

St. Anne
Catholic Elementary School

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

November is a great month to reflect. We take time to reflect and remember those who have gone before us to ensure that we have the freedoms and peace in our country. We are grateful and blessed to live in Canada. This year, St. Anne School will participate in the No Stone Left Alone memorial. Students will paint poppies on rocks and volunteers will place those on gravestones as a token of our remembrance of those soldiers that have fought for our freedom. We are proud to be a part of this memorial act.

We will also celebrate the first two and a half months of learning on November 24 with our Demonstration of Learning in person. Your child/children will take you through a series of activities that show the progress in their learning. We will also be having a Scholastic Book Fair on the day of the Demonstration of Learning!

The weather is changing, therefore our outdoor clothing should change as well. November is usually the month that we see our first snowfall that stays. Please be sure your child/children have a winter coat, snow pants, mittens/gloves, a hat and boots. We are always outdoors for recess unless the weather drops below -20 degrees Celsius. It is always best if your child/children's items are labeled with their first name and last initial because sometimes clothing gets mixed up in the coat area or boot room. We have several items in the lost and found so we will ensure all students check this area often if they are missing items they bring to school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristy Desmarais
Principal

Mrs. Christine Sankey
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Remembrance Day & Fall Break

NO SCHOOL November 11-15, 2022



SCHOOL FEES

School fees have been posted to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Please pay online if you haven't already.

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DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING AND SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

These two spectacular events will be happening on **THURSDAY, NOV. 24, 2022**
1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:00 PM

Please call the school office at **780-478-3288** between **9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** or email Christine.lynch@ecsd.net to schedule the hour that you would like to attend the **Demonstration of Learning and Book Fair.**

The student led demonstration of learning typically takes 20-30 min. and a book fair visit usually takes 15-20 min. Parents can book the following times with the school office on a first come, first serve basis:

1:00-2:00 2:00-3:00 3:00-4:00
5:00-6:00 6:00-7:00

You will be informed immediately if your requested time is fully booked, and another time must be chosen.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next School Council Meeting will be held in person at the school on:

Monday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.

All parents are welcome!



St. Anne School Council is thankful for the two parents that have volunteered to be the treasurer and secretary for this school year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE

St. Anne students have prepared poppy painted rocks for the **NO STONE LEFT ALONE** initiative. We will be saying special prayers the week of November 7-10 and viewing the live stream of a special NO STONE LEFT ALONE ceremony on November 7, 2022. We are very proud of our student's efforts to remember all soldiers who fought for peace.



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LA FONDATION COMMÉMORATIVE
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CASINO FUNDRAISER

This is a School Council fundraiser that brings up to \$80,000 to the school for technology, field trips and classroom supplies. Please consider signing up for a shift or two ASAP!

School Council would like to enter everyone who has already signed up for a shift and those that sign up for a shift by the end of the day, November 7, 2022, into a draw for a \$100 Mastercard Gift Card. Draw will take place in the school office and the winner will be notified on November 8, 2022.

**SIGN UP FOR EITHER
DECEMBER 21 OR 22, 2022 by
clicking [HERE](#)**



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"WE READ THE NEWSLETTER!" CONTEST



This week's
Word of the Month is:

Peace

Oct. Winners: Morgan 2A, Abi 3A,
Julie 4A, Kevin 4A

Parents, record the Word of the Month in your child's agenda and the teacher will enter them into the draw for Lunch with the Principal at the end of the month! There will be 4 winning students that will eat their regular lunch and also enjoy a special dessert with Mrs. Desmarais!

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Ongoing progress reporting for parents through Powerschool will no longer be available. Instead, Edmonton Catholic Schools will be providing a January summary for parents to view and a final report card at the end of June through your Powerschool account. Parents will still need their accounts for annual school fee payment, survey completion, field trip payment and bus fee payment and scheduling.

Teachers will be sharing ongoing student progress through one or more of the following ways:

- ✓ Google Classroom
- ✓ Sending Work Home
- ✓ Student Portfolios
- ✓ Demonstration of Learning
- ✓ Phone Conversations
- ✓ In-person or Virtual Meetings
- ✓ Notes in the Agenda



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WEBSITE/INSTAGRAM

Our website is a valuable tool for information about your child's school and ECSD, as well as many educational links.

stanne.ecsd.net

St. Anne is on Instagram, you can find us at



[st_anne_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/st_anne_ecsd)

Nut Aware School

We are a "nut aware" school and as such, ask parents/guardians not to send a snack that contains nuts. We do have students in the school with severe nut allergies. We make all efforts to keep everyone safe.



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Thanksgiving Mass with St. Philip School at St. Matthew Church

October Highlights



October Assembly

Read In Week



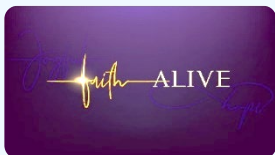
EPL GUEST READER



Halloween Fun



FAITH ALIVE WEBSITE



Edmonton Catholic Schools is excited to launch our new Faith Alive website and welcome ECSD

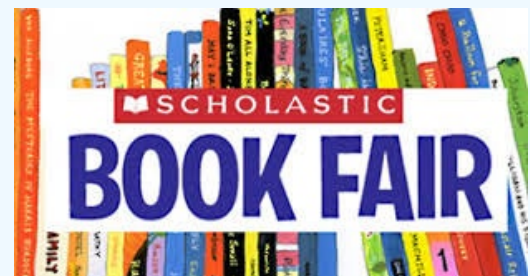
students and families to explore the beauty of our faith. This digital space was created after the Division's Student Voice advocates identified this project as an area of opportunity.

Faith Alive will provide students and families with a wealth of information and resources to help you become active in prayer, worship, and study.

Visit ecsd.net/faithalive to start your journey

Scholastic Book Fair

Through the sale of books during our Book Fair on November 24, we get special bonuses and funds to purchase books for the school and classroom libraries. Please support our school by checking out the Book Fair in the Learning Commons.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Many parents have asked if they can bring something special for their child's birthday. The answer is YES! We do, however, have a few restrictions. We recommend a non-food item like a pencil, stickers, etc. If you would like to share a food item, we ask that it be nut free, small, and individually packaged like cookies, cupcakes, mini chocolate bars, etc. Every birthday is celebrated on announcements and a gift of a birthday pencil is shared in the office.

2022-2023 School Theme

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FORTH THROUH ACTION

This month we will focus on how we can be **PEACEFUL** people as an action to let our light shine. We will share ways that we can spread peace to others on our morning announcements as well as prayers for peace around the world. We will also learn about how we can self-regulate as a way of helping ourselves be peaceful. We will talk about the Zones of Regulation and what we can do if we feel anxious, nervous, sad or upset. All of this will be shared at a school-wide assembly on November 18, 2022.

Supplementary Reproducible E for Elementary Ages



The ZONES of Regulation

Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

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Religious Education Services Message

The Solemnity of All Saints

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Halloween, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the Church, whether known or unknown, and stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and those on earth.

Historically, there was a time when many Roman Emperors persecuted Christians, leading to the death of several martyrs. It was also an era when the Church dedicated several days throughout the year to honour these martyrs in a special way. Thus, from the 4th century, feasts commemorating Christian martyrs were held in various places and on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. By the 9th century, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to all the saints and fixed its anniversary as November the 1st. Later, Pope Gregory IV extended the celebration to include the whole of the Western Church.

Interestingly, All Saints Day is not specific only to Roman Catholics. Many other Christians around the world observe the solemnity, like the Lutherans, Anglicans, and Methodists. While All Saints Day is no longer a public holiday in Canada, in Germany and France, businesses are closed, and Church services are held to honour all the saints in France. In Mexico, Portugal, and Spain, people make offerings on this day, in Italy, Hungary, and Belgium, flowers are placed on the graves of dead relatives, and for Romanians, Polish, Croatians, and Austrians, they follow the tradition of lighting candles on the graves of their deceased relatives.

While many canonized saints are celebrated with their own individual feast days, saints that have not been canonized have no particular holiday. Thus, All Saints Day recognizes those whose sainthood is known only to God. Even from a secular point of view, people honour others who lived in earlier times and have since died. The saints, however, stand out in luminous distinction. These are people who, in union with Christ and filled with his Spirit, led lives of heroic virtue rooted in faith, hope, and charity, and centered on one Person: the Son of God.

On November the 1st, we are reminded annually of our connectedness to other Christians from around the world as we celebrate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. For us, the saints are unique and exemplary examples of what it means to live human life to its fullest. They show us not only the true goal of humanity but how that goal is attained. In virtue of their total union with Christ, the saints consistently offer humankind a pattern of blessed life, worthy of replicating.

Sandra Talarico
Manager, Religious Education Services

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CALENDAR

November 2022	
November 6	Catholic Education Sunday
November 7	No Stone Left Alone – Remembrance Day Observance
November 9	Picture Retakes
November 11 - 15	Remembrance Day and Fall Break
November 15-21	Metis Week
November 24	Demonstration of Learning 1:00-4:00 5:00-7:00
November 28	First Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 2022	
December 5	Second Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 8	Father Sathia Visit 10:30-11:30
December 12	Third Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 15	Christmas Concert 6:30 PM
December 19	Fourth Advent Mini Liturgy on Announcements
December 22	Thursday Early dismissal cancelled – full day of classes.
December 23	Last day of classes before Christmas – 11:45 dismissal
December 26–January 6	Christmas Vacation