



St. Anne
Catholic Elementary School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are off to a great start this year! All the students and staff are settling into the school year and student learning is well on its way. Thank you to everyone that came out to the Meet the Staff BBQ! It was a great turn out and we were so happy to meet so many parents. Be sure to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher and check Powerschool monthly to be updated on their progress.

We have many wonderful learning opportunities and community building activities scheduled for October. We will celebrate Thanksgiving and enjoy dressing up for Halloween. As in past years, we ask that students refrain from bringing any weapons or gory parts of costumes to school. We will be talking to students about All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as it is honoured on the Catholic tradition. We will also focus on how our actions can allow us to "LET OUR LIGHT SHINE FORTH" through gratitude and being ready to learn each day.

I welcome parents to contact me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year. I always ask parents to connect with the classroom teacher first and if the concern is of a more serious nature please feel free to contact me by phoning the school at 780-478-3288 or emailing me at Kristy.desmarais@ecsd.net I will do my best to serve your children in their educational needs and keep the lines of communication open with you as much as you wish.

Blessings to your family for a fantastic October!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristy Desmarais
Principal

Mrs. Christine Sankey
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Thanksgiving Holiday

NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 10, 2022



SCHOOL FEES

School fees have been posted to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Please pay by Oct. 15.

NEWS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

All students are encouraged to bring in an item that is most needed for the foodbank. Students can donate a whole bag of items if possible!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Though we glean food from the food industry, our success depends on donations from people like you. Please donate one, some, or all of the following:

- ☐ Beans with or without pork
- ☐ Canned fish or meat
- ☐ Baby formula
- ☐ Peanut butter (500g)
- ☐ Healthy school snacks
(100% real juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups)
- ☐ Soup
- ☐ Canned fruit or vegetables
- ☐ Pasta & pasta sauce
- ☐ Monetary donations are gratefully accepted

THANK YOU FROM:



Thank you in advance for your donation. Please have food to school by Friday, October 7, 2022

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

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

Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

All parents are encouraged to attend. This is an adult only meeting.



St. Anne School Council is looking to fill a few positions so please consider joining council.

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!

DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2022 by clicking [HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL MANAGER:

- Your role involves oversight of all functions performed in the cash cage.
- You are assisted directly by the Cash Cage Advisor.
- You monitor cashier payouts to patrons.
- You assume the Banker's role when he or she is out of the room on break.
- You oversee the counting of cash and chips at opening, shift change, and closing of the casino day.
- At the beginning of the casino day, you help the casino Games Manager with opening table games.
- You consult with the Advisor and casino Games Manager about any other issues, as required.

BANKER:

- You control the main Cash Cage floats of chips and cash.
- You are assisted directly by Cash Cage Advisor.
- You are busiest during opening, volunteer shift changes, and closing of casino.
- You provide cash to cashiers as needed, and redeem chips from cashiers as needed.
- You dispense casino chips to chip runners when table games need more chips, and you receive chips from chip runners when table games have a surplus of chips.
- You use a computer terminal for all transactions.
- You help monitor cashier payouts to patrons.

CASHIER:

- You redeem players' chips and make change (you do not sell chips).
- You will be required to follow defined pay out procedures that you will learn at the casino.
- You have your own float -- you do not share your cash/chip float with anybody.
- Cash-handling experience is an asset, but not necessary.
- The cashier's job requires concentration and accuracy.
- Casino chips are colour coded according to denomination. You may wish to choose another volunteer position if you are colour blind.

CHIP RUNNER:

- You deliver casino chips to the casino table games.
- You should be able to physically transport casino chips (weighing up to 3 kg) to the table games.
- When delivering chips, you will always be accompanied to the table games by a casino security guard or a casino manager.
- Your other job is to verify the chip count at each table game, when tables are opened or closed throughout the day.
- You use a very simple mini-computer to complete your transactions.
- You are not usually too busy except at the opening and closing of the casino day.

COUNT ROOM SUPERVISOR and COUNT ROOM RECORDER:

- You work with the Count Room Advisor to keep records of the cash and chips in the count room.
- You use a computer terminal for all transactions.
- Computer skills are helpful.
- You don't handle cash.

COUNT ROOM STAFF:

- You sort, count, verify and amalgamate cash from drop boxes.
- Two of these positions involve using money counting machines.
- You should be good working with your hands.

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"WE READ THE NEWSLETTER!" CONTEST



This week's
Word of the Month is:

THANKS

Good Luck!

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!

POWERSCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL



PowerSchool

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

The Edmonton Catholic Schools PowerSchool parent and student portal is a secure website that allows parents and students to access attendance, grades, fees and student information in real time.

Please remember to check out how your child is doing in school on a regular basis. Our recommendation is to check on their progress at least once a month.

PowerSchool is used for all students/parents from Kindergarten to grade 12. It is critical that you have access to your account. Ensure that you remember your username and password. Once your account is set up you have it for as long as your child is registered with ECSD.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password, please go to the login page above and click on "forgot username or password" and follow the instructions.

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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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September Activities



Meet the Staff BBQ



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FOR
TERRY



Terry Fox Run



School Opening Liturgy Online
with Gr. 3 playing the Bells



INDIGENOUS
LEARNING

Orange Shirt Day

FAITH ALIVE WEBSITE



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

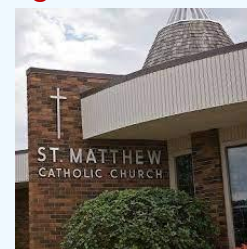
students and families to explore the beauty of our faith. This digital space was created after the Division's Student Voice advocates identified this project as an area of opportunity.

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

THANKSGIVING MASS

We will be going to St. Matthew Church on Friday, October 7, 2022, for a special Thanksgiving mass at 10:30 a.m. We will be celebrating mass with St. Philip school.

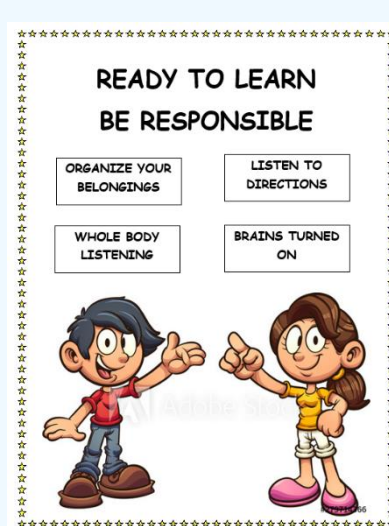
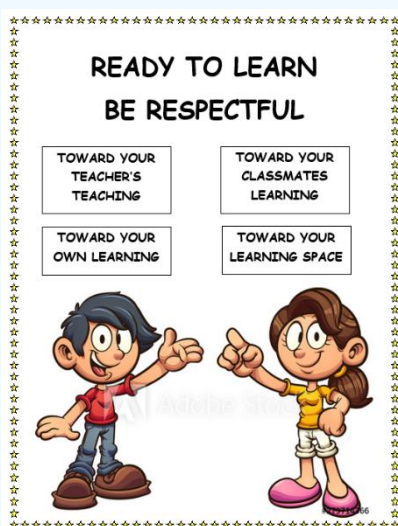


Parents are invited to join us for this special mass by meeting at the church.

2022-2023 School Theme

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FORTH THROUGH ACTION

This month we will focus on how we can share GRATITUDE as an action to let our light shine. We will work hard as a community to give thanks for all our blessings in life. We will also talk about how we can be READY TO LEARN. We will be introducing posters to the students that show how we can be SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE at school, so we are ready to learn. All of this will be shared at a school-wide assembly on October 12, 2022.



CALENDAR

October 2022	
October 3 - 7	Read In Week
October 7	Thanksgiving Mass – St. Matthew Parish with St. Philip 10:30 AM
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
October 13	Father Sathia Visit 10:30-11:30, Grade 6 Immunization
October 14	Picture Day
October 27	Faith Development Day (No Classes)
October 31	Halloween Costume Parade 1:00 PM
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

Division Chaplain Message

The Impact of Giving Thanks¹ By Fr. Glenn McDonald, CSB

The Gospel reading for Thanksgiving Sunday highlights the impact of our thanksgiving. Jesus encounters ten lepers who ask to be healed. He tells them, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”

In Jesus’ time, leprosy was treated as a spiritual condition, because there was no medical way to treat it, so a priest would determine if someone had been cured of leprosy or not.

The ten heed Jesus’ instruction and head off to see the priests. While on their way, they discover that they are healed. Of the ten, only one, a Samaritan, turns back and thanks Jesus for the healing; the other nine do not.

Jesus responds, somewhat hurt: “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?”

When I imagine myself in Jesus’ place, his reaction is like my own. We want to be thanked for *all* the work that we do, not just some of it. However, I think this Gospel story has a deeper message to teach us.

Imagine for a moment that you are Jesus. Replay the same scene of healing in your mind, but this time when you heal the ten, no one turns back. How do you feel?

The difference between being thanked by only one person and no one at all is enormous. Jesus continues to heal, not for the gratitude of the many, but because of the profoundly grateful few.

The experience of Jesus reminds us that the impact of our thanksgiving is greater than ourselves. Our words speak on behalf of all those who have received and create the future opportunity for others to receive also.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us joyfully give thanks and rejoice that we are creating a better future for others.

¹ I’d like to thank Joe Carr, a retired ECSD teacher, for inspiring this reflection.