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St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

February 14, 2026

Dear Families,

What a wonderful celebration we shared at our Family Winter Carnival! Thank you to all of our families who came out to enjoy the evening and help make it such a special community event. Your presence and enthusiasm truly brought the carnival to life. A heartfelt thank you as well to our dedicated teachers and staff who so generously gave their time to plan, organize, and lead the many activities. Their commitment to building joyful experiences for our students and families is deeply appreciated.

As we look ahead, we prepare for Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, which mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a special time in our Catholic faith for reflection, prayer, and acts of kindness and service. As a school community, we will take time to learn about the meaning of this season and consider how we can grow in compassion and generosity.

This week also highlights Random Acts of Kindness. It has been inspiring to hear students already sharing thoughtful ideas about how they can help make our school, community, and world a better place. Small acts—offering a helping hand, including someone in a game, or sharing a kind word—have a powerful impact.

And of course, Olympic fever continues to sweep through our classrooms! Students have been excitedly following events, celebrating teamwork and perseverance, and participating in commemorative activities. We look forward to keeping that spirit alive as we approach the closing ceremonies.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making our school such a vibrant and caring community.

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 February reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness as we by visiting:

ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-message

Family Day Monday February 16- No School

A Prayer for a Family

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.

Dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.

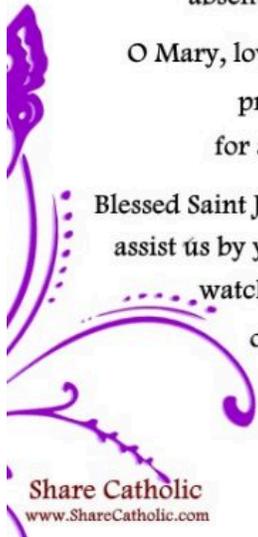
watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying.

Amen.



As we approach the Family Day holiday this week, we hope you enjoy this special time together. Family Day is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, connect, and appreciate the people who mean the most to us. Whether you are spending time outdoors, sharing a meal, or simply enjoying each other's company, we hope the day is filled with love, laughter and meaningful moments.

Wishing all of our families a safe and happy long weekend!



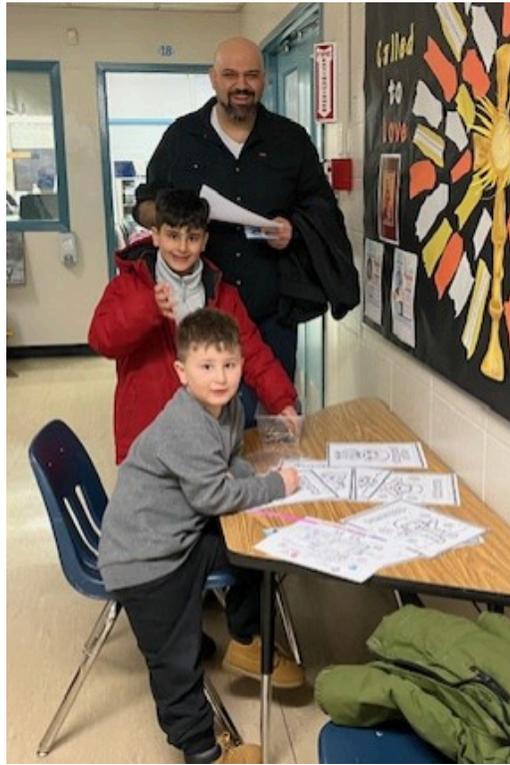
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Family Carnival 2026 Highlights





**A special thank you to our Neighbourhood Tim Hortons
16039-97Street for generously donating the hot
chocolate!**



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and to our photographers for capturing the memories!



Upcoming Events:

Please continue to check our website calendar regularly for news and events, <https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices.

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](#)

We have also included the link to the Division Calendar for next year. [ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)



Focus: LOVE		FEBRUARY 2026 – Black History Month	
Feb. 14		Valentines Day	
Feb. 14-20		Random Acts of Kindness Week	
February 16		Family Day- no school	
Feb. 17		Chinese Lunar New Year- Year of the Horse Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes will be served. Thank you SAC!	
Feb. 18		Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Deacon Joseph at 9:00AM- All are Welcome! Grade 6- EPS Presentation on Responsible Citizenship	
Thursday Feb. 19		Fr. Marc Parish Visit	
Feb. 24		Pink Shirt Day	
Feb. 25		Faith Development Day/PD- No School	
Thursday February 26-27		Teacher's Convention-No School	

Subject to Change

Focus: FORGIVENESS		MARCH 2026 (Math Madness)	
March 2		Clay Guys In-School Field trip (grade 2)	
March 3		School Assembly	
March 4		SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm	
Thursday March 5		Demonstration of Learning/Scholastic Book Fair 1:00-4:30, 5:30-7:30 Open House 6:00-7:30	
Friday March 6		Spirit Day Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen Windspear Grade 4-6 10:00 AM Show	
March 10		Grade 3 In-School Art Fusion	
March 11		Sunridge Ski trip gr 4 & 5 Hockey Hooky field trip (Grade 2 and 6)	
March 13		Pre-enrollment ends	
March 14		Pi Day	
March 17		St. Patrick's Day Grade 6 Ski Trip to Sunridge (tentative alternate date)	
March 18		Family Math Games Night 6:30-8:00 with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks- pre registration required	
Thursday March 19		PD DAY- Rescheduled - No School	
Friday March 20		Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish	
Thursday March 26		Cancellation of Early Dismissal	
March 27		Early Dismissal	
March 30- April 6		Spring Break	

Plan Ahead for the 2026–2027 School Year

Families can now view, download, and print the updated 2026–2027 school year calendar. Please note that the Remembrance Day Weekend and Fall Break have been extended and will run from November 10 to November 13, 2027. Students will return to classes on Monday, November 16, 2027. Visit ecsd.net/2026-2027 calendar for full details.





Our **School Advisory Council** (SAC) plays an important role in building a strong school community, and we need your help.

Our Next Meeting is March 4 @ 6:30 in the library.

For information on SAC, volunteering opportunities

please email: stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com

Demonstration of Learning/ Book Fair- March 5, 2026

We are excited to share that our upcoming **Demonstration of Learning** is just around the corner, March 5th! This special opportunity allows students to proudly showcase their growth, achievements, and the learning they have been working so hard on throughout the term. It is always a meaningful experience for students to reflect on their progress and share their successes with you.

More information will be sent home soon regarding how to book a time to attend with your child. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and celebrating the learning journey together.



Our next Hot Lunch is March 6- Dairy Queen

All orders **MUST** be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date. In most cases, this will be a Sunday.



We will be hosting a **Family Math Games Night** on March 18 from 6:30-8:00 with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks.

Pre-registration will be required. Stay tuned for more information.



Registration Opens for 2026-2027 School Year!



Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open!

Current ECSD students can complete the pre-enrolment process to select their school for the upcoming school year.

Please visit our [registration](#)

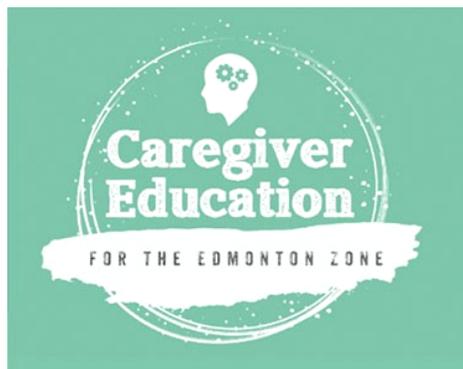
[page](#) for more information.

Our Open House is March 5th 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Any parents wanting to advertise with a lawn sign, please see the office. We still have a few left!

Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

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

Additional tips for supporting mental health at this time of year

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca



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Parish News

Please visit [St. Charles Parish](#) for more on happening in our Parish.

Please let us know when your child celebrates their Sacraments and send along a photo for our display!



2026 Family Day Celebration

Monday February 16, 2026

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Charles Activity Centre

Free Admission!

***Tropical Bouncer with Slide, Three Game
Carnival - Ring Toss, Darts, Bank a Ball,
Basketball, Crafts Table, Face Painting***

***Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Hot Chocolate and
Popcorn***

Hosted by the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus

Donations will be accepted



SAINT CHARLES YOUTH GROUP

GRADE 7-12 YOUTH GROUP Upstairs Youth Room 2:15pm-4:15pm	JANUARY 10	GRADE 3-6 YOUTH GROUP Upstairs Youth Room 5:30pm-7:30pm	JANUARY 20
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Community News:



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

Registration is Open for our Neighborhood Playschool!

In need of childcare?

Located right here in our school!

Contact information:

780-472-1936

[Kids & Company St. Charles.](#)

A flyer for 'Before and After School Care' for children 6-12 years old. The background is light blue with yellow and green circular accents. The title 'Before and After School Care' is in bold dark blue, with 'for children 6-12 years old' below it. The text describes Kids & Company as a leading child care and early learning provider, offering school age programming for children ages 6-12, including before and after school care. There are three circular photos: one of a boy with a magnifying glass, one of a boy and girl looking at something together, and one of a girl smiling. A 'Register' button with a QR code is in the bottom right. The 'Why Kids & Company?' section lists three bullet points: programming tailored to each child's interest, meals and snacks provided by Kidco Kitchen, and care provided on non-school days including PD Day. The Kids & Company logo is in the bottom right corner.

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.

Register



Why Kids & Company?

- Programming tailored to each child's interest.
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