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St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

April 18, 2026

Dear Families,

As we move into the third week of Easter, we are reminded that the joy of the Resurrection is not just a single day, but a season—one that calls us to live with hope, kindness, and renewed purpose. In this time, we are invited to be people of light, sharing compassion and encouragement with those around us. At school, we see these values lived out daily in the way our students support one another and in the dedication of our staff who help create a caring and faith-filled community.

This coming week, we are especially excited to celebrate School Support Staff Appreciation Week. Our support staff are essential to the life of our school. Whether they are working directly with students, supporting classrooms, or ensuring the smooth operation of our building, their contributions are invaluable. They build relationships, offer encouragement, and help every child feel seen and supported. We are deeply grateful for all they do and the positive impact they have on our school each and every day.

We are also looking forward to a wonderful celebration of student learning this Friday at our final Groovebox dance performance. This event will showcase the hard work, creativity, and confidence of all our students. We hope you are able to join us for this special event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. May this Easter season continue to bring hope and joy to you and your families.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal

Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's April reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness by visiting: [April 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: JUSTICE		APRIL 2026 Easter / Autism Celebration Month	
April 20-24	School Yard Clean Up for Earth Day	School Support Appreciation Week	
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)	
April 24	Finale performance - Groovebox Hip Hop Residency 1:00-2:30		
April 27-May 1	Volunteer Appreciation Week		
April 30	Fr. Marc Parish Visit		

Focus: COMPASSION		MAY 2026- Asian Heritage Month	
May 1	Order deadline for SAC Spring Fundraiser- Pick up May5-7		
May 4	Living Rosary @ 10:30	Bus Driver Appreciation Day	
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 12:45	Hot Lunch- Booster Juice	
Sunday May 10	Happy Mother's Day		
May 13	Winspear Grades 1-3 at 10:00		
May 19	Grade 4/5B Wild North Education Virtual Fieldtrip		
May 15-18	Victoria Day Weekend		
May 28	Fr. Marc Parish Visit		
May 29	St. Charles Got Talent!- Talent Show Afternoon (time TBA)		



Focus: FAITHFULNESS		JUNE 2026 – National Indigenous History	
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		



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

Get Involved!

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.



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027- Updated Final

ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027



First Day of Operation
August 31, 2026
 First Day of Instruction
September 2, 2026
 Last Day of Instruction
June 28, 2027
 Last Day of Operation
June 29, 2027

July 2026							August 2026							September 2026						
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Labour Day	Sept 7
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 12
Election Day	Oct 19
Remembrance Day Wknd	Nov 11-13
Christmas Vacation	Dec 21 to Jan 1
Family Day	Feb 15
Faith Development Day/PD	Feb 24
Teachers' Convention	Feb 25- 26
Professional Development Day	Mar 25
Spring Break	Mar 26 to Apr 2
Good Friday	Mar 26
Easter Monday	Mar 29
Victoria Day Wknd	May 20-24

MONTH	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	1	0
September	20	19
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	14	14
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	19	18
April	20	20
May	18	18
June	21	20
Total	190	183

- Non instructional Days
- Non-Operational Days
- Cancellation of early dismissal
- Early Dismissal
- Statutory Holiday - Office/School Closed
- Named Holiday - Office/School Closed



Edmonton
Catholic Schools
is **grateful**
to all our
**teachers, staff,
& community
members**

who volunteer their time in various ways, including organizing, supervising, conducting, directing, coaching, and refereeing.



Many of the experiences students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, staff, and community members generously give their time. This may include helping with lunchtime activities, special events, clubs, or school teams, often before or after the school day. 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, and feel connected to their school community.

Our school and Edmonton Catholic Schools are grateful to the teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time in these ways. By working together, we can show respect and appreciation for those who support students outside of regular work hours and help make school a welcoming place for all.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL
**SUPPORT STAFF
APPRECIATION WEEK**



Thank you to our
Educational Assistants
and Multidisciplinary
Student Support Team



We appreciate all that you do!

Thank you for supporting our students with care and commitment. Your work helps our students thrive.





St. Charles Got Talent!

We are excited to invite our students to showcase their unique gifts and talents at this year's **St. Charles Got Talent Show!**

The performance will take place on **May 29th in the afternoon** (specific time to be announced).

Students interested in participating are asked to **let their teacher know between April 15-21.**

Beginning **April 24-May 1st auditions will be held.** Students are required to come to auditions fully prepared. This includes bringing any required props and ensuring that music is ready.

Music can be provided on a USB or emailed in advance to **Ms. Spenst at haley.spenst@ecsd.net**, along with the student's full name and grade.

Please note that, due to time constraints, not all students who audition will be selected to perform. Preparation plays an important role in the selection process, and students who arrive unprepared or miss their audition will not be considered. **Chosen performers will be notified May 4** and practices will be scheduled mid May, including dress rehearsals.

We look forward to seeing the incredible talents of our students and celebrating their creativity and confidence!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Spenst, Mr. Froman, Ms. Van Herk



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!



St. Charles Spring Fundraiser For the DIY Lovers

Bonnie Doon Greenhouse has partnered with us again
for our spring fundraiser - DIY Planters!
~Just in time for Mother's Day~

Each kit includes:

1-3.5 pot- Dracaena

**1-3.5 pot-Goldilocks (lime green foliage
trailing plant)**

**2- 5- inch pot Geraniums (choice of
red,violet,pink flowers)**

**1- individual dusty miller (silver foliage
plant)**

1-individual petunia (blue flower)

1-individual marigold (yellow flower)

Kits are \$30 each

Order Deadline is May 1st

Pick-up will be May 5th-7th.



Flower Pot Not Included

Proceeds will go towards Kona Ice and games day festivities at year end

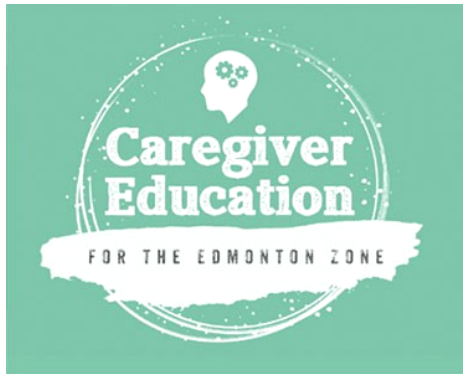
Cash or cheque payable to **St. Charles Educational Association.**

All Orders need to be picked up by parents or caregivers due to the gentle nature of the items.

For any questions or concerns, kindly email
Melissa Giacobbo - msgiacobbo@hotmail.com



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.

