

March 14, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

March 16- March 22, 2025



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Message from the Administration

Dear Families,

We wish to thank all our families who came out to celebrate their children's success at our Demonstration of Learning. These are such special times in your child's learning journey, and a great opportunity for families to show how proud they are of their child's dedication to school life.

A special thank you to our Grade 6 student leaders for being such great ambassadors during our Open House, which welcomed about 15 new families who were very interested in our school. A special thank you to our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Barlage for hosting the Kindergarten presentation in her room and to Trustee Sandra Palazzo for joining our opening presentation and sharing so many accolades about our school.

We have one more week ahead before Spring Break, and it will be a busy one! We look forward to celebrating our Cultural Day March 20th, and wish to thank our families for getting involved and sharing their culture through food, stories, music and artifacts. It will be an amazing day of learning for all of us. As well, our student social justice team will be kicking off our fundraising efforts in support of Share Lent and Development & Peace. Look for more information on supporting ticket sales for your child to win "Principal for a Day", and filling "Jars of Hope."

As well our SAC is still collecting Purdy's orders in support of our Makerspace. More details are found below.

Finally, we want to remind you of the full day Thursday March 20, and early dismissal on Friday March 21. Spring break begins and students will return on March 31, 2025

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee
Principal

Mrs. Ashley Jennings
Assistant Principal

Chief Superintendent Message

March brings the beginning of Lent in our liturgical calendar. Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson continues to reflect on the themes of goodness, truth, and beauty in her Chief Superintendent's Message. Read about opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations about Catholic education, Lenten activities in our schools, and the Jubilee of Volunteers. You can [read the full message here](#).



Pre-Enrollment Period Closed March 14!

- By **April 14, 2025**, all existing ECSD students will receive confirmation of their registration requests.
- This confirmation will indicate that the student has been accepted and is officially assigned to their new school for September.

New Registrations Are Still Open!

Do you know a family that has a child born in 2020?

If so, let them know that our school is accepting registrations for Kindergarten!

Our goal is to have two half day classes for this fall. We would love to offer a morning and afternoon choice for families.

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.

Upcoming Events:

(subject to change)

Focus: Self-Control MARCH 2025	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19	Gr 1A and 1B Science in School Field Trip Hot Lunch - Pizza Hut
Thursday March 20	Full Day of School Cultural Day
Friday March 21	Early Dismissal Kindergarten Program
March 24-28	Spring Break

Focus: Faithfulness APRIL 2025 Easter	
April 1	Classroom newsletters sent to parents
April 2	Grade 4 in-school field trip with Hands on Science in the Learning Commons
April 3	Fr. Cramer Visits Early Dismissal
April 8	Student Faith Leadership Award at Lumen
April 9	Evergreen Theatre Performance- Alice in Wonderland K-6 @ 9:30 a.m. Morning recess delayed.
April 10	Early Dismissal Teacher Appreciation hosted by SAC
April 11	Assembly 8:30 a.m.
April 17	Kindergarten Program
April 18	Good Friday- No School
April 21	Easter Monday- No School



Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates: Orders for Hot Lunch are due the Sunday prior, before midnight!

- Pizza Hut

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)



Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdy's chocolates from our fundraiser! 💜🍫

This year, we're hoping to raise \$3000 for Makerspace, and we need YOUR help! 🙌😊

What is a Makerspace? A Makerspace is a dedicated area in our school where students can engage in hands-on, creative projects. It is equipped with a variety of materials and coding programs that allow students to explore, invent, and build. The Makerspace is a hub of creativity and innovation, encouraging students to think outside the box and develop practical solutions to real-world problems.

The space offers numerous benefits for our students. It enhances learning by allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of concepts through hands-on and coding activities. They develop critical skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical proficiency. The interactive nature of the Makerspace increases student engagement, making learning more enjoyable. Additionally, the skills and experiences gained in the Makerspace prepare students for future academic and career opportunities in a rapidly evolving world.

From now until March 30th, you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter/Spring chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies. 😊

What you'll need to order:

1. **Our campaign number: 62104**
2. **Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1932652-127363>**
3. **Click "Join Campaign"**
4. **Shop, shop, shop away! 😍**

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy Chocolating! 🍫🌟

Important Reminders:



A reminder to all parents that school fees are now due. Please log into your parental portal to make payment. If you need assistance, please contact our office.

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



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 is happening in our Parish.

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7PM

Fridays, April 4, 11- 7PM

Nicene Creed Presentation

March 13 - Mass & Nicene Creed Presentation - 6:30PM

Parish Mission

March 17, 18-7PM

Penitential Service March 19-7PM

Palm Sunday

April 12- 4:30 PM April 13- 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

Holy Thursday

April 17 - 7PM

Good Friday

April 18 - 11AM & 3PM

Holy Saturday

April 19 - Morning Prayer & Blessing Food-10AM

Easter Vigil

April 19 - 9PM

Easter Sunday

April 20 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM





ELEVATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 12TH

ST. LORENZO SCHOOL RED DEER

\$35 (INCLUDES SNACK, LUNCH, AND BUSSING)

THE ELEVATE CONFERENCE IS FOR GRADES 6-9!
COME TO **ENCOUNTER THE LORD,**
HAVE FUN, AND BE EMPOWERED!
THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES LOTS OF GAMES,
LUNCH, TALKS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, ADORATION, AND MORE.



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Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

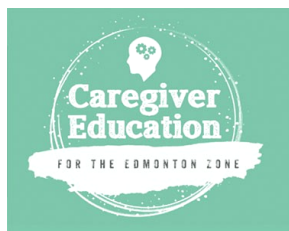
Meet Our School Support Team

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.



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.](#)

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](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

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Family Resource Network**

Newsletter

Community Board Baturyn Community League

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