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St. Charles Catholic
Elementary School

February 27, 2026

Dear Families,

As we move into a new week, I would like to thank our staff for their participation in our Faith Development Day. Each year we gather for Mass and faith-based learning, taking time to reflect on our shared mission of Catholic education and how we continue to nurture faith, hope, and love in our school community.

This week brings several opportunities for us to gather together. Our **School Council Meeting is this Wednesday**, and families are always welcome to attend. As we begin planning for next year's activities and learning experiences, we look forward to sharing some ideas and hearing your feedback.

We are also excited to host our **Demonstration of Learning Evening and Open House on Thursday**, where students will proudly share what they have been learning. It's always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate student growth and welcome families who may be exploring a faith-filled Catholic education in our community. Pre-enrolment for current families remains open until March 13.

Please also mark your calendars for our **Math Games Evening on March 18**. This fun, hands-on event invites families to explore math together through games and activities. Pre-registration will be required, and a flyer with more details will be coming home on Monday.

During this Lenten season, our Social Justice Leadership Team will guide our school in living out the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving through a Lenten charity project and by leading the Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Parish. Our Drama and Choir students are also preparing a Passion Play, and we look forward to sharing more details soon.

Thank you for your continued support in helping make our school such a welcoming and faith-filled community.

With gratitude,

Laurie Bonanni-McGee

Principal

Erin Pruski

Assistant Principal



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Chief Superintendent Message

You can read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's March reflection on Truth, Beauty and Goodness by visiting: [Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's March 2026 Message](#)

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 or print it out!

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 In School Field Trip Grade 2- Clay Guys	3 • 1:00 PM School Assembly- Forgiveness	4 • 6:30 PM School Council Meeting- All Are Welcome	5 • 1:00 PM Demonstration of Learning / Book Fair • 6:00 PM Open House	6 Spirit Day- Twin Day/ Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen • 9:00 AM Winspear Performance for Grades 4-6 • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	7
8	9 Numeracy Week	10 Numeracy Week	11 Numeracy Week	12 Numeracy Week	13 Numeracy Week	14 Numeracy Week
		Grade 3 In School Field Trip- Art Fusion	Hockey Hooky Field Trip to Rogers -Grades 6 & 2 Sunridge Ski Trip- Grades 4 & 5		Pre-Enrollment Ends • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
15 Purdy's Fundraiser Closes Today	16 Ski Trip Grade 6 at Sunridge	17	18 • 6:30 PM Family Math Games Night- Pre Registration required	19 Staff PD Day- No Classes	20 • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits • 7:00 PM Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish	21
22	23 Grade 1 In School Field Trip-"A Day at the Race Track"	24	25 • 3:00 PM Public Board Meeting	26 • 1:00 PM Passion Play Performance from our Drama Club	27 • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
					Good Friday • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Spring Break	Spring Break	Summer School Registration Opens	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24	GrooveBox- Artist in Residency April 8-24
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday			• 9:00 AM School Assembly	• 11:30 AM Hot Lunch- Love Pizza • 1:00 PM Wellness Dog Visits	



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: FORGIVENESS		MARCH 2026 (Math Madness)	
March 2	FLEX Grades 4-6 Clay Guys In-School Field trip (grade 2)		
March 3	School Assembly- Forgiveness led by Grade 6		
March 4	SAC Meeting @ 6:30pm- ALL are Welcome!		
Thursday March 5	Demonstration of Learning/Scholastic Book Fair 1:00-4:30, 5:30-7:30 Open House 6:00-7:30		
Friday March 6	Spirit Day- Twin Day Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen Winspear Grade 4-6 10:00 AM Show		
March 10	Grade 3 In-School Art Fusion		
March 11	Sunridge Ski trip gr 4 & 5 Hockey Hooky field trip (Grade 2 and 6)		
March 13	Pre-enrollment ends		
March 14	Pi Day		
March 16	Grade 6 Ski Trip to Sunridge Last Day to register for Math Games Night		
March 17	St. Patrick's Day- wear green		
March 18	Family Math Games Night 6:30-8:00 with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks- pre registration required		
Thursday March 19	PD DAY- Rescheduled - No School		
Friday March 20	Evening Way of the Cross at St. Charles Parish		
Thursday March 26	Cancellation of Early Dismissal		
March 27	Early Dismissal		
March 30- April 6	Spring Break		



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



Our next Hot Lunch is March 6- Dairy Queen

All orders **MUST** be placed 5 days prior to the lunch date. In most cases, this will be a Sunday.

April 10-Love Pizza , May 8-Booster Juice



Demonstration of Learning/ Book Fair- March 5, 2026

We are excited to share that our upcoming **Demonstration of Learning** is just around the corner, March 5th! This special opportunity allows students to proudly showcase their growth, achievements, and the learning they have been working so hard on throughout the term. It is always a meaningful experience for students to reflect on their progress and share their successes with you. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and celebrating the learning journey together.

Our **Book Fair** will be available from **March 3rd to March 5th**. It will be open during the Demonstration of Learning hours as well.

To book a time to attend with your child please use our online booking system and code:



<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/5m8c8>

Kindergarten- 8:00AM-11:00AM, 1:00PM- 4:30PM

Grade 1-6- 1:00PM- 4:30PM, 5:30PM- 7:30PM

Bookings are open now until March 4th at noon

Open House/ Registration Opens for 2026-2027 School Year!

Reminder of Deadline for Pre-Enrolment



Don't forget to share your plans for the 2026-2027 school year! Sign in to your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending as you move into kindergarten, junior high, or high school. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many

students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. You can find more information about pre-enrolment on ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.

Our Open House is March 5th 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Please visit our [registration page](#) for more information.



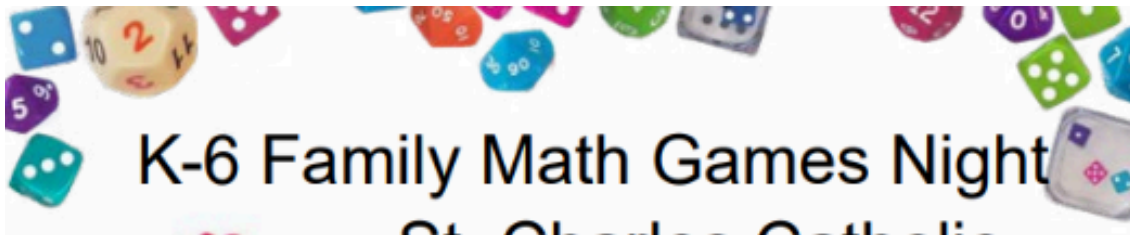
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We will be hosting a **Family Math Games Night** on **March 18** from **6:30-8:00** with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks.

Bring your family for an evening of fun math games that support numeracy skills!

Pre-registration will be required.



K-6 Family Math Games Night

St. Charles Catholic Elementary School



Come to St. Charles Catholic Elementary School and spend an evening playing a variety of K-6 math games! Each registered family will receive a packet of math games to play along with the presenter, and materials will be provided for use during the event. Bring your best energy and be ready to PLAY!

Benefits for Kids:

Games are a fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills at home!

Children who are secure in their math skills will grow in self-esteem and have greater success in school.

Benefits for Parents:

Games are a motivating, simple and economical homework support that reinforce concepts taught in school.

Your presenter will provide you with strategies, tips and tricks to help your child with math fluency.

Games Reinforce:

- Counting
- Basic Facts: $+$, $-$, \times , \div
- Problem Solving
- Place Value

WHEN: Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00-7:15 PM

WHERE: St. Charles Catholic Elementary Gym

RSVP To: StCharles@ecsd.net

RSVP By: Monday, March 16th, 2026



Reminders

SAC Fundraiser Has Started:

Our Purdy's Fundraiser begins....NOW! Go get your Easter treats 🐰🍫

Last year we raised just over \$4000.00! 🌟

This year, our goal is to raise funds to support our year end Games Day! This day gives all our children the opportunity to enjoy games and challenges together as a community while they team build, expand their abilities to co-operate and work as one to reach success! All while they enjoy treats and laughs along the way.

So we need your help—but don't worry, all the work you're doing is choosing which chocolates to order.

Stock up on beautiful Easter gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. All profits will go directly to the St. Charles Education Association to support our children. So satisfy those cravings, get all your Easter gift-shopping done while supporting a great cause. 😊💜

Even better..... you can choose to have the orders shipped DIRECTLY to you or your family!

The deadline to order is March 15, 2026.

What you need:

- Campaign number: 27056
- Campaign link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000027056>

Once orders close, we'll send out a sweet notification letting you know when and where you can collect your delicious treats at the school for those who chose to ship to the school. 📦 Share the love with friends and family who might be interested – it means the world to us and our children! 🌍💜

Sincerely,

Your St. Charles SAC



Parish News

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



Congratulations to Alexis and Family on Celebrating your First Holy Communion

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross - Fridays; Fridays; March 6, 13, 20, 27 - 7PM

Penitential Service - Thursday, March 12 - 7PM

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 28 - 4:30PM
Sunday, March 29 - 9AM, **11:30AM**, 7PM

Reading of the Passion, Pabasa - Thursday,
April 2—12 Noon

Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 2- 7PM

Good Friday - Friday, April 3 - 11AM, 3PM

Holy Saturday - Saturday, April 4 - Morning
Prayer &

Blessing of Food - 10AM

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4 - 9PM

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5 - 9AM,

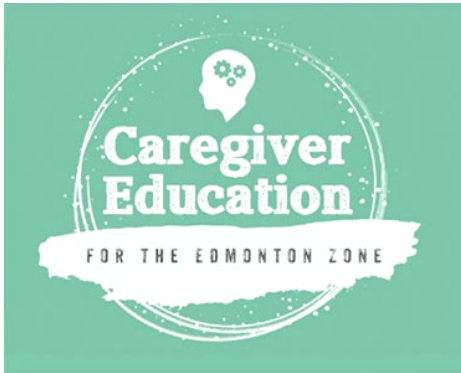
11:30AM, 7PM

Please let us know when your child celebrates their Sacraments and send along a photo for our display!



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

Visit our website for tip sheets, videos, and more! www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/resources/cyf-amh-resource-links/anxiety-parents>

WEBSITES

Anxiety Canada - Anxiety Canada

- [Numerous resources and information regarding a diverse array of anxiety-associated disorders and issues for all ages.](#)

Anxiety in Kids - Child Mind Institute

- [A website that provides information about different types of anxiety for kids and parents.](#)

Tips for Parents and Caregivers - Anxiety & Depression Association of America

- [Tips for parents and caregivers for helping children manage their anxiety disorder.](#)

Generalized Anxiety Disorder - Mental Health Literacy

- [Information about General Anxiety Disorder causes, treatments, and resources for coping and treatment.](#)

Coping Skills for Kids - Encourage Play

- [Website with practical ways to help kids cope with stress, anxiety, and anger.](#)

Stress in Children and Teens - Government of Alberta

- [Foundational information about stress in children and teenagers.](#)



Community News:



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

Registration is Open for our Neighborhood Playschool!

In need of childcare?

Located right here in our school!

Contact information:

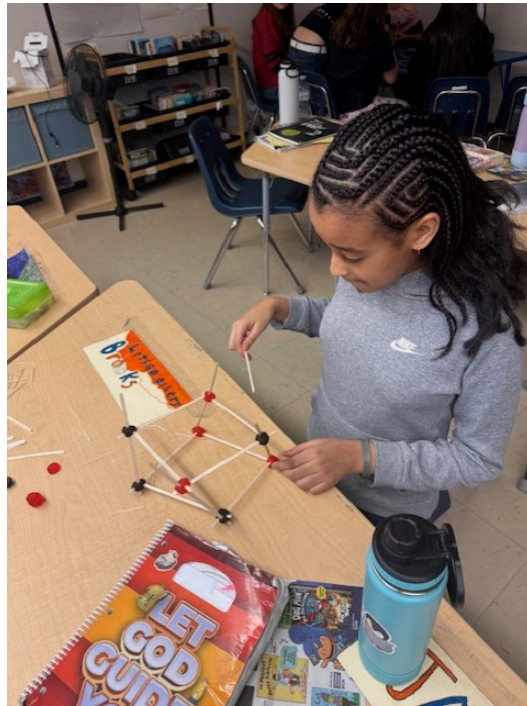
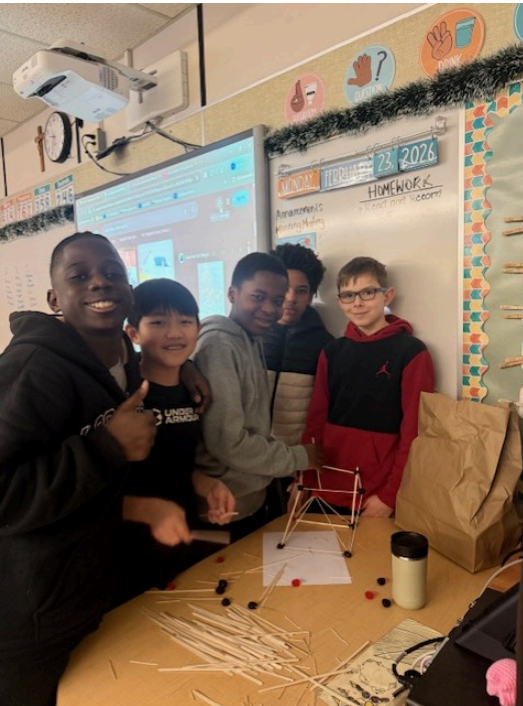
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[Kids & Company St. Charles.](https://www.kidsandcompany.com/st-charles)

A flyer for 'Before and After School Care' for children 6-12 years old. The title is in bold blue text. Below it, the text reads: 'Kids & Company is a leading child care and early learning provider. In addition to child care for children under 5, we also offer School Age programming for children ages 6-12, including Before and After School care.' There are three circular photos: one of a boy with a magnifying glass, one of a boy and girl interacting, and one of a girl smiling. A 'Register' button with a QR code is on the right. At the bottom, the 'Why Kids & Company?' section lists: 'Programming tailored to each child's interest.', 'Meals and snacks provided by Kidco Kitchen.', and 'Care is provided on non-school days including PD Day.' The Kids & Company logo is at the bottom right.



School Spotlight-



**Learning and Fun
Happens in FLEX Options!**

