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St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

January 30, 2026

Dear Families,

As we wrapped up the final week of January, our school community remained busy with learning and planning ahead. On Thursday, our staff participated in a Professional Development Day focused on Optimal Learning and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). These important conversations help us continue to strengthen classroom practices that support both academic success and student well-being.

Looking ahead, our Grades 4–6 students are preparing for their upcoming ski trip — an exciting opportunity that promotes physical activity, confidence, and teamwork. In addition, inline skating lessons will begin over the next two weeks for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6, giving everyone a chance to build skills, confidence, and have fun staying active.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Family Carnival! Don't forget to purchase your family ticket, which includes unlimited sleigh rides and indoor fun for the whole family. Our professional photo booth will be available to help you capture special memories from this wonderful community event.

Finally, a reminder that Kindergarten registration and pre-enrolment for the 2026–2027 school year opens on February 2. We encourage families to register early and help us plan for the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



### 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](http://ecsd.net/chief-superintendents-message)



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## 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. 2		Pre-enrollment and new registrations open	
Feb 2-13		In Line for all K-6 students	
Feb. 3		Snow Valley Skiing for Grades 4-6	
Thursday Feb 5		Grade 6 Feeder School Visit to St. Edmunds	
Friday February 6		School Spirit Day- “Anything but a Backpack” Hot Lunch- Little Caesar	
February 9 & 10		Grade 4A to ICE School	
February 13		<b>Family Winter Carnival Evening- 5:00-8:00 pm (see details below)</b>	
Feb. 14		Valentines Day	
Feb. 14-20		Random Acts of Kindness Week <u>The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation</u>	
February 16		Family Day- no school	
Feb. 17		Chinese Lunar New Year- Year of the Horse Shrove Tuesday	
Feb. 18		Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Deacon Joseph at 9:00AM	
Thursday Feb. 19		Fr. Marc Parish Visit	
Feb. 24		Pink Shirt Day Pink Shirt Day	
Feb. 25		Faith Development Day/PD- No School	
Thursday February 26-27		Teacher’s Convention	



**St. Charles School**

# Family Winter Carnival

**Friday, February 13th, from 5:00–  
8:00 pm**

**Join us for an evening of fun for the  
whole family!**

**Activities:** Horse-drawn sleigh rides, crafts,  
glow dance, games, hot chocolate, photo  
booth, outdoor fun, and more!



**Cost:** \$25 per family



Please purchase tickets through  
PowerSchool.

**Family Winter Carnival 2026/ Silent  
Auction**

We are excited to host our first Family Winter Carnival Event on **February 13!** What a great way to kick off the Family Day Long Weekend with sleigh rides, a photobooth, dance, crafts and treats.

**All activities are free with your one time Family Ticket purchase of \$25.00.**

Ticket sales are on PowerSchool now!

We will also be running a **Silent Auction** for some incredible city wide family fun events to make your weekend awesome! Proceeds from the auction will be donated to the ECSD Foundation.

**A special thank you to our Silent Auction Donors:**

Sponsor:	Donation:	Value:
The Comic Strip	8 tickets to a performance	\$280.00
RiverHawks	2 tickets for 2026 season	\$50
Alberta Aviation Museum	Family Pass	\$38.00
Calaway Park	4 one-day passes	\$234.99
Bronx Bowling	1 hour Gift Certificate	\$46.00
Laser City	6 free games of Laser Tag	\$65.94
Canadian Brewhouse	Burger Bar Voucher	\$250

**A table will be set up next to the staffroom**

## Registration Opens for 2026-2027 School Year!



Registration for the 2026-2027 school year opens on **Monday, February 2, 2026**.

This is also when 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!**

### Important Reminders



## HEALTHY HUNGER

Our Healthy Hunger program has started up again this year. If you are new to the program, you can visit [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to sign your child up.

Click on create account and follow the steps. You will be prompted to find your child's school as well as their grade and teacher. If you already have an account, you can log in with your same credentials and it will prompt you to add a student. Once lunches have been added, you will see them listed and you can order accordingly. Please note the following

1. **All orders MUST be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date.** In most cases, this will be a Sunday.
2. If for some reason you placed an order and your child will not be attending school that day, changes can be made up until the 5 day mark. After that day, **NO CHANGES** may be made. There are 3 options that can be done in the instance that your child is unable to attend that day.....
  - a. You may come and pick up your child's lunch after 12 noon
  - b. You may donate it to another child of your choice
  - c. You may allow the office to donate it to a child in need of a lunch

In all instances, please call the office ASAP, to let them know what we should do with your child's lunch. If we have not heard from a parent by 11:00 AM your child's lunch will be donated so it does not go to waste.

3. Please make sure to **double check** on the Healthy Hunger website that you have placed your child's order on the Sunday before. If your child's name is not on the list on hot lunch day, unfortunately there is nothing that we can do at the school as it is all done directly through healthy hunger.

If you have any questions in regards to your healthy hunger account, you may contact Healthy Hunger directly.

### Next Dates are:

February 6- Little Caesar's  
April 10- TBA  
June 5- TBA

March 6 - DQ  
May 8- TBA

**Healthy Hunger**  
Fun Lunch Fundraising

### PARENTS

**FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE**

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) and click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT". After your account is created, you will be able to view all upcoming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.

#### HOW IT WORKS

<b>Create an account</b>	<b>Add Student</b>	<b>View upcoming Fun Lunches</b>	<b>Place your orders and make payment online</b>
<b>STEP 1:</b> Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create your account.	<b>STEP 2:</b> Log in and add your child to the system.	<b>STEP 3:</b> View all upcoming fun lunch dates.	<b>STEP 4:</b> Place your orders and make payment Online.

Healthy Hunger Inc.  
1035 27 Ave NE, Suite 101, Calgary, AB, T2E 1E4  
[help@healthyhunger.com](mailto:help@healthyhunger.com) [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca)





**Get Involved!**

## School Advisory Council

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](mailto:stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com)



*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.*

### **Drop Off Zones/Designated Handicapped Parking**

A reminder to not enter the parking lot for end of day pick up as only the Baturyn Playschool parents with valid passes are permitted. Individuals who hold a valid handicapped pass are the only ones who should be accessing the dedicated space. Finally, please avoid parking by the fire hydrant to avoid getting ticketed.

### **BusPlanner Delays App**

We encourage our families who have children who take the bus to download the BusPlanner Delays App on their mobile phones to receive late bus notifications. Instructions are located on [Yellow Bus Delays - Edmonton Catholic Schools](#)

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

## Additional tips for supporting mental health at this time of year

- CMHA Edmonton: Winter Mental Health - a Guide for Good Practices: <https://edmonton.cmha.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CMHA-Edmonton-Winter-Mental-Health-Guide.pdf>

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! [www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca)



### Winter Clothing

For families requiring assistance with winter clothing, please contact our office. We have sizes available. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus, and our families for the generous donations.

### Food Donations

We want to remind all our families that we are here to support you. We are still collecting food donations for our pantry, and any family in need is asked to contact the office or speak with Mrs. Moniz directly for assistance. Her email is [laura.moniz@ecsd.net](mailto:laura.moniz@ecsd.net)



## **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!



**Registration for our  
2026 summer camping  
season opens on  
January 26th.**

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For young people from grades 4 to 12.  
Experience faith, fun, and community at  
camp! Celebrate the Sacraments, make  
friends, and learn new skills like archery.  
Owned and operated by the Catholic  
Archdiocese of Edmonton.

[www.OLVC.ca](http://www.OLVC.ca)



Congratulations to our Winners of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!



Highlights from our day of professional Learning:



Community News:

**HUB Youth Summit**  
Feb 5, 2026 | Castle Downs Family YMCA

FREE event for youth & teens ages 12–17 & their parents/guardians!

Food | Beverages | Cotton Candy | Popcorn  
*(food/beverage available while supplies last)*

Thursday, February 5  
4–7pm

Castle Downs Family YMCA  
11510 153 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5X 6A3

Registration required

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