

May 23, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

May 25-31, 2025



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Message from the Administration

Dear Families,

We wish to begin by thanking all our students and families for generously supporting a week of Grade 6 fundraising efforts this month. Our grand total from our bottle drive, Break the Rules day and Freezie Friday, totalled **\$2913.00!** We have one more Freezie Friday coming up on June 6. All the money raised will offset the cost of the Grade 6 Camp Day, and Farewell Celebration. It was so wonderful to see our students take a leadership role in planning and giving of their time to make this year memorable for all of us.

We had a wonderful turnout for our Parent Appreciation Coffee and Donut Event. If you missed us, please know how much your support means to all of us. Thank you to our students who helped pass out handmade cards, and to Starbucks Namao for donating the coffee.

We ended the short week with a beautiful Living Rosary Celebration, in honor of our Blessed Mother. Our students shared prayers in their own languages and showed such reverence throughout. A special thanks to our choir, our first communicants and special guests Trustee Sandra Palazzo, Kathleen Nguyen, Suzanna Kaup from ECSD Religious Services.

As we enter this final week of May, we give thanks for World Catholic Education Day, and encourage everyone to wear blue on May 29 in support.

Blessings,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee
Principal

Mrs. Ashley Jennings
Assistant Principal



Chief Superintendent Message

Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on the Easter season, supporting good mental health, and the many celebrations that take place in spring. [Click here](#) to read her May Message.



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](#)

Please continue to check our website calendar regularly for news and events, <https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices. We have also included the link to the Division Calendar for next year.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



Upcoming Events:

[ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

(subject to change)

Focus: Gentleness		MAY 2025- Asian Heritage Month	
May 19- 20		Victoria Day Weekend- No classes	
May 22		Parent Appreciation Event at 7:45 - 8:45 am	
May 23		Living Rosary Celebration- Whole School 10:30 am	
May 26		FLEX	
May 28		Grade 6 ELA Part A Provincial Achievement Exam 9AM-11AM	
May 29		Fr. Cramer Visits World Catholic Education Day- Wear Blue New Kindergarten Wonder Day- 2 Blocks	
May 30		Kindergarten Family Day 9:45 -11: 00 AM	

		JUNE 2025 – National Indigenous History	
June 2		LAST FLEX	
June 5		Early Dismissal Grade 6 Camp at Nakamun	
June 6		Assembly 8:30 a.m. Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	
June 9		AHS Immunization All Day	
June 11		Edmonton Public Library Summer Reading Program @ 1:45 - 2:15 PM	
June 12		Fr. Cramer Visits ELA Part B Provincial Achievement Exam 9AM-10AM	
June 13		Grade 6 Math Part A Provincial Achievement Exam 9 AM- 9:20 AM	
June 16		Millenium Place Grade 4-6	
June 17		Grade 6 Math Part B Provincial Achievement Exam 9 AM- 10:10 AM Grade 3 Activate Field Trip at 9:00 - 12:10 PM	
June 18		Grade 6 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Exam 9 AM- 10:00 AM Grade 2 Jurassic Forest Field Trip 8:15 AM - 1:50 PM	
June 20		School Spirit Day/ Games Day & Lunch provided by SAC	
June 23		Grade 6 Farewell & Year End Liturgy	
June 24		Grade 1A and 1B Bowling Field Trip Grade 4 Unbirthday Party at Telus World of Science @ 8:45 AM - 1:30 PM	
June 25		Last day of classes	

Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates: Orders for Hot Lunch are due the Sunday prior, before midnight!- **June 6- Boston Pizza**



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 happening in our Parish.



2025 Baptism Preparation Sessions

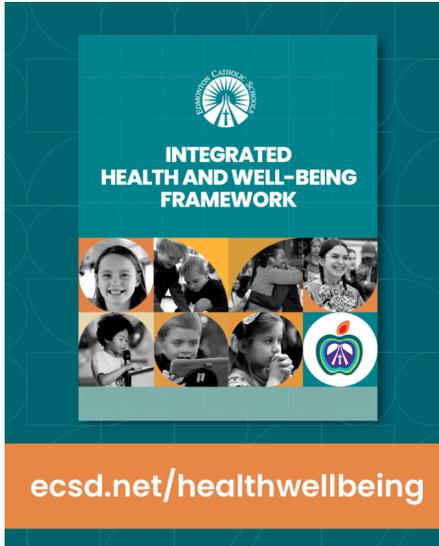
Sunday, June 1st, 2025 at 1pm

Sunday, July 6th at 1pm

To schedule an interview, please call Linda at the parish office prior to attending the Baptism Preparation Session.

780-456-5399

Supporting Well-Being in Our Schools



At Edmonton Catholic Schools, we know that student and staff well-being go hand in hand. When staff thrive, students thrive too. ECSD is launching the Integrated Health and Well-being Framework, which supports mental, spiritual, physical, social, and emotional well-being in our schools and workplaces.

This new framework provides a more holistic approach to the well-being of both students and staff as we retire the Mental Health Strategic Plan. By prioritizing well-being at all levels, we are creating a supportive and inclusive school community where everyone can thrive.

We invite families to read through the framework to become familiar with the supports in place for your children.

Visit ecsd.net/health-and-well-being-framework

A TO Z OF COPING SKILLS			
A ASK for help	B BREATHE deeply and slowly	C COUNT forwards or backwards	D DRINK some cold water
E EXERCISE run, jump, skip, kick a ball or walk fast	F FIND a safe place	G GO to your happy place	H HUG a friend or family member
I IGNORE people who are annoying you	J JOKES to help you laugh	K KIND hands. Keep them to yourself	L LISTEN to calming music
M MEDITATE use yoga or mindfulness	N NAME the emotion you are feeling	O OBSERVE Use mindfulness techniques	P PAINT your feelings
Q QUESTION your thoughts	R RUN as fast as you can	S SEPARATE yourself from the situation	T THOUGHTS negative to positive
U USE your safe place	V VOICE your concerns	W WRITE down your feelings	X EXHALE breathe out your feelings
 Y YELL as loud as you can into a pillow	Z ZONE out and relax yourself		

REMINDERS-



THEFT HAPPENS!

Remember to always lock your bike properly! Please use a high-quality bike lock to secure your bike to our bike rack.

Bug Spray and Sunscreen



Alberta Health Services recommendations:

- Prolonged exposure to bug spray is not recommended for elementary-age children.

We suggest:

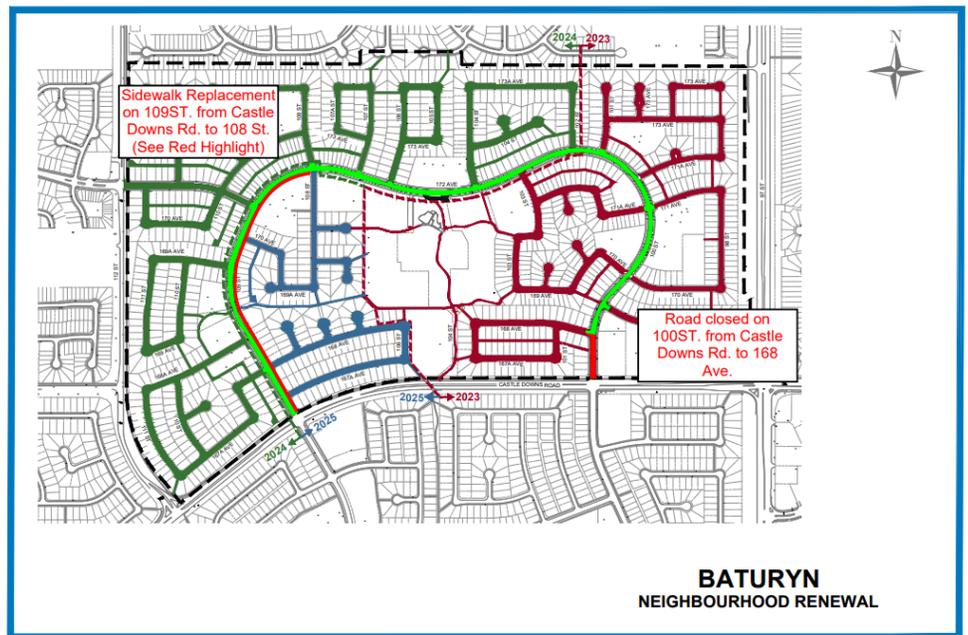
- Parents send long pants and long-sleeved jackets with their child as it is much better for students to cover up when they are outside, rather than using bug spray.
- The peak eating times for mosquitoes are dawn and dusk and these times are not during school hours, so by covering up, children should be okay outside.
- Staff members will not be spraying insect repellent or applying sunscreen on students.
- Parents who choose to send insect repellent with their children, please be advised that for safety precautions, this insect repellent is not to be shared with other students.
- Insect repellent should also only be sprayed outside, away from other students.

SUPERVISION REMINDERS/ Morning Drop off/ Afterschool Playground

Just a reminder that there are no teacher supervisors on the playground before or afterschool. If you are dropping off your child and will not be supervising them, we ask that you send them to the back of the school where the supervisors are located.

In addition, Baturyn School's lunch recess overlaps with our early dismissal on Thursdays. This has caused some issues at the park. Baturyn teachers are out to supervise their students and many of our students are going to the park to play unsupervised. For safety, we ask parents to speak to their child about going home after school if they are without a parent to supervise them.

**Road Construction
has begun!**



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





We are still accepting Registrations for the 2025-2026 school year.

Visit our website for a great video and don't forget to follow us on Instagram.

Spread the word.... St. Charles Catholic School is Awesome!

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to contact our office to book a tour.

REGISTER at:

<https://www.ecsd.net/register>

Community Board Baturyn Community League

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

Kids and Company

ONSITE DAYCARE at St. Charles

Spots Available!

A promotional poster for '2025 SUMMER CAMP' by Kids & Company. The top half shows a group of children in blue t-shirts and hats posing outdoors. The text 'kids & COMPANY' is in the top left. The main title '2025 SUMMER CAMP' is in large yellow letters. A yellow circle on the right says 'Ages 6-12 years old'. A list of activities includes 'Weekly Field Trips', 'Meals & Snacks', 'Fantastic Staff', 'Weekly Themes', and 'New Friendships'. A bottom section says 'Registration Open Now!' with a QR code. The background is light blue with a white circular graphic element.