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St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

May 1, 2026

Dear Families,

As we begin the month of May, we would like to pause and celebrate the strength and diversity of our school community. Throughout April, we recognized Autism Acceptance Month, deepening our understanding and appreciation of the unique strengths each learner brings to our school. We also marked Volunteer Appreciation Week, and offer a heartfelt thanks to the parents, family members, and volunteers whose generosity and commitment truly make a difference for our students and staff.

We are pleased to invite all parents and caregivers to our Parent Appreciation Coffee and Treat Drive-Thru on Monday, May 4, beginning at 7:45 a.m. This small gesture reflects our gratitude for your ongoing partnership and support. On the same day, we will also recognize Bus Driver Appreciation Day and thank our bus drivers for the care and dedication they show in safely transporting our students to and from school.

Looking ahead, we encourage parents to join us for our upcoming Parent Council Meeting on May 6. This is a valuable opportunity to stay informed, share ideas, and learn more about upcoming events and initiatives within our school.

Finally, we are happy to welcome our new teacher to our Grade 3A classroom and look forward to the positive contributions she will make. We are also pleased to share that Mrs. Martire has stepped into a new role as our Complexity Teacher. In this position, she will support students and staff across all classrooms as we continue to meet the diverse needs of our learners.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal

Chief Superintendent Message

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



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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: COMPASSION		MAY 2026- Asian Heritage Month
May 1		Deadline to order Spring Fundraiser
May 4-10		Mental Health Week
May 4		Bus Driver Appreciation Day Parent Appreciation Event at 7:45 - 8:45 am- Drive Thru
May 6		SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm- ALL ARE WELCOME Hats On For Mental Health
Friday May 8		School Spirit Day- Backwards Day / Assembly 12:45 Hot Lunch- Booster Juice
Saturday May 9		Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow- all are invited.
Sunday May 10		Happy Mother's Day
May 10-15		Catholic Education Week
May 13		Winspear Grades 1-3 at 10:00AM
May 19		Grade 4/5B Wild North Education Virtual Fieldtrip
May 20		Bottle Drive for Grade 6 Farewell & Camp
May 15-18		Victoria Day Weekend
May 22		Grade 6 ELA Part A Provincial Achievement Test
May 25		Living Rosary @ 10:30 AM
May 28		Fr. Marc Parish Visit
May 29		Talent Show (time TBA in the afternoon)

Focus: FAITHFULNESS		JUNE 2026 – National Indigenous History
June 1, 2026		Grades 4/5 & 5A away at Fort Edmonton (morning only)
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 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.

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!"



Updated Calendar
for the 2026–2027 School Year

ecsd.net/calendar

Parent Appreciation Event May 4



**PARENT APPRECIATION
DRIVE-THRU**

MONDAY, MAY 4TH 7:45-8:45 A.M.

THANK YOU TO NAMAQ STARBUCKS FOR THE COFFEE DONATION



We hope you can join us for a quick and fun drive thru service to show you our appreciation for all your support this school year. We are truly blessed!

Bus Driver Appreciation Day- May 4



**THANK YOU
BUS DRIVERS**

FOR KEEPING EDUCATION MOVING!

On behalf of all our riders and the staff at St. Charles, Thank you to our drivers for keeping our kids safe!

We appreciate you!





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. Treats Provided.

For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities please email: 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.

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

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

Prayers FOR Peace
NITOTAMÁTĀN PÉYĀHTAKÉYIMOWĪN

ANCESTORS | MOON | BAIN | WIND | CHILDREN | SON | MOTHER | FATHER | STARS

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

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.



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 2ND - 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



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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 1st** donate those clothes
(Men's, Women's, Children's, Babies)
you gathered, to our upcoming
FREE CLOTHING BOUTIQUE
On May 2nd!*

*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

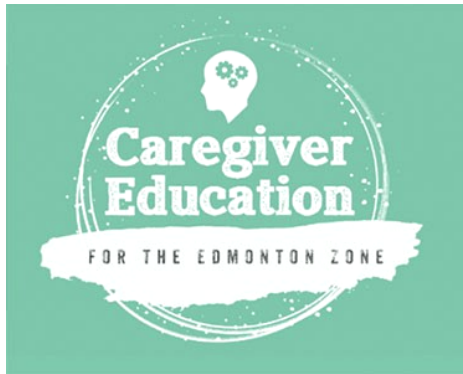
Re the FREE CLOTHING
BOUTIQUE on Saturday May 2nd
St Charles Activity Centre



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

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! 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

Free drop-in.

 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

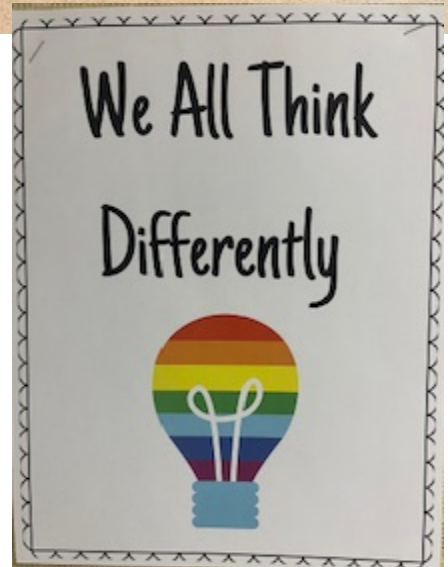
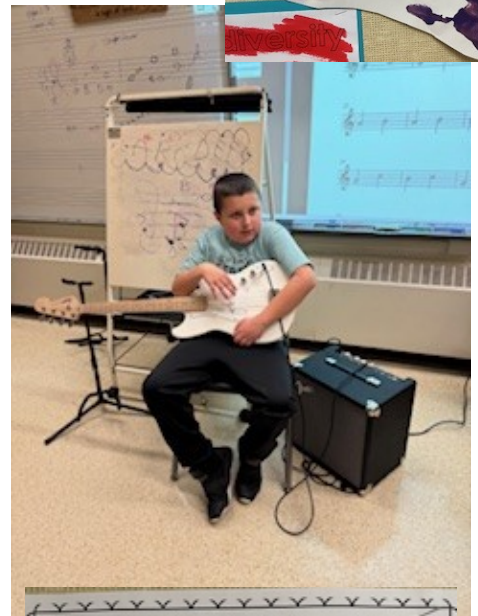
Stanley A. Milner (Downtown)

EPL is hosting a free community information fair and symposium event on May 9th 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)



Celebrating Autism Awareness Month in April: Some Special St. Charles Moments:



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Bottle Drive Fundraiser

When: Wednesday, May 20th

*Where: Bring your bottles to the
school between*

7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

*All proceeds from this bottle
drive will go towards the Gr. 6
Camp Day and Farewell*

