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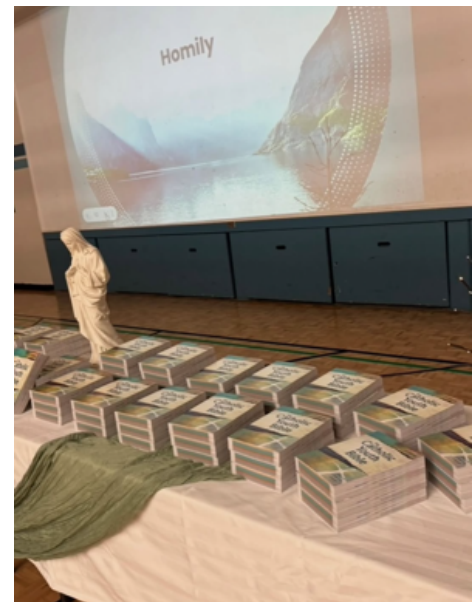


St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

September 19, 2025

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our first school liturgy of the year. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and community, made even more special as our Grade 4 students received their Bibles. Your presence and support mean so much to our students as they continue to grow in their faith journey.

Looking ahead, we are excited for a week filled with energy and learning. Our students in Grades 3–6 have been showing great commitment and enthusiasm in the Running Club, and many are preparing to take part in the upcoming ECSD Cross Country race. We are also entering into a special time of learning about the life and legacy of Terry Fox. His Marathon of Hope continues to inspire generations, and we look forward to honouring his courage and determination through classroom activities and school-wide reflections.



We would also love for you to join us for our **School Council Annual General Meeting on September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.** This is a wonderful chance to hear more about what's happening at school, share your ideas, and connect with other families. Your voice and presence make such a difference, and we hope to see many of you there!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a community of faith, hope, and perseverance.

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Chief Superintendent Message

Here is the link to the [August/September message](#) along with a greeting from our Archdiocesan Administrator, Father Paul Kavanagh.

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](#)

Dates subject to change

Focus: HOSPITALITY SEPTEMBER 2025	
September 22	Elementary Cross Country Run
Sept. 23	Wellness Dog Visit- 1:00-2:00
September 24	SAC AGM @ 6:30 Followed by First Meeting
Thurs. September 25	Terry Fox School Run
Friday September 26	First Lock Down Practice
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
Tuesday September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day- No Classes

Focus: GRATITUDE OCTOBER 2025	
Thursday October 2	Custodian Appreciation Day
Friday October 3	School Spirit Day/ Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza Student Assembly
October 5	World Teachers Day
October 6-10	Read In Week- READ IN 2025! READ IN Week Books to Bytes
October 8	Picture Day Individual & Class
Thursday October 9	School PD- No School today
Friday October 10	World Mental Health Day World Mental Health Day Thanksgiving Liturgy at School 9:00 AM
October 13	Thanksgiving Day- No Classes
October 14	Alien In-Line K-6
October 15	Alien In-Line K-6
Thursday October 16	Alien In-Line K-6
October 17	Alien In-Line K-6 Kindergarten Full Day



October 18-24	Catholic Education Week
October 19	Catholic Education Sunday
October 20	Municipal ELECTION DAY
October 21, 22, 23, 27, 28	Alien In-Line K-6
October 31	Halloween

Focus: PEACE NOVEMBER 2025	
Saturday November 1	All Saints Day
November 3	School Spirit Day- Assembly
Nov. 4	St Charles Feast Day/ Faith Day- 8:30 Liturgy with Fr. Marc
Friday Nov. 7	Hot Lunch- EDO Remembrance Day Service
November 9-15	Rock Your Mocs 2025 Rock Your Mocs
November 10-12	November Break
November 10-16	Metis Week
Thursday Nov.13	Alberta Musical Theatre Company- Pinocchio @ 9:30 am
November 14	Picture Retake Day
Sunday November 16	World Day of the Poor
November 18	COSC Evening
Thursday November 20	Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 -4:30 PM, & 5:30- 7:30 PM & Book Fair

School Wide Events Planned for 2025/2026:

- October 14-28- Alien Inline Skating K-6
- November 13- Alberta Opera- Pinocchio
- Feb. 13- Family Winter Carnival-
- Feb.17- Shrove Tuesday- Pancakes for School Community
- Snow Valley Skiing Lessons-Grade 4- 6
- Symphony at the Winspear for Grade 1-6 (Edu Concerts)
- March 18- Family Math Games Night
- April 10- April 24 Groovebox Hip Hop Residency



Reminders

Help us be good neighbours!

We are once again asking all our families to not enter the school parking lot before or after our school hours.

The Playschool class times are 9:00 am-11:30am Monday to Friday, 12:15pm-2:45pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which makes the pick up and drop offs tricky since we basically run on the same hours.

For the safety of all our children, only parents displaying the parking permit will be permitted through. This is also a city bylaw designated area.



Labour Disruption Information

For the latest information please visit: <https://www.ecsd.net/labourupdate>

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 <https://www.ecsd.net/yellow-bus-delays>





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 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:

October 3- Boston Pizza
December 5 - ihop
February 6- Little Caesar's
April 10- TBA
June 5- TBA

November 7 - Edo
January 9 - Subway
March 6 - DQ
May 8- TBA





School Advisory Council

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

- Please consider joining the **executive team** or serving as a **parent representative** for your child's classroom.
- By lending your voice, you can help shape the direction of our school through discussions and decision-making.
- Share your ideas, support school initiatives, and work alongside staff to help all students thrive.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.**

We encourage all families to join us so we have a strong representation of voices—and to ensure we meet quorum.

Together, we can make a difference for our students and our school community.

Please read the attached information with the notice of upcoming elections for the position of Vice Chair for the Advisory Council.



Parish News

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

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First Reconciliation (Confession)
&
First Communion

Classes for FALL 2025



CLASSES ARE FOR BAPTIZED CATHOLICS ONLY

How Do I Register?

- **In person:** At the parish office on **Thursday, September 25th** between 10am and 6pm
- **In person:** At the parish office on **Saturday, September 27th** between 10am and 1pm.
- **Or by appointment.**

➔ No on-line registrations ➔

➔ Space is limited ➔

NO Registrations will be accepted when classes are full.

When Is a Child Ready to Celebrate These Sacraments?

Children must be a minimum age of 7 years and in Grade 2 or higher.

What Do I Need in Order to Register?

1. A copy of your child's Baptism certificate (unless your child was baptized at St. Charles).
2. A registration fee of \$50 for materials is requested (cheque, cash, or e-transfer to office@saint-charles.com).

Parental Involvement:

It is mandatory for all children to be present at each class along with a parent (or another adult). Children will have homework each week to be completed with the help of a parent or another adult.



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2025 FALL Class Schedule:

All classes will start with mass at 6:30pm

Classes: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

1. Tues. Oct. 7 – class for 1st Reconciliation
2. Tues. Oct. 14 – class for 1st Reconciliation
Tues. Oct. 21 – NO CLASS
3. Tues. Oct. 28 – class for 1st Reconciliation

Wed. Oct. 29th – *Celebration of First Reconciliation*

4. Tues. Nov. 4 – class for 1st Communion
Tues. Nov. 11 – NO CLASS – Fall Break
5. Tues. Nov. 18 – class for 1st Communion
6. Tues. Nov. 25 – class for 1st Communion
7. Tues. Dec. 2 – class for 1st Communion

First Communion will be celebrated at the Saturday evening & Sunday masses during the December 2025. Parents will be able to sign up for the date they want.

The first three classes will prepare the children for the celebration of First Reconciliation; the remaining four classes will prepare the children for First Communion.

Because there are so few classes for each sacrament, it is necessary that your child attend ALL the classes.

It is mandatory that the children attend Saturday evening or Sunday mass.

Classes for these sacraments will be offered again in January 2026.

*For more information, please call Linda at St. Charles Parish,
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