September 12, 2026

Dear Families,

Last week, we held our first student assembly, where we introduced our 2026–27 division theme, Rooted in Joy. We talked about what it means to be rooted in our faith, our relationships, our purpose, and in the joy we find in learning and being part of our St. Charles community. We also shared some of the many exciting learning opportunities, activities, clubs, and special events planned throughout the year. There is certainly much to look forward to!

This coming week, our Grade 6B students will head to the Edmonton Valley Zoo for our first Inquiring Minds School experience. We are very excited to have many of our classes participate in these week-long learning experiences throughout the year. These programs provide wonderful opportunities for our students to explore, ask questions, make connections, and bring their learning to life beyond the traditional classroom.

Our Cross Country Running Club has also officially begun! It has been wonderful to see our students getting active, challenging themselves, and cheering one another on. We can't wait to see our runners compete at the end of the month!

September is also an important month of learning and reflection as we focus on Truth and Reconciliation. Throughout the month, our students will be learning about the history and experiences of Indigenous peoples, residential schools, and our shared responsibility to listen, learn, remember, and work toward reconciliation. As we prepare for Orange Shirt Day on September 30, we will continue to reflect on the importance of every child being valued, respected, and cared for. These conversations are an important part of our Catholic commitment to dignity, relationship, compassion, and service.

Finally, please note that our School Opening Liturgy has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to gathering as a school community to pray, celebrate, and begin our year together in faith.

Thank you, as always, for your support as we begin another wonderful year at St. Charles. There is so much to be joyful about, and we are excited for all that this year will bring!

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

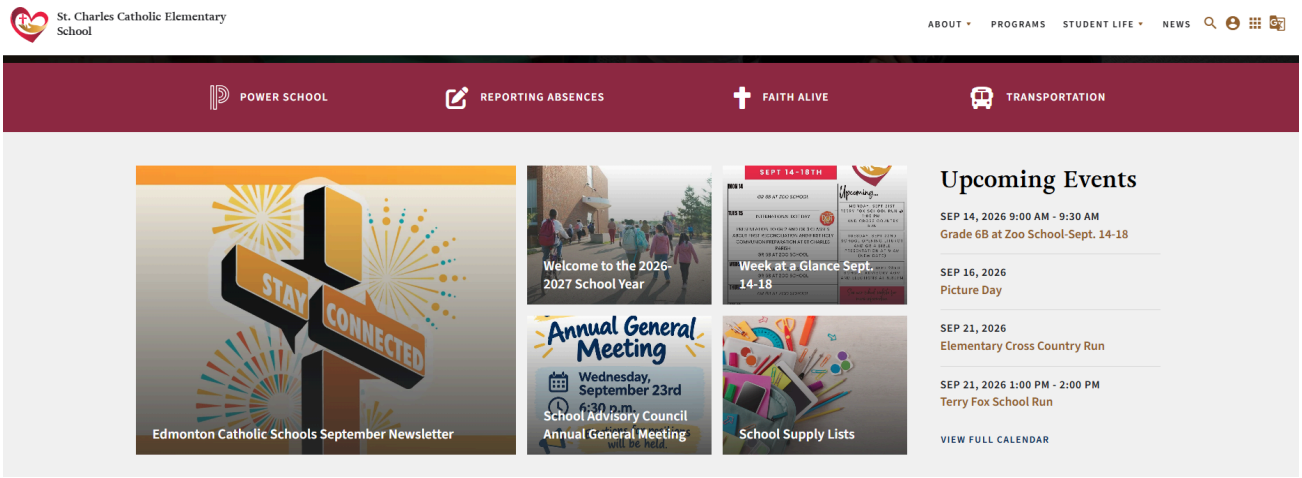
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UPCOMING EVENTS

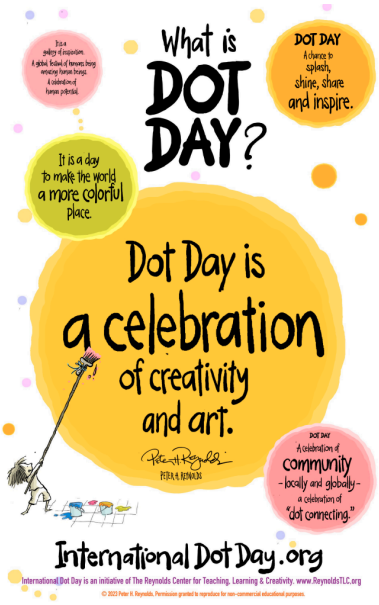
Focus: JOY	SEPTEMBER- Welcome Back/ Truth & Reconciliation
September 14-18	Grade 6B at Zoo School for the week
Tuesday, Sept 15	International Dot Day First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Presentations to Grades 2 and 3 from St. Charles Parish
Wednesday, Sept 16	Picture Day (Retakes October 7)
September 21	International Day of Peace Terry Fox School Run @ 1:00 pm Elementary Cross Country Run
September 22	School Opening Liturgy & Grade 4 Bible Presentation at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, September 23	School Advisory Council- Annual General Meeting @ 6:30 pm- All Are Welcome - new elections (see Elections Letter from SAC
Thursday September 24	AHS Antigen Teaching for Grade 6 classes
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day observed at school
Wednesday September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day- No Classes Orange Shirt Day

Please visit our school website **St. Charles Catholic Elementary School** or follow us on Instagram **stcharles_ecsd** for updates and announcements, and do not hesitate to reach out to us at (780) 456-5222 or email us at **8057PublicEmail@ecsd.net** if you have any questions or need assistance.

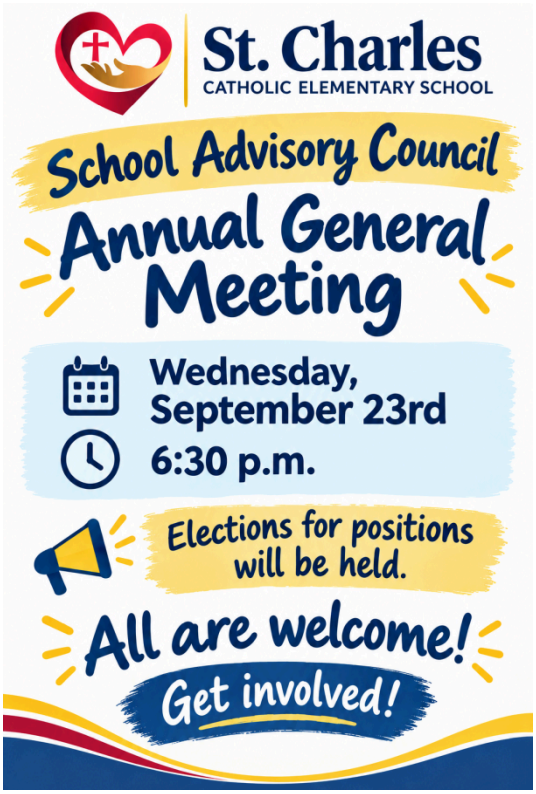


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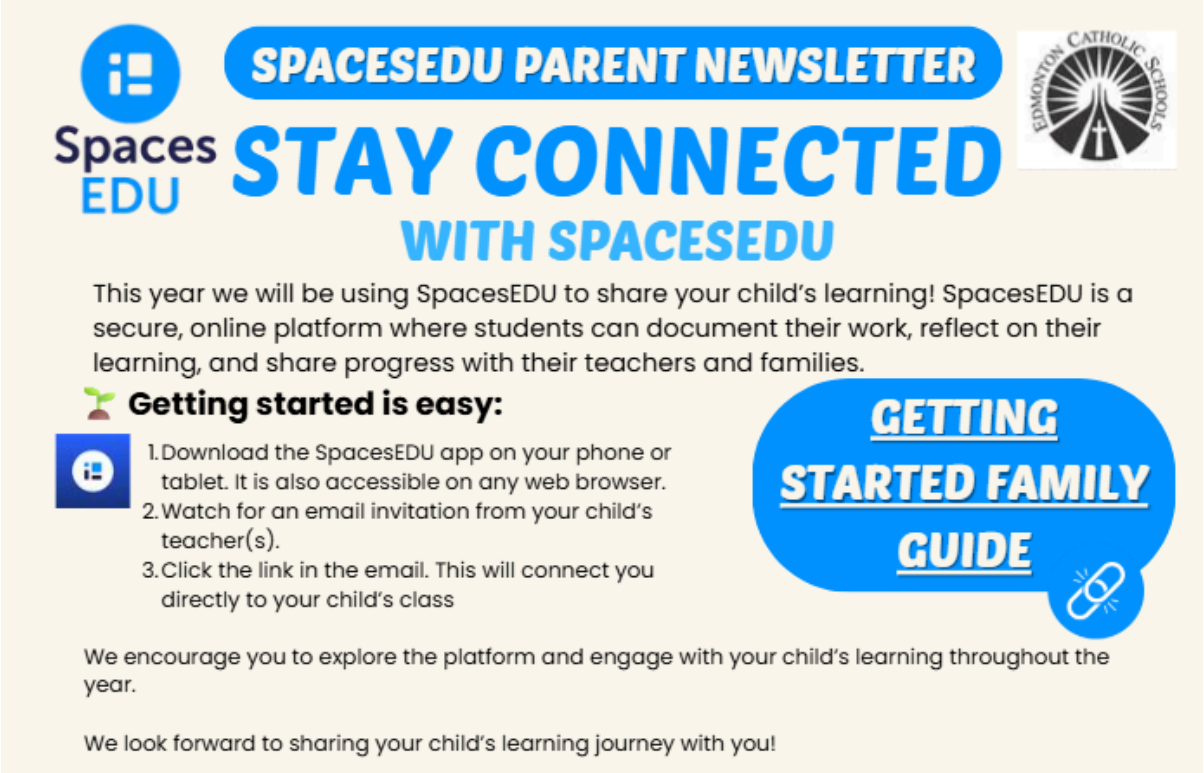
This week, we celebrate International Dot Day, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate creativity, courage, and the difference each of us can make. Through the simple idea of "making our mark," students will be encouraged to think about how their unique gifts and creativity can help make our school, our community, and our world a little more colourful.



We would also love for you to join us for our **School Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym**.

This year the Council will be holding elections for a number of positions needing to be filled. Please consider joining the Executive, to help support our school initiatives. A list of open positions is attached. If you have any questions please email: stcharleselementaryschool1980@gmail.com

Your voice and presence make such a difference, and we hope to see many of you there!



Communication Update

We will be transitioning from a weekly newsletter to a monthly school newsletter. To

one-page weekly post on Fridays, which will be the same update we post on Instagram. **St. Charles Catholic Elementary School**

The most accurate and up-to-date information can always be found on our school website calendar. We will continue to use SchoolMessenger as our primary form of direct communication for important updates, reminders, and other information that families may find helpful.

Our teachers will also be sharing monthly classroom newsletters through Spaces EDU, providing families with updates about learning and classroom experiences.

We hope this approach will help streamline communication, minimize the number of emails families receive, and reduce the possibility of errors or conflicting information. Thank you for helping us make communication at St. Charles clear, timely, and manageable for everyone.