

April 4, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

April 6- April 11, 2025



St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

Message from the Administration

Dear Families,

We wish to thank you for supporting the Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser, as well as your ongoing support for our Lenten project in support of Development and Peace.

As mentioned at our Parent Council meeting this past week, Mrs. Jennings will be welcoming a new addition to her family and begins her maternity leave this fall. We will be welcoming Mrs. Erin Pruski as our new Assistant Principal to St. Charles for the upcoming school year..

April brings much anticipation with new budgets, enrollments and staffing all happening. Our planning for next year has begun and we continue to accept new registrations for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please continue to check our website calendar regularly for news and events. We have also included the link to the Division Calendar for next year.

ECSD Calendar for 2025-2026

<https://www.ecsd.net/documents/2a11ab90-4f7f-4375-89bc-0dde0b864445/2025-2026%20Division%20Calendar%20APR%202024.pdf>

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee
Principal

Mrs. Ashley Jennings
Assistant Principal



Chief Superintendent Message

Join Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson as she reflects on our Lenten journey and the many ways that students develop their gifts and talents in Edmonton Catholic Schools. [Click here](#) to read her April Message.





Reporting Absences through SchoolMessenger

Reporting a Student Absence

Edmonton Catholic Schools utilizes the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival system to simplify reporting absences for families. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these options:

- **SchoolMessenger App** (iOS or Android)
- **PowerSchool** (click on the SchoolMessenger icon in the left hand menu)
- **Website:** go.schoolmessenger.ca
- **Phone:** 1-833-788-7662

Using SchoolMessenger is quick, convenient, and helps keep your school informed and your child safe. For full instructions and more information, visit ecsd.net/reportingabsences.

Upcoming Events:

(subject to change)

Focus: Faithfulness		APRIL 2025 Easter
April 1		Classroom newsletters sent to parents
April 2		Grade 4 in-school field trip with Hands on Science in the Learning Commons
April 3		Fr. Cramer Visits Early Dismissal
April 4		Hot Lunch
April 9		Evergreen Theatre Performance- Alice in Wonderland K-6 @ 9:30 a.m. Morning recess delayed.
April 10		Early Dismissal Teacher Appreciation hosted by SAC- THANK YOU for your support!
April 11		Assembly 8:30 a.m.
April 17		Holy Thursday Kindergarten Program Stations of the Cross led by Grade 4
April 18		Good Friday- No School
April 21		Easter Monday- No School
April 25		Edmonton Music Speech and Arts Festival Choir Field trip



Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates: Orders for Hot Lunch are due the Sunday prior, before midnight!

- May 2- iHop

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	
Collection for World Day of the Poor • 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant in Q 4B	• 1:00 PM Stop for Santa Ticket Sale Last Day	• 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program • 1:00 PM Hallway Band Concert	• 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program • 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program	• 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program • 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program	• 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program • 1:00 PM Kindergarten Program
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St. Charles School Fair Day • 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena	• 11:00 AM Skating R 2 at Castleblow Arena
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Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break	Remembrance Day Weekend/Fall Break
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Partnership Appreciation Week • 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner	• 11:00 AM Remembrance Day Student Symposium • 11:00 AM St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Gessner

If you visit our website

<https://stcharles.ecsd.net/> you can download the calendar to your devices? This is the most up to date calendar of events.

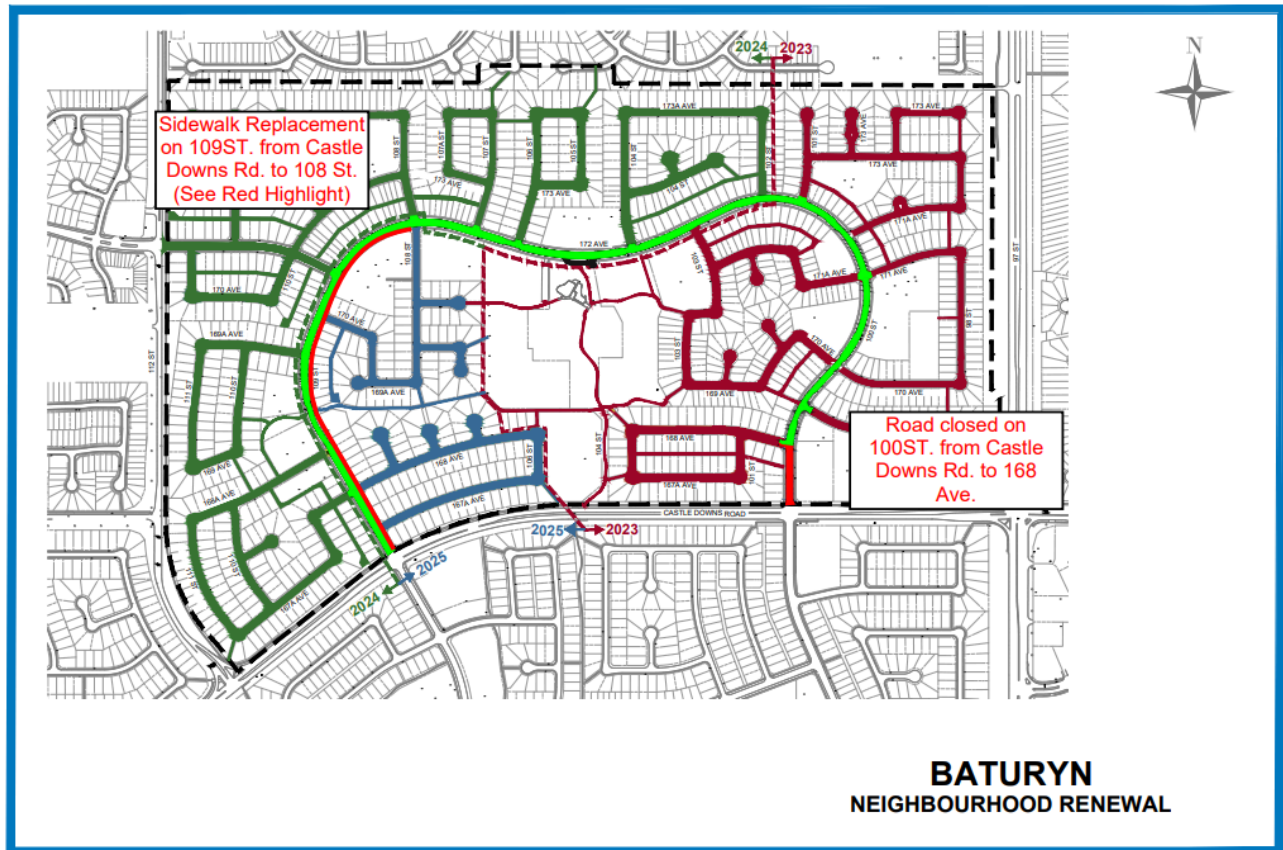
Follow us on Instagram [stcharles_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd) for updates and announcements, and do not hesitate to reach out to us at (780) 456-5222 or email us at 8057PublicEmail@ecsd.net if you have any questions or need assistance.



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](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)

More Road Construction Begins April 28, 2025

- Our buses will be affected at various times starting on April 28, until the end of summer.



We are also an Election Site!

Our school will be hosting the Federal Elections on April 28- Be prepared for extra activity and limited parking throughout the day

Important Reminders:



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.

School Start Times/ Lates/ Illness- PLEASE Communicate with our office

Kindergarten Program- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM-11:00AM (Additional Days- January 30, February 13, March 21, April 17, May 15)

Grades 1-6- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:03 AM- 2:39 PM

Morning recess 9:45 AM-10:00 AM,
Lunch 11:45- 12:20 (recess 12:05-12:20)

Thursday 8:03 AM- 11:29
Morning recess 9:45 AM-10:00 AM



Celebrating the Sacraments



Congratulations to all our students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion! May you always know how much He loves YOU! **Please remember to send us a picture.**

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Parish News

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

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7PM

Fridays, April 4, 11- 7PM

Nicene Creed Presentation

March 13 - Mass & Nicene Creed Presentation - 6:30PM

Parish Mission

March 17, 18-7PM

Penitential Service March 19-7PM

Palm Sunday

April 12- 4:30 PM April 13- 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

Holy Thursday

April 17 - 7PM

Good Friday

April 18 - 11AM & 3PM

Holy Saturday

April 19 - Morning Prayer & Blessing Food-10AM

Easter Vigil

April 19 - 9PM

Easter Sunday

April 20 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM





ELEVATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 12TH

ST. LORENZO SCHOOL RED DEER

\$35 (INCLUDES SNACK, LUNCH, AND BUSSING)

THE ELEVATE CONFERENCE IS FOR GRADES 6-9!
COME TO **ENCOUNTER THE LORD,**
HAVE FUN, AND BE EMPOWERED!
THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES LOTS OF GAMES,
LUNCH, TALKS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, ADORATION, AND MORE.



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Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

Meet Our School Support Team

Karla Blimke, our **Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)**, offers support to our students and families here at St. Charles School. Mrs. Blimke will be at our school on **Mondays and Fridays**. Her email is karla.blimke@ecsd.net



Ms Fenisha, our **Emotional Behavioural Specialist** works alongside our teachers to provide support for our students. She will also be working directly with students to help support their development. Ms. Fenisha will be here Monday to Friday all day. Her email is fenisha.francis@ecsd.net

Families Helping Families at St. Charles—Please reach out to our office if you are experiencing challenges. Our school team is here to support all our families.



Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers who support children and youth, as well as sessions for adults looking to support their own wellness. Sessions are live and interactive. Our aim is to increase awareness and reduce the stigma around addiction and mental health challenges, provide participants with evidence-based information, and offer strategies that promote health and resilience. [Click to learn more.](#)

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)

Community Board Baturyn Community League

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



St. Charles Catholic School Share Lent Project 2025

Turn Debt into Hope

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada joins the global campaign led by Caritas Internationalis, KAIROS and many others to **Turn Debt into Hope**, so that our sisters and brothers in the Global South can live in dignity, free from the burden of unjust debt.

In this Jubilee year, Pope Francis called on the world to “forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.” Earlier this year, he said, “This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.”

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, is why the *Social Justice Student Leadership Team* is asking for your support in our fundraising efforts for Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

How can our students and their families help?

1. Parents can go online and sign the worldwide petition calling on public, private and multilateral creditors to cancel or reduce debts and for political leaders to support a multilateral framework for debt resolution. Please visit devp.org/debt to sign or come and sign the petition sheet in the office.
2. The *Social Justice Student Leadership Team* has organized a couple of fundraising activities to take place over Lent, so please consider supporting us. We will be selling tickets to our students for **a chance to win “Principal for a Day” which includes a special lunch.** We will also have “Jars of Hope” in each classroom for students to drop off donations.
3. Pray with us. We ask all our families to pray in solidarity for a just world.

**Thank you for your support,
St. Charles Social Justice Leadership Team**



Prayer for wisdom and justice in addressing external debt

Loving and Gracious God,

Help us understand that we have the power
and the duty to act against the injustices that
bind people in poverty and debt.

Grant us the courage to challenge the structures
that perpetuate these conditions, and the strength
to work tirelessly for a world where every person
can achieve their full potential.

Inspire our hearts with Your compassion and
justice. Empower us to be bearers of hope and
agents of change. Together, may we help bring
forth solutions rooted in fairness and equity;
economic systems that uplift and create hope for
the downtrodden; and a future where every nation
can walk the path of sustainable development,
free from the shackles of debt.

May we be instruments of Your peace, secure
in the faith that, through our collective effort,
poverty can be overcome.

Amen.

— Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ, Zambia



Wonder What it Might Be Like to Be a Principal?

Come and buy a ticket
for your chance to be...
“Principal for a Day”

Tickets will be on sale starting Wednesday March 19 at lunch recess in the Makerspace, and will continue after Spring Break. The draw will take place April 22, (includes lunch with Mrs. McGee).

1 ticket for \$2

3 for \$5.00

6 for \$ 10.00

All proceeds go to Development and Peace Share
Lent Campaign: Turn Debt into Hope

Don't forget to fill your classroom “Jars of Hope” too!

ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



First Day of Operation
August 28, 2025

First Day of Instruction

September 2, 2025

Last Day of Instruction

June 23, 2026

Last Day of Operation

June 24, 2026

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- Non-instructional day
- Non-operational day
- Cancellation of early dismissal
- Early dismissal
- Statutory Holiday - Office/School Closed
- Named Holiday - Office/School Closed

Labour Day	Sept 1
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13
Remembrance Day/Fall Brk	Nov 10-12
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22 to Jan 2
Family Day	Feb 16
Faith Development Day/PD	Feb 25
Teachers' Convention	Feb 26-27
Spring Break	Mar 30 to Apr 6
Good Friday	Apr 3
Easter Monday	Apr 6
Victoria Day Weekend	May 15-18

MONTH	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	2	0
September	20	20
October	22	22
November	17	17
December	15	15
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	20	20
April	18	18
May	19	19
June	18	17
Total	190	184