

January 31, 2025

Parent Week At A Glance

February 2 -February 8, 2025



**St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School**

## Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Students,

Although our weather can be unpredictable, something that stays consistent is the incredible learning and fun we have at school! We hope you scroll down to see our highlights from this past week. The week ahead is a busy one and February has many important events taking place. Firstly, we welcome everyone to our School Council meeting on **Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM**. The agenda is attached to our newsletter this week. This is a very important meeting as we will be sharing our school wish list, and making changes to the structure of our Council.

On Monday, our students in grades 4-6 will have an opportunity to engage in FLEX options. This is a weekly opportunity for students to choose their learning based on an interest. We look forward to sharing some of these highlights next week. As well, we will be holding our School Assembly, honoring our students for their display of Christian values, reading goals, birthdays, sacraments, and we will take some time to talk about "Love". We hope you can join us at 1:45 pm.

This month we will also be hosting a **Parent Evening on February 10, at 6:30 PM**. Please join us for an important presentation and conversation titled: **Thinking about Inclusion**, led by a University of Alberta Researcher involved with our school. A synopsis is found below and invitations will be sent home shortly. Save the date for this valuable learning opportunity.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. Laurie Bonanni-McGee & Mr. Zydek

Principal

Assistant Principal

## Chief Superintendent Message

February is upon us, and with this month that is focused on love and kindness, Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson continues to reflect on the themes of goodness, truth, and beauty in her Chief Superintendent's Message. Read about how to explore your school's student achievement and survey results, an upcoming evening of learning for parents and guardians, and our Division's Top Employer Award. You can [read the full message here](#).



## Pre-Enrollment Opens February 3 for 2025-2026 School Year!



We need your help! Pre-enrolment for current students is now open. Sign into 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 or Junior High. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2025 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. To learn more, visit [ecsd.net/pre-enrolment](https://ecsd.net/pre-enrolment).



ECSD Embracing Diversity Surveys came home last week with your child. The survey period runs from January 27- Feb. 14. Please complete this very important survey and return it to the school before Feb. 14, and we will ensure it reaches the Division office by the due date. Your voice matters!



Parent Evening  
Presentation February 10,  
2025 6:30-7:30



### **PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS:**

#### **Thinking about Inclusion:**

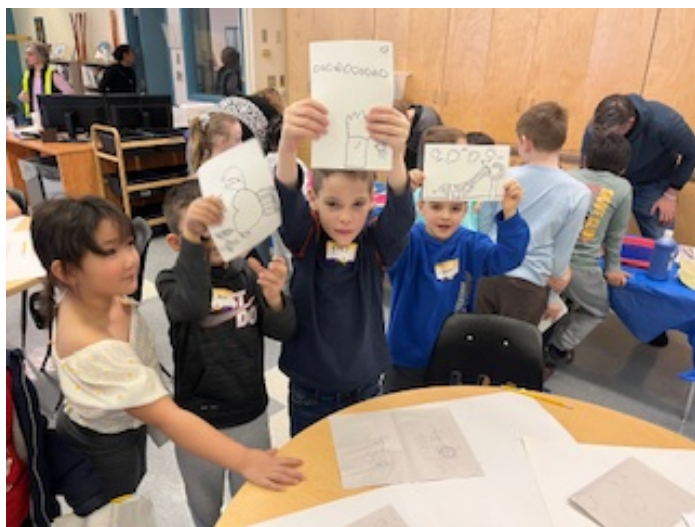
What does it mean to have inclusive classrooms in our school? Santwana will share her story from both sides of the table - as a mom looking for a place for her child to belong and as an occupational therapist confronting the day-to-day challenges of building schools where everyone is welcome.

#### **BIO:**

Santwana has worked as an occupational therapist in a variety of clinical and community settings over many years. For most of her career she has worked with autistic children in schools and homes. She is also the mother of an autistic son, and her parenting journey challenged her to find innovative solutions to support autistic children in school. She recently began a Masters in Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Alberta. For her thesis project, she is working with the staff and students at St. Charles Elementary school to learn more about how the SPACE program is changing the school experience for autistic students at the school.

## Spotlight on Learning and Fun

From Printmaking and Math Exploration to Chinese Lunar New Year and sledding!  
What an awesome week at school! Go Cardinals!



## Upcoming Events:



Registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens on Monday, February 3, 2025. 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.



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

- February 7, Boston Pizza
- February 21, Edo
- March 7, DQ
- March 19, Pizza Hut

## 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.*



EPCOR and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services have asked us to remind students and their families to think twice and stay off the ice at stormwater management ponds, which are unsafe for any on-ice recreation - even walking. To see a map of stormwater ponds in Edmonton and resources to talk about at home, visit [epcor.com/wintersafety](http://epcor.com/wintersafety).

## 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

## Inclement Weather

Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton is the site that is consulted at [https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50\\_metric\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html).

The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder.



What to do when your yellow school bus is running late? We want all families prepared in the event of bus delays. While bus drivers will complete their route, no matter how late they may be running, we recommend that families make alternate arrangements if a bus does not arrive within 20 minutes of its scheduled time.

to:

- Check for delays before you head out the door via the BusPlanner Delays App or the [ECSD bus delays website](#).
- We recommend children wait with a friend or trusted adult at the bus stop.
- Have a plan in case the bus does not arrive. For example, return home or go to a neighbour's house.
- Make alternate arrangements for getting their child to school if needed.
- Dress children appropriately for the weather to withstand any delays or wait times .

### Stay Notified

Our Transportation Services team uses several methods to keep families informed about bus delays:

- BusPlanner Delays App: Download the free app on Android or iPhone to receive notifications
- Division Website: Delayed routes are posted at <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>.
- Call Transportation Services at 780-441-6078.

Did you know...

Division School

November 2024

month week day list

| Sun                                                                                           | Mon                                                                                                                                                              | Tue                                                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                      | Thu                                                          | Fri                                                          | Sat                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27<br>Collection for World Day of the Poor<br>• 2:00 PM<br>Skating K-2 at Castletowns Arena   | 28<br>• 10:00 AM<br>Paula Campbell Truth and Reconciliation Consultant in Gr 4B<br>• 11:15 AM<br>St. Charles School Talk Day<br>Skating K-2 at Castletowns Arena | 29<br>• 9:00 AM<br>Sing for Santa Ticket Sale Last Day<br>• 12:00 PM No Stone Left Alone<br>• 2:00 PM<br>Volleyball Game St. Edmund at St. Charles | 30<br>• 9:00 AM Kindergarten Program<br>• 9:00 AM Halloween Band Concert | 1<br>Staff PD Day - Classes Cancelled                        | 2                                                            |                                                              |
| 3                                                                                             | 4                                                                                                                                                                | 5                                                                                                                                                  | 6                                                                        | 7                                                            | 8                                                            | 9                                                            |
|                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                          |                                                              | Remembrance Day Weekend Fall Break                           |                                                              |
| 10                                                                                            | 11                                                                                                                                                               | 12                                                                                                                                                 | 13                                                                       | 14                                                           | 15                                                           | 16                                                           |
| Remembrance Day Weekend Fall Break                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                          |                                                              | Pickup Baskets Day                                           |                                                              |
| 17                                                                                            | 18                                                                                                                                                               | 19                                                                                                                                                 | 20                                                                       | 21                                                           | 22                                                           | 23                                                           |
| Partnership Appreciation Week<br>• 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk | • 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk                                                                                                     | • 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk                                                                                       | • 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk             | • 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk | • 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk | • 2:00 PM<br>St. Charles Volleyball Team at Bishop Groscheuk |

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](mailto: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:

Instagram

[stcharles\\_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/stcharles_ecsd)

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GET YOUR OFFICIAL GEAR

We are the official **St. Charles Catholic Elementary School** Shop!

Welcome to the St. Charles Catholic Elementary School Spiritshop where our students, parents, players and staff can buy custom spirit wear to show our pride! Plus, 10% of each sale supports our organization's fundraising goals.

Pick your favourite gear, customize it with designs found on the site, and make it yours with your name and number.

SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!

Our official shop is open! All orders give back a portion of the sales to our school. Check out the selection and options available. The link is now available on our website.

<https://stcharlescatholicelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/>

## Celebrating the Sacraments



### First Reconciliation & First Communion

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.**

## Parish News



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

### Weekday Mass Times

- Tue: 6:30pm
- Wed: 9am
- Thu: 6:30pm
- Fri: 9am
- Sat: 9am

### Weekend Mass Times

- Sat: 4:30pm
- Sun: 9am, 11am, 7pm

## More Parish News



# Supporting Wellness in our Schools and Families

## Meet Our School Support Team

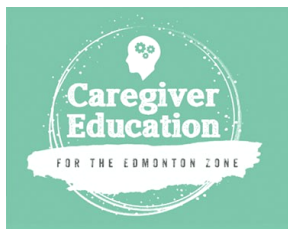
Karla Blimke, our Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW), offers support to our students and families here at St. Charles School. Mrs. Blimke will be at our school on **Mondays and Fridays**. Her email is [karla.blimke@ecsd.net](mailto:karla.blimke@ecsd.net)



**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](mailto: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.

**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.



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.](#)

Download our latest newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/ymcanab.ca/frn-newsletter-jan2025?e=26cf8cf2a0>

## 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](http://kidshelpphone.ca)

North Central Edmonton  
Family Resource Network  
Newsletter

Community Board Baturyn Community League

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

Child Care Available at St. Charles



The flyer has a light blue background with several yellow and light green circles of varying sizes. At the top left, a yellow circle is next to the title. Below the title, on the left, is a paragraph of text. To the right of the text is a large yellow circle containing a photo of two boys. Above this, a smaller green circle contains a photo of a girl. Below the text, on the left, is a photo of a boy holding a magnifying glass. At the bottom left, a large yellow curved shape contains the heading 'Why Kids & Company?' and a bulleted list. To the right of this, there is a dark blue 'Register' button, a QR code, and the Kids & Company logo.

## Before and After School Care

for children 6-12 years old

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.



**Register**



### Why Kids & Company?

- Programming tailored to each child's interest.
- Meals and snacks provided by Kidco Kitchen.
- Care is provided on non- school days including PD Day.



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| Focus: Love <b>FEBRUARY 2025 – Black History Month</b> |                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 1                                             | Classroom Newsletters sent to parents                                                               |
| February 3                                             | Pre-enrollment Opens<br>Flex sessions Gr 4-6 (11:00-11:45)<br>Assembly LOVE - 1:45-2:15 p.m.        |
| February 4                                             | Kinder Puppet Program in class and in SPACE in the PM                                               |
| February 5                                             | Winter Walk Day<br>SAC Meeting 6:30-7:30 in the library                                             |
| February 6                                             | Early Dismissal                                                                                     |
| February 7                                             | School Spirit Day & Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza                                                         |
| February 10                                            | Grade 3-6 skiing at Sunridge<br><b>Parent Evening with Santwana and Inclusion for All-6:30-7:30</b> |
| February 13                                            | Early Dismissal<br>Kindergarten Program<br>Fr. Cramer Visits                                        |
| February 14                                            | St. Valentine's Day                                                                                 |
| February 17                                            | Family Day – Classes cancelled                                                                      |
| February 18                                            | Shireem Mohammed (EDIAR) visiting all grade 4-6 classes                                             |
| February 20                                            | Early Dismissal                                                                                     |
| February 21                                            | Running Room Games p.m.                                                                             |
| February 26                                            | Faith Development Day – Classes cancelled<br>Pink Shirt Day                                         |
| February 27 and 28                                     | Teachers' Convention – Classes cancelled                                                            |