



Principal Report May 6, 2026

Highlights since our last meeting:

- On March 18th we hosted our Family Math Games Night with Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks. It was a huge success with many of our families coming out to explore fun ways to support math learning at home. We had approximately 60 parents and students. We look forward to hosting more family nights next year.
- We also held our school PD day the following day where staff engaged in learning more about integrating proactive circles within their classes as a way to promote community, problem solving and communication. This was led by our Division's Creating Communities of Belonging consultant Shelley Yu. We look forward to welcoming Fitzroy Ford on May 5th and 12th to work with a few more of our classes as we continue to support student social emotional learning and wellness. Our afternoon was further spent exploring optimal learning through a social justice lens.
- April was Autism Awareness Month- an important time for all of us to learn about and celebrate the amazing young people in our building.

We also celebrated these special moments:

- Our Groovebox Residency was a total hit as expressed by students and parents. The final show was definitely a moment that won't be forgotten, a culmination of student creativity and teamwork. Thanks again to our parents who supported us.
- Our Lenten Journey was marked by many opportunities for students to grow in their faith. Our Social Justice team held a handmade craft sale in support of Development and Peace and they also led the Stations of the Cross evening at St. Charles Parish. We also had our Drama Club put on their first Passion Play. We are so blessed to have such faith-filled student leaders.
- Following Spring Break, our students enjoyed a beautiful walk to the parish where we celebrated Mass as a school community. We hope to attend more often next year.
- Special days of recognition and appreciation were held for our Support Staff, Volunteers, Leadership, Bus Drivers and a special Parent Appreciation drive thru

event just earlier this week. As a school community we acknowledge and appreciate all those who commit to making St. Charles the vibrant and welcoming community it is. We especially want to thank each of our Parent Council members and attendees for your time and commitment to supporting our school.

- Many of the experiences students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, and staff generously give their time, often before or after the school day. Here at our school this has included:
 - helping with lunchtime activities such as intramurals, soccer, basketball,
 - special events which included our Family nights, Talent Show
 - clubs such as art club, broadcast, Wellness Team, Lead recess, Social Justice, Drama, board games
 - and school teams including volleyball.

These activities **are not part of regular instructional time**, but they play an important role in helping students build confidence, learn to work with others, feel connected to their school community, and help make school a welcoming place for all. We are so blessed and grateful to have such a dedicated staff.

Looking Ahead:

- May is a special month as we focus on Mental Health Week, Catholic Education Week, Asian Heritage Month and especially important our dedication to our Holy Mother and tribute to all mothers. Activities and learning have been planned to mark these important events.
- Our Living Rosary will be held on May 25th this year. More information will be shared soon.
- We will be holding our Kindergarten Wonder Day later this month. This is an opportunity to have our new kindergarten students join us and help build their excitement for school.
- We were identified as one of the 42 schools who received a Classroom Complexity Teacher and 2 additional support staff. We welcome Mrs. Martire into this role and her replacement for grade 3, Miss Hennigar. We also welcomed Ms. Mundle, our TABT. We were unsuccessful in hiring a second EA to the team due to staffing shortages. Mrs. Martire and Ms. Mundle will work alongside teachers in classrooms, responding to urgent behavioural,

academic, or mental-health needs of students. Their roles will continue into next year.

- We are very proud of our Grade 6B students participating in the Be An Upstander Showcase tomorrow. They will be heading to Lumen Christi to join other students from across our Division to share their projects that support learning and understanding of various social issues.
- Our Grade 6 classes will begin fundraising for their year end activities starting with a bottle drive on May 20th. Freezy Fridays are also in the plan.
 - Teachers were hoping to surprise students with the photobooth company that was here for our Family Carnival and they would welcome any SAC support to help offset the cost of this or other activities they have planned for the farewell. The school will be purchasing the traditional crosses, lanterns and keepsake books.
- Tomorrow we will be working together with Executive Director Susan Makale who will lead us through the creation of a new vision statement for our school. Last year she joined us in supporting the creation of our new mission statement.
- Our staff will also be looking closely at the new Division Education Plan and the three priorities of:
 - Learning and Living Our Faith,
 - Excellent Learning Experiences and,
 - Nurturing Student well-being
 - Division 3 Year Education Plan-
<https://www.ecsd.net/documents/67df7bca-f237-4049-a490-00bb1f0caedc/ECSD-Education-Plan-2026-2029-y1-final.pdf>

We will be creating our 3 year plan in alignment to the Division plan. I look forward to sharing the plan at our last meeting in June.

- We hope to continue our Roots of Empathy program and are now looking for a new Volunteer Baby and Parent- Communication will be sent out, but if you know of someone expecting, please share the information or have them call the school.

Staffing Updates:

- Our regular staffing cycle has just started. We can not confirm any staff for next year but we are very happy for Mrs. Barlage who will be retiring at the end of this year.
- Congratulations to Miss Dickson, Miss Spent and Mrs. Magee on securing their continuous contracts with our Division

Plan for Student Supports:

- Complexity teacher.
- FSLW, EBS, TABT, EA, TASL, TAOT
- ELLE

Current Student Enrollment as of May 6: 340

K- 36,

Grade 1-42,

Grade 2-37,

Grade 3-54,

Grade 4-56,

Grade 5-71

Grade 6-44

Upcoming Events:

- Hot lunch/ Assembly at 12:45 and Backwards Day
- Catholic Education Week is May 10-15
- Grade 6 Bottle Drive May 20
- Living Rosary May 25
- Kinder Wonder Day May 28
- Talent Show May 29 at 1:00 pm- performers will be announced on Friday
- June 5- Our Cultural Day
- June 10- Grades 1-5 to watch the Riverhawks
- June 16 Games Day- Fitset Ninja Mobile Obstacle Course/ and other activities - Lunch will be provided by SAC 11:30-12:15

School Requests for 2025-2026

New Items Added to School Requests:

Gym Wish List **March 2026**

1. 10 basketballs \$25.50 = \$255.
2. 12 inch Scooters (6 in a set) \$193 .00
3. 12 dodgeballs \$308.00
4. 10 soccer balls \$ 25.00/each = \$250.00
5. 2 Hockey Goalie Mask \$35 each = \$70
6. Pickleball net 22 feet with carry bag \$230 x2 = \$460
7. Ladder Ball = \$75.75
8. Smash Ball Game kit = \$60
9. Speed Hurdles 12 inch \$16.50 each x10 = \$165.00
10. Agility Ladder 8 metre = \$50
11. Lacrosse Ball official \$4.00 each x 30 = \$120.00
12. Scooter Ringette Set = \$133.00

Total= 2,139.75 + GST

NEW:Grade 6 Photobooth- \$500

New: Riverhawks Game- Grade 1-5 Cost of tickets \$ 1799.00 and bus \$\$ 762.20 plus GST



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- Chromebooks and iPads 21,900 approved- covered by SAC
- Student experiences - \$40 per student approved- covered by SAC
- Feb 2-13- Alien Inline Skating K-6-\$6137.25 - covered by SAC (parents who have already paid will see a credit)
- April 10- April 24 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency-K-6-\$6900+gst- covered by SAC
- June 16 Games Day- Fitset Ninja Mobile Obstacle Course K-6 -\$1,875+gst - covered by SAC
- Bibles for Grade 4 (Fall 2026)- \$25 each x 55= \$1375
- Yearbooks - 1 per family @\$5.00 each

Items below are included in the School Fee Schedule:

- Alberta Musical Theatre- \$997.50- (charged to parents)
- Feb. 13- Family Winter Carnival- (not covered- parents charged \$25/family)
 - SAC to cover cost of activities and cookies/hot chocolate-
 - Horses booked- Lonestar 3 hr. minimum \$1800 plus GST, Delivery & Pick up Charge \$200 plus GST
- Snow Valley Skiing Lessons-Grade 4- 6
 - Booked February 3, 2026 & March 2, 2026
 - Lift Ticket & Lesson- \$35/student + \$12/student (rental) =\$47
- March 18 Family Math Games Night -Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks
 - \$650 +GST (could be partially covered through ASCE Grant with SAC approval)
- Symphony at the Windspear for Grade 1-6 (Edu Concerts)
 - 1-3 May 13-\$1925 plus bussing
 - 4-6-March 6- \$1650 plus bussing

Residency Planning 2026-2027

Music:

<https://www.rhythmrhythmrhythm.com/residency-planning/>

- Booked- \$9125.00
 - March 3-19

Physical Education:

Alien Inline <https://alieninline.com/school-inline-skating/>

- November 16-27

Literacy:

Words Change Worlds Writing Residency

<https://wordschangeworlds.ca/writing-residencies/>

- Oct 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
- \$7500 + GST