

October 11, 2024

Parent Week At A Glance

October 13 -October 19, 2024



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Dear Families,

Our October start has been a busy one, filled with learning for students, parents and teachers.

We celebrated an exciting week of literacy, starting with Read in Week. Thank you to our teachers for organizing guests and activities.



We had a great turn out from parents for our Parent Literacy Evening with Karen Filewych. So many great tips on helping our children grow in their love of reading were shared. Find more information at [Words Change Worlds](#)

Our whole staff came together this past Thursday for part one of our Non-violent Crisis Intervention Training. We are so grateful for the Thursday afternoons, to come together and learn. Our team is truly dedicated to ensuring the best response for every child.

We are thankful for our 12 highly motivated grade 5 and grade 6 students who participated in the LEAD Recess training. This student leadership group will soon be supporting our younger students with positive and engaging recess games. Promoting physical activity, cooperation and fun is their focus. Thank you to Ms. McNeill for being the teacher lead on this one.



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A special thank you to our Grade 3 students, our choir and Fr. Marc for leading us in our beautiful Thanksgiving Liturgy. Our St.Charles school family has so much to be thankful for! We wish all our families a very blessed weekend.



Thank you to our families for their generous donations of non perishables. for the Edmonton Food Bank.



Picture Day was a success! and school pictures are ready!

Here is **a message from LifeTouch:**

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.ca or create an account using your student's student ID number. Paper proofs will also be sent to your home in the near future. All families can also log on and order a FREE digital Pictures2Protect Card. More about the Pictures2Protect program [here](#).

Check out more great pictures on our Instagram account: [stcharles_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)



[October 2024 Message](#)



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Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families



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: [October 2024](#)



[YMCA North Central Edmonton Family Resource Network Newsletter](#)

Check out the many more resources on Healthy Living/ Healthy Communities

[Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services](#)

[Health A-Z](#)

[Healthier Together](#)

Families Helping Families

We invite families to drop off any extra non-perishables to help stock our shelf for our families in need. We have relocated the shelf 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.



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Upcoming Events:

Website and Monthly Calendars-

Our website calendar has now been updated, you will be able to click on the calendar, see what is happening and even print it off if you wish.

Visit ecsd.net/calendar to view all available School Year Calendars

Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming events.

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)



Do You have Skates, Helmets, Snow Pants that Your Child Has Outgrown?

Our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will be starting skating lessons at the end of October. We will gladly accept donations of skates, helmets, and snow pants. Please drop these off to the office.

No School on October 14th - Take time for family and give thanks.

- Read [A Letter of Thanksgiving](#), written by Sandra Talarico, Manager Religious Services

Catholic Education Week 2024
October 19 - 25

TESTIFY!
SHARE THE REASON FOR YOUR HOPE

"But in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you."
1 Peter 3:15

Catholic Education Week October 19-25, 2024

Catholic Education Week holds deep significance for the Catholic community, especially in today's increasingly secular world. This week stands as a beacon of hope and commitment.

A Time for Unity and Reflection

Catholic Education Week offers a dedicated time for prayer, reflection, and unity within the Catholic community. It celebrates the profound role that Catholic schools play in the formation of young people.

Celebrating the Value of Catholic Education



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This week provides an important opportunity to reaffirm the value of Catholic education. Our publicly funded Catholic schools form students to become compassionate, morally grounded individuals who contribute to our society.

A Collective Purpose

Catholic Education Week unites the community to recognize the importance of Catholic education, pray for our students, and seek blessings for the future. It is a time to express gratitude for the opportunities that Catholic education provides and recommit to upholding the values and teachings of the Catholic faith.

"Testify! Share the Reason for Your Hope"

The theme "Testify! Share the Reason for Your Hope" offers a powerful reminder of the responsibility that comes with the privilege of publicly funded Catholic education. It calls for courage to ensure that schools remain true to Church teaching while providing academic excellence. (Taken from GRACE Newsletter, Sept. 2024)

An important message from Parent Council

Thank you to all who have signed up for our 2024 Casino.
We appreciate your support deeply!

We still need a few more positions filled.
We are looking for:

Sunday November 24, 2024

Evening Banker 6:15 pm to 3:45 am
Chip Runner 6:30 pm to 3:15am

Monday November 25, 2024

General Manager 6:15 pm to 3:45 am
2 Cashier positions 6:45 pm to 3:15 am
Chip Runner 6:30 pm to 3:15 am
Count Room Supervisor 11:30 pm to 3:30 am
4 Count Room positions 11:30 pm to 3:30 am

We will be entering all that have signed up for the Casino and completed shift into a Draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 Walmart gift cards.

If you would to sign up for one of the positions above please contact Amanda Garcia at (780) 919-8084 or Melissa Giacobbo (780) 984-6680

With deepest appreciation,
Student Advisory council and Society.



Upcoming Important dates

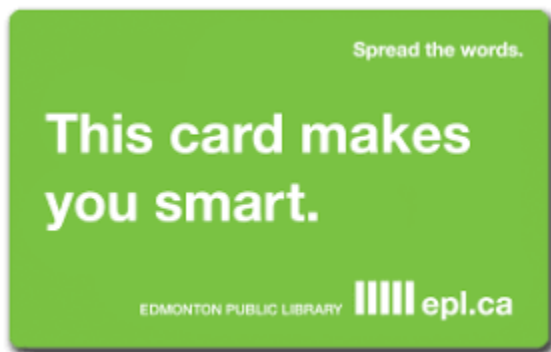
OCTOBER 2024 Focus on Goodness	
October 14	Thanksgiving Day – Classes canceled
October 17	Early Dismissal
October 18	Wellness Dog Visits 4A, 4B and SPACE
October 19-25	Catholic Education Week
October 20	Catholic Education Sunday
October 24	Early Dismissal
October 25	Hot Lunch- Pizza Hut Gary Ganon Indigenous Learning visits from 9-11 am Kinder Pumpkin Math Day in Library - 8am -11am
October 28	Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena 9:15-11:30AM
October 31	Early Dismissal Halloween Concert from O'Leary at 9:10, Halloween classroom activities after recess Kindergarten Program

Reminders:

School Start Times/ Lates/ Illness- PLEASE Communicate with our office

SCHOOL HOURS

Hours of Operation Kindergarten Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	
Morning Program - 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Additional Days: September 26, 2024, October 10, 2024, October 31, November 07, 2024, December 20, 2024, January 30, 2025, February 13, 2025, March 21, 2025, April 17, 2025, May 15, 2025	
Hours of Operation Grades 1-6 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	Hours of Operation Grades 1-6 Thursday
Block 1: 8:03 AM – 9:45 AM <i>(First Bell: 8:00)</i> Recess: 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Block 2: 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM Lunch: 11:45 AM – 12:05 PM Recess: 12:05 PM – 12:20 PM Block 3: 12:20 PM – 2:00 PM Block 4: 2:05 PM – 2:39 PM Dismissal: 2:39 PM	Block 1: 8:03 AM – 9:45 AM Recess: 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Block 2: 10:00 AM – 11:29 AM Dismissal: 11:29 AM
Bell Schedule Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	Bell Schedule Thursday
8:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 8:03 AM – Inside Bells 9:45 AM – Inside Bells 10:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 11:45 AM – Inside Bells 12:05 PM – Inside Bells 12:20 PM – Inside & Outside Bells 2:39 PM – Inside Bells & Outside Bells	8:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 8:03 AM – Inside Bells 9:45 AM – Inside Bells 10:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells 11:29 AM – Inside & Outside Bells



Do you want a free Edmonton Public Library Card? Signing up is very easy and is found under PowerSchool under School Engage. Please click on this [link](#) to find out more information or to watch a video on how to sign up.

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.



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

A reminder to all parents to send in a picture of your child once they have celebrated their sacraments.

Please visit our school website www.st.charles@ecsd.net or follow us on Instagram [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.

Yours in Catholic Education,

~The School Administration



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2024-2025 DIVISION CALENDAR

● First Day of Classes
○ Last Day of Classes

September 3
June 25

○ Early Dismissal Day

○ Cancellation of Early Dismissal Day

● PUBLIC HOLIDAYS *NO CLASSES*

Heritage Day	August 5
Labour Day	September 2
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30
Thanksgiving Day	October 14
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025
Family Day	February 17
Good Friday	April 18
Easter Sunday	April 20
Easter Monday	April 21
Victoria Day	May 19
Canada Day	July 1

● NO CLASSES

Fall Break/ Remembrance Day Weekend	November 8-12
Christmas Vacation	Dec 23-Jan 3
Faith Development Day/Staff PD	February 26
Teachers' Convention	February 27-28
Spring Break	March 24-28
Victoria Day Weekend	May 19-20

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Catholic Education Week	October 19-25
Catholic Education Sunday	October 20
Holodomor Memorial Day	November 23
Ash Wednesday	March 5
World Catholic Education Day	May 29
National Indigenous Peoples Day	June 21
First Day of Summer School	July 2

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