecsd.net/applyfortransportation](https://ecsd.net/applyfortransportation).



Apply if your child:

- is new to the bus
- has a new address
- is changing schools



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

## Parent Council



**Our Last SAC Meeting is June 3 @ 6:30 in the library.**

Come and share your voice and meet great people.

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

**Many positions on the Executive will need to be filled for the upcoming school year. Please consider putting your name forward. ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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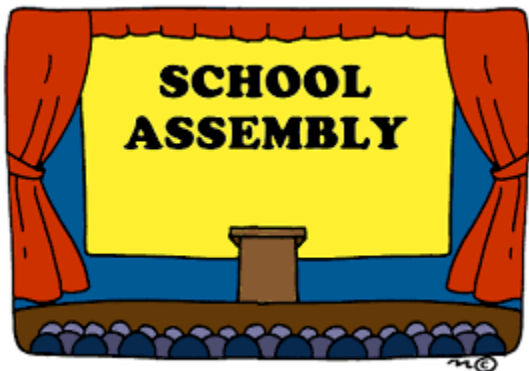
**We are excited to announce our upcoming Cultural Day celebration, and we would love for you and your family to participate in this special event!**

**Date: Friday, June 5th**

**Time: All day**

Cultural Day is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the rich diversity that makes our school so unique. We are looking for families to share their culture through food, clothing, music, flags, and other cultural artifacts. There will be tables set up, each representing a different culture or country, where families can work together to showcase their heritage.

A letter will be coming home with your child on Monday explaining how students and families can participate.



Please join us for our last Student Assembly on **June 2nd at 10:15 AM**. We will be recognizing our students who demonstrated our Christian Values of Compassion and Faithfulness.



## 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!



**Congratulations to Colin Dalweg and family on celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. May you always trust in the Holy Spirit to be your guide and bring you closer to your relationship with Jesus.**



**Registration for our 2026 summer camping season is now OPEN!**

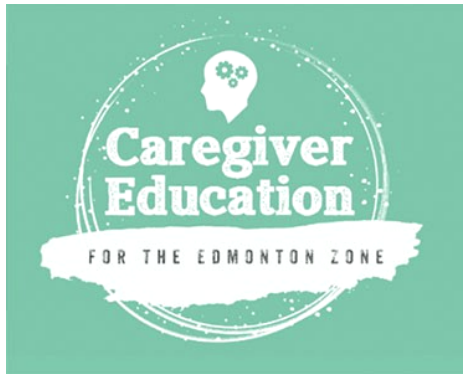
For young people from grades 4 to 12. Experience faith, fun, and community at camp! Celebrate the Sacraments, make friends, and learn new skills like archery. Owned and operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

[www.OLVC.ca](http://www.OLVC.ca)



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## Important Phone Numbers- Promoting Health & Wellness for Families



- 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.



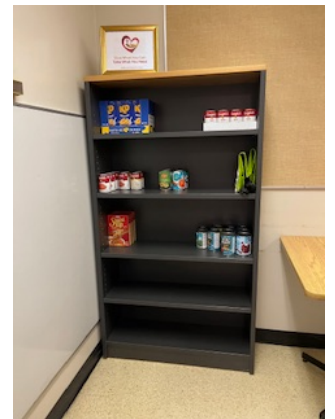


## [Free to Play After-School Program in Edmonton](#)

Please check out the [Free to Play](#) programs, offered by the city.

### **Families Helping Families**

We invite families to drop off any extra non-perishables to help stock our shelf for our families in need. In particular, we need some gluten free items, granola bars, fruit snacks or other healthy snacks. Our pantry is located in our conference room, just across from the office. This is a more discrete location to ensure the dignity of those who may need a helping hand. Donations may be dropped off at the office. If you require support in any way, please reach out to Mrs. Moniz, our FSLW. Her email is [laura.moniz@escd.net](mailto:laura.moniz@escd.net) or simply call the school. She is onsite on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning.



### **Safety Reminder:**

We've noticed more students using the playground before and after school. Please remember that there is **no playground supervision at these times**. On the rare occasion that you cannot arrange for a ride at dismissal time, we will be asking your child to wait inside the school for their safety. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our students safe and accounted for!



## **Practice Fire Drills and Lock Downs**

As we move towards the end of the school year and into warmer weather, we will be continuing our required lockdown, severe weather and fire drills. These drills are an important part of ensuring the safety of our children in the event of an emergency.

Messaging will be sent home following any dynamic drill (not announced to students). The safety and security of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to us, and we will continue to refine our practice with the custom of these drills.

## **Park Use on Thursday After School- Let's be Good Neighbours**

This is a reminder that on Thursdays, our dismissal time coincides with Baturyn's lunch recess. To support their staff in safely supervising students, we kindly ask our students and families to please wait until after **12:10 p.m.**, once all Baturyn students have cleared the area, before using the park after school on this day.

We have always been good neighbours; however, Baturyn staff have recently shared concerns that the presence of additional students and families during this time makes supervision more challenging. While we recognize that this is a public park, we ask everyone to be respectful of this shared space and mindful of their recess schedule.

