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**St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School**

April 12, 2026

Dear Families,

This past week was filled with meaningful opportunities for our students to come together in faith, celebration, and creativity, reminding us of the strength of our school community.

One of the highlights of our week was our whole-school walk to Easter Mass. It was truly special to journey together as a community, reflecting on the meaning of this sacred season. The reverence, respect, and spirit shown by our students made this a beautiful and memorable experience for all.

We are also incredibly proud to congratulate Vanessa Smits, our recipient of the Lumen Christi Student Leadership Award. Vanessa exemplifies what it means to lead with kindness, integrity, and faith. Her well-deserved recognition and the positive impact she has on our school community was acknowledged at a special evening event with our Board of Trustees and Chief Superintendent.

This week also marked the exciting kickoff of our Groovebox Residency. Students have already begun engaging in creative, musical experiences, and we look forward to seeing their confidence and expression continue to grow. We invite families to join us for the final Groovebox performance on April 24, where our students will showcase their learning and talents.

Looking ahead, we will be gathering for a student assembly this Thursday focused on the Catholic value of Justice. This will be an opportunity for us to reflect together on how we can live out fairness, compassion, and responsibility in our daily actions.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant and caring place. Wishing all of our families a peaceful and joyful week ahead.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



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Chief Superintendent Message

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

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: JUSTICE		APRIL 2026 Easter / Autism Celebration Month	
April 13		Groovebox Hip Hop Residency	
April 14		Grade 2 at Ortona Gymnastics 9:15-12:15 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency	
April 15		Groovebox Hip Hop Residency Grade 3 field trip to Telus World of Science	
April 16		School Assembly @ 9:00AM	
April 17		Groovebox Hip Hop Residency	
April 20-24		School Yard Clean Up for Earth Day	
April 20		Groovebox Hip Hop Residency	
April 21		Groovebox Hip Hop Residency	
April 22		Groovebox Hip Hop Residency Telus World of Science field trip Grade 2 (all day)	
Friday April 24		Finale performance - Groovebox Hip Hop Residency 1:00-2:30	
Thursday April 30		Fr. Marc Parish Visit	

Focus: COMPASSION		MAY 2026- Asian Heritage Month	
Friday May 1		Living Rosary @ 10:30	
May 5		Parent Appreciation Event at 7:45 - 8:45 am- Drive Thru	
May 6		SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm- ALL ARE WELCOME	
Friday May 8		School Spirit Day/ Assembly (TBA)) Hot Lunch- Booster Juice	



Sunday May 10	Happy Mother's Day
May 13	Wingspear Grades 1-3 at 10:00
May 19	Grade 4/5B Wild North Education Virtual Fieldtrip
May 15-18	Victoria Day Weekend
May 22	St. Charles Multicultural Day
May 28	Fr. Marc Parish Visit

Focus: FAITHFULNESS		JUNE 2026 – National Indigenous History	
June 3	Last SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm Grade 2 Jurassic Forest All Day		
June 4	ELA Part B Provincial Achievement Test		
June 5	School Spirit Day/ Assembly		
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		



Get Involved!

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.

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.



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Congratulations to our Lumen Christic Student Faith Leadership Award Recipient



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!



Congratulations to Michelle, who celebrated her Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

May Jesus continue to live in your heart and help you grow more in love with Him each day.



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*



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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

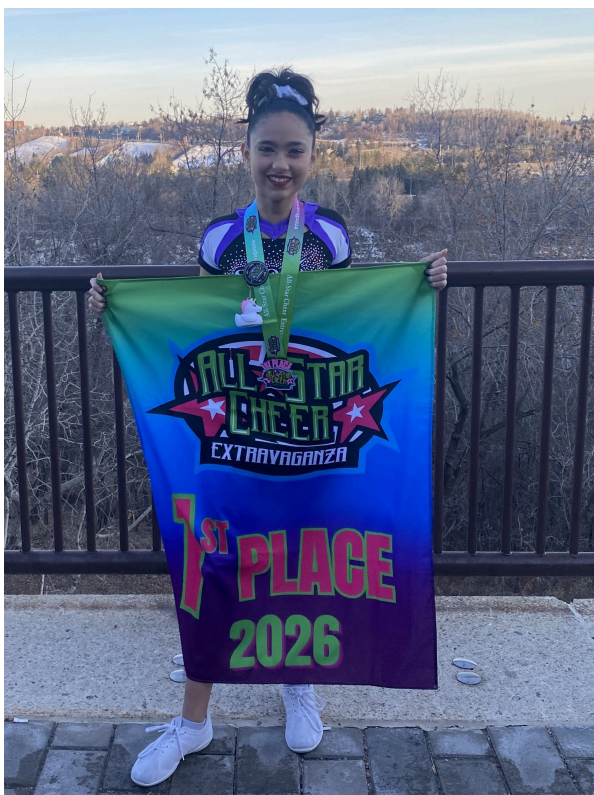
- 1. CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS**
Wash and package your gently used clothing (all sizes) –
Especially looking for baby & children's clothing
- 2. DROP OFF AT THE CHURCH FRIDAY, MAY 1**
Bring your donations to St. Charles Church Activity Centre
- 3. MORE INFO TO COME**
Re the FREE CLOTHING BOUTIQUE on Saturday May 2nd
St Charles Activity Centre

Thank you for helping support our neighbours!

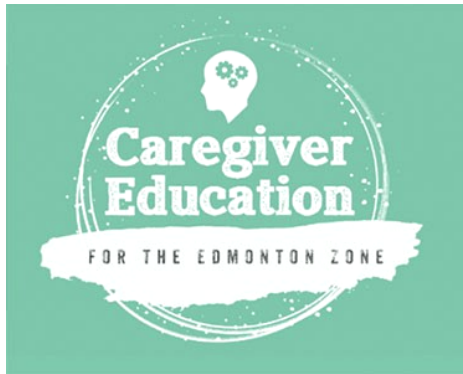


Celebrating Our Student Athletes- CONGRATULATIONS!

Many of our amazing students are involved in out of school athletic pursuits and we want to take a moment to acknowledge their incredible accomplishments throughout the year. We are proud to see school spirit soar outside our building. We invite families to share their child's accomplishments by emailing photos to laurie.bonanni-mcgee@ecsd.net



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.

