

January 3, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

January 5 -January 11,
2025



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Students,

We hope your Christmas break was filled with the blessings of love, peace, and joy. As we return to school on **January 6**, we enter into a **Jubilee Year of Hope** as proclaimed by Pope Francis. This special year calls us to renew our faith, strengthen our hearts, and embrace God's abundant hope for our lives.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is a time to reflect on the boundless love and mercy of God, reminding us that no matter what challenges we face, we can always turn to Him for strength and guidance.

As we continue to journey through this school year together, let us be the light of Christ and offer hope and compassion to others, and be filled with a deeper sense of purpose in our learning and in our lives as a faith-filled community.

Yours in Catholic Education,

~The School Administration





Edmonton Catholic Schools Welcomes the Jubilee Year!

We invite our families, students, staff, and community to join Catholics around the world as we celebrate this special year. As Pope Francis says, “May the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope!”

What is Jubilee 2025?

Every 25 years since 1300, the Catholic Church holds a special celebration called the Jubilee Year. This is a time of reset, where the land and the people rest and we focus on our relationships with others and with God. The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who will then preside over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord’s Birth inside the Basilica.

There are several key dates during Jubilee 2025, these can be found in the Jubilee 2025 Calendar.

2025 Theme

“Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). Pope Francis has chosen Pilgrims of Hope as this year’s theme.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a

harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

Read the full text of Pope Francis' message [here](#).

How can you participate?

There are many ways to take part in the Jubilee 2025. These include:

- Pilgrimage
- Holy Door
- Reconciliation
- Prayer
- Liturgy
- Profession of Faith
- Indulgences

Jubilee Prayer

The Jubilee Prayer Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen

Pope Francis

The Jubilee prayer can also be found in other languages [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

Did you know...



The screenshot shows a monthly calendar for November 2024. The calendar is color-coded by day of the week: Sun (light blue), Mon (light green), Tue (light orange), Wed (light purple), Thu (light pink), Fri (light yellow), and Sat (light blue). Events are listed in various colors corresponding to the day of the week. Key events include: 'Collection for World Day of the Poor' on Sun 1, 'St. Charles School Fall Day' on Mon 3, 'Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break' on Fri 15, and 'Remembrance Day' on Sat 16. Other events include 'Kindergarten Program', 'Halloween Band Concert', 'Picture Retake Day', 'Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza', 'Volleyball Game-St. Edmund at St. Charles', 'School Bookings Open for Terms of Learning', and 'Remembrance Day Service'.

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.



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)



School Advisory Council Meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday January 8th at 6:30 PM** for our meeting and learn about what exciting new opportunities are being planned for our students.

Parent & Student ECSD Surveys- Due January 10, 2025.

Mail in your surveys or send them to the office and we will use our interoffice mail to ensure your survey reaches our Division office in time.

ECSD Annual Survey



1. Complete the paper survey
2. Fill out a survey for each child registered
3. Return by January 10, 2025

Visit ecsd.net/annualsurvey for more information

Patience with others is
Love,
Patience with self is
Hope,
Patience with God is
Faith.

Adel Bestavros (1924 - 2005)

Student Monthly Assembly January 10 @ 8:30 AM

Please join us as we honour our students for sharing the Christian value of Joy in December, and as we learn about the virtue of Patience.

All are welcome!

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



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.**

**First Reconciliation &
First Communion**

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.](#) Download our latest newsletter: [November/December Newsletter](#)

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

CALENDARS

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

2024-2025

DIVISION

CALENDAR

● First Day of Classes

Last Day of Classes

○ Early Dismissal Day

○ Cancellation of Early Dismissal Day

● PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

NO CLASSES

Heritage Day

Labour Day

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Thanksgiving Day

Remembrance Day

Christmas Day

Boxing Day

New Year's Day

Family Day

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Easter Monday

Victoria Day

Canada Day

August 5

September 2

September 30

October 14

November 11

December 25

December 26

January 1, 2025

February 17

April 18

April 20

April 21

May 19

July 1

● NO CLASSES

Fall Break/ Remembrance Day Weekend

Christmas Vacation

Faith Development Day/Staff PD

Teachers' Convention

Spring Break

Victoria Day Weekend

November 8-12

Dec 23-Jan 3

February 26

February 27-28

March 24-28

May 19-20

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Sunday

Holodomor Memorial Day

Ash Wednesday

World Catholic Education Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day

First Day of Summer School

October 19-25

October 20

November 23

March 5

May 29

June 21

July 2

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Focus: Patience		JANUARY 2025
January 6		• Classes resume
January 8		• School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
January 9		• Early Dismissal
January 10		• LAST DAY for ECSD SURVEYS • Assembly - Patience 8:30 a.m.
January 13		• Grade 3-6 skiing (also Feb.10)
January 16		• Early Dismissal
January 17		• Flying Canoe Field trip (Tentative) 4A, 5A, 6A 9:30-11:30
January 20		• Flying Canoe FT 4B, 5B, 6B 9:30-11:30
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 & 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



Chief Superintendent December Message December 2024

Please visit the website <https://www.ecsd.net/december-2023-message> for Chief Superintendent Anderson's December message.

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



The flyer features a light blue background with several yellow and light green circles of varying sizes. On the left, a young boy in a light blue shirt holds a yellow magnifying glass over his eye. On the right, a large yellow circle contains a photo of two children, a boy and a girl, smiling. Above this, a smaller teal circle shows a close-up of a girl's face. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.

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



The logo consists of a blue circle with a simple smiley face inside. Below the circle, the words "kids&" are written in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with the ampersand in a darker blue. Below that, the word "COMPANY" is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.