

October 18, 2024

## Parent Week At A Glance

October 20 -October 26, 2024



St. Charles Catholic  
Elementary School

Dear Families,

From October 19-25, we celebrate the blessing of Catholic Education and the community it builds around us. [Catholic Education Week](#) reflects everything that makes our faith-filled learning community exceptional, bringing us together as People of Hope.

As a reminder, we hope you will join us for Catholic Education Sunday Mass on Sunday, October 20th. **Our St. Charles Parish will be offering a special blessing to all our ECSD Teachers, Administrators and Students at every Mass; Sat: 4:30pm, Sun: 9am, 11am, 7pm**

Families are also encouraged to [wear blue on Thursday, October 24](#), to celebrate Catholic education. Blue is a powerful symbol of constancy, fidelity, genuineness, and aspiration. It also holds a special connection to the Blessed Virgin Mary, making it a fitting choice during October, the month of the rosary.

As part of our week-long celebration, we are excited to share a special message from our Board of Trustees and Chief Superintendent. In this video, they reflect on the gift of publicly funded Catholic education and invite us to continue supporting students in their journey of faith and learning.

Watch the video message here: [youtu.be/3uKTS0aKXIA?si=8lClwRK7oTR0APJj](https://youtu.be/3uKTS0aKXIA?si=8lClwRK7oTR0APJj)

Thank you for your support of Catholic education and Edmonton Catholic Schools.



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## An important message from Parent Council:

Thank you all so very much who have signed up for a shift! We are ALMOST full!!!!

We only have 3 positions left out of the 38 we required!

We are so close!

Please if you can help, please contact

Amanda Garcia at (780)919-8084.

### Sunday November 24, 2024

Final position needed is

Chip runner from 6:30pm to 3:15 am

### Monday November 25, 2024

Final 2 positions needed are

2 Cashiers from 6:45 pm to 3:15am



Don't forget! Everyone that has signed up and completed the shift will be entered into a draw for 1 of 2 gift card prizes!

Deepest appreciation,

Student Advisory Council and Parent Society.



## Do You have Skates, Helmets, Snow Pants that Your Child Has Outgrown?

Our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will be starting skating lessons at the end of October. We will gladly accept donations of skates, helmets, and snow pants. Please drop these off to the office.



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## Social Justice In Action this Month

**Sunday, November 17th** is the 8th annual **World Day of the Poor**. Sacred Heart Parish will organize an outreach event targeted at reaching approximately 350 of our city's most vulnerable and unhoused men and women. Each year, the Parish plans a warm meal to serve and also distributes clothing and toiletry essentials. They also create care packages that are delivered to those men and women that cannot make it to the church. This year's event is planned for November 16th .

The Grade two's are leading this initiative. Your child will be bringing home a note, "*World Day of the Poor*" asking for specific items. **We will be collecting from October 21-31.** Here is the list of items assigned to each class (All adult sizes please):

*Grade one and Kindergarten- Socks*

*Grade two - Face cloths*

*Grade three -Underwear (M and L)*

*Grade four - Long sleeve T-shirts (M and L)*

*Grade 5 - Scarves*

*Grade 6 - Touques*

## No Stone Left Alone

Our Grade 4 students will be making their way to St. Joachim's Cemetery on November 6 to lay painted poppies on the headstones of our veterans and to participate in a Remembrance Day outdoor graveside service. They will be preparing for this through acts of service to raise money for our veterans.

A whole school ceremony will take place on November 7 at 10:00 AM.

All are welcome to attend these events. More details to follow.



## Upcoming Events:

### Website and Monthly Calendars-

Our website calendar has now been updated, you will be able to click on the calendar, see what is happening and even print it off if you wish.

Visit [ecsd.net/calendar](https://ecsd.net/calendar) to view all available School Year Calendars

## Upcoming Events

There are no upcoming events.

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)



Pizza Hut Hot Lunch is Friday October 25, Be sure to order before midnight on October 20

### October 31-Halloween/ Kindergarten Program

This year, Halloween falls on a Thursday. We will be welcoming the O'Leary Band at 9:10 AM for a Spooktacular Concert. Students are welcome to arrive in costume. Please remember no weapons, masks or other articles that may be deemed unsafe or threatening. Students will have activities in their classrooms after recess. Please see more information from your child's teacher.



### November 1- No School/ Staff Professional Development Day

There is no school for students. Our staff will be engaging in a full day of professional development in the area of literacy.

### November 4- St Charles Feast Day/ Student Faith Development Day

More details to come about this very special day dedicated to deepening our faith life as a school community.



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## Supporting Wellness in our Schools and 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.](#)

Download our latest newsletter: [October 2024](#)



### [YMCA North Central Edmonton Family Resource Network Newsletter](#)

#### 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)

Check out the many more resources on Healthy Living/ Healthy Communities

[Parent Information Series | Alberta Health Services](#)

[Health A-Z](#)

[Healthier Together](#)

## Families Helping Families

We invite families to drop off any extra non-perishables to help stock our shelf for our families in need. We have relocated the shelf in our conference room just across from the office. This is a more discrete location to ensure the dignity of those who may need a helping hand.



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## Upcoming Important dates

| OCTOBER 2024 Focus on Goodness |                                                                                                                                |
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| October 19-25                  | Catholic Education Week                                                                                                        |
| October 20                     | Catholic Education Sunday                                                                                                      |
| October 24                     | Early Dismissal                                                                                                                |
| October 25                     | Hot Lunch- Pizza Hut<br>Gary Ganon Indigenous Learning visits from 9-11 am<br>Kinder Pumpkin Math Day in Library - 8am -11am   |
| October 28                     | Skating K-2 at Castledowns Arena 9:15-11:30AM                                                                                  |
| October 31                     | Early Dismissal<br>Halloween Concert from O'Leary at 9:10, Halloween classroom activities after recess<br>Kindergarten Program |

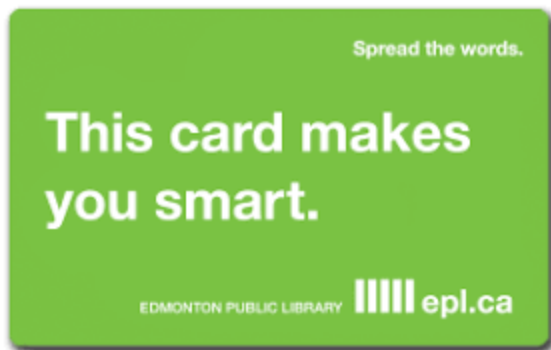
## Reminders:

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

### SCHOOL HOURS

| Hours of Operation Kindergarten<br>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Morning Program - 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b><br>Additional Days: September 26, 2024, October 10, 2024, October 31, November 07, 2024, December 20, 2024, January 30, 2025, February 13, 2025, March 21, 2025, April 17, 2025, May 15, 2025                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hours of Operation Grades 1-6<br>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Hours of Operation Grades 1-6<br>Thursday                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Block 1:</b> 8:03 AM – 9:45 AM <i>(First Bell: 8:00)</i><br><b>Recess:</b> 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM<br><b>Block 2:</b> 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM<br><b>Lunch:</b> 11:45 AM – 12:05 PM<br><b>Recess:</b> 12:05 PM – 12:20 PM<br><b>Block 3:</b> 12:20 PM – 2:00 PM<br><b>Block 4:</b> 2:05 PM – 2:39 PM<br><b>Dismissal:</b> 2:39 PM | <b>Block 1:</b> 8:03 AM – 9:45 AM<br><b>Recess:</b> 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM<br><b>Block 2:</b> 10:00 AM – 11:29 AM<br><b>Dismissal:</b> 11:29 AM                    |
| Bell Schedule<br>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Bell Schedule<br>Thursday                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells<br>8:03 AM – Inside Bells<br>9:45 AM – Inside Bells<br>10:00 AM - Inside & Outside Bells<br>11:45 AM – Inside Bells<br>12:05 PM – Inside Bells<br>12:20 PM – Inside & Outside Bells<br>2:39 PM - Inside Bells & Outside Bells                                                             | 8:00 AM – Inside & Outside Bells<br>8:03 AM – Inside Bells<br>9:45 AM – Inside Bells<br>10:00 AM - Inside & Outside Bells<br>11:29 AM – Inside & Outside Bells |





*Do you want a free Edmonton Public Library Card? Signing up is very easy and is found under PowerSchool under School Engage. Please click on this [link](#) to find out more information or to watch a video on how to sign up.*

### Volunteers at St. Charles-

All people wishing to volunteer with us will need to complete a **volunteer form** for the year. Some parents will require a police record check (PIC) and child welfare check (IRC) if they are going on field trips or working with students. Please provide your child's teacher with your email address and interest in volunteering.

**Police Information checks** for volunteers, ages 18 and above, can be obtained free of charge directly from Edmonton Police Services, with a voucher which is provided by our Division.

The voucher must be **used within 1 week of obtaining it**. **Please check your junk mail** if you haven't received it.

Some field trip volunteers may also require an IRC to be completed, which is free.

Please contact your local Children's Services office or email [CS-IRCrequest@gov.ab.ca](mailto:CS-IRCrequest@gov.ab.ca) **for a blank form**.

Please note that the clearance is valid for one year from the date it was issued. Once you have received your documents, please send them to the office.



Picture Day was a success! and school pictures are ready!

Here is **a message from LifeTouch:**

To order, log in to your account on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) or create an account using your student's student ID number. Paper proofs will also be sent to your home in the near future. All families can also log on and order a FREE digital Pictures2Protect Card. More about the Pictures2Protect program [here](#).

### October 2024 Message



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## 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

*A reminder to all parents to send in a picture of your child once they have celebrated their sacraments.*



Please visit our school website [www.st.charles@ecsd.net](http://www.st.charles@ecsd.net) 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](mailto:8057PublicEmail@ecsd.net) if you have any questions or need assistance.

Yours in Catholic Education,

~The School Administration



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