



St. Anne
Catholic Elementary School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to our returning students and huge welcome to our new students! The staff are very excited for the 2022-2023 school year. We hope and pray for a safe and healthy return. I am very excited for all the learning and special events that will take place this school year. Included in this month's communication is the AHS Caregiver Newsletter, Minister LaGrange's back to school letter and a message from our Edmonton Catholic School Division ECSD Chief Superintendent.

I would like to 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 and for a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristy Desmarais
Principal

Mrs. Christine Sankey
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Thurs., Sept. 29 is Orange Shirt Day at school! Wear your orange shirt in honour of indigenous children.



SCHOOL FEES

School fees will be posted to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Please pay by Sept. 30.

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2022-2023 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

In the front of your child's agenda is the following:

Student/Parent Handbook
Code of Conduct
Digital Citizenship Agreement

Please review these documents with your child and sign the last two pages. Your child's teacher will also sign these pages.



**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5,
2022
LABOUR DAY**

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

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

Monday, September 19 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.



STUDENT SAFETY

**Please remember that student safety is our number one priority!
We have a shared responsibility in keeping all our students safe.**

- ✓ Please drop students off in a safe location when coming to school (walking them to their door is suggested for K-2 and for 3-6 please drop them in the drop off zone on the north side of the school)
- ✓ Please pick-up students in a safe way (in pick up zone on the north side of the school, at curb)
- ✓ Inform your child's teacher how they are coming to and from school
- ✓ Inform your child's teacher who has permission to pick up your child from school
- ✓ Please do not use the bus zone or front parking lot when picking up or dropping off students
- ✓ Please use crosswalk when crossing the street and remind your child to use the crosswalk as well

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU BRING YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME. SUPERVISION BEGINS 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE 8:20 AM BELL.

PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT YOU PICK YOUR CHILD UP AT THE DISMISSAL BELL AT 2:53 PM AND THURSDAY AT 11:45 AM. THERE IS ONLY SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER THE BELL IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEY ARE ALL SAFELY PICKED UP.

"WE READ THE NEWSLETTER!" CONTEST

This week's
Word of the Month is:

SPECIAL

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!

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MEET THE STAFF BBQ

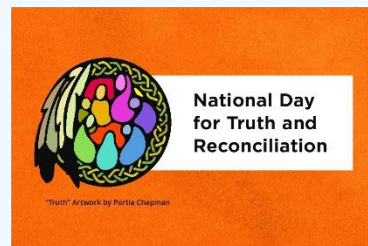
This is an opportunity to meet the staff, see your child's classroom, as well as hear about the exciting school year ahead. All while gathering as a whole community!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM

An RSVP note is in your child's backpack today so we can plan for the evening!



No School Sept. 30



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

Our website is a valuable tool for information about your child's school and ECSD, as well as many educational links. Be sure to visit the website throughout the school year for up-to-date information and all the latest news at:

stanne.ecsd.net

Snack Program

Snack will be offered every Monday and Friday (Tuesday on a long weekend). All students are offered snack and can choose to eat it or pass. It is advisable to provide a healthy snack on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday if your child likes to have a snack in the morning.



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New Bus Pass Scanner on Yellow School Buses



For the 2022-2023 school year, Edmonton Catholic Schools is improving student safety on our yellow school buses with a new bus pass and scanner system. All students riding a regular school bus are issued a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) bus pass, which students use to scan when entering and exiting the school bus. No personal information is stored on the bus pass itself as the card cannot hold any data. The process is quick and easy and allows our transportation staff to identify whether a student is on the bus, missed the bus, or got off at the wrong stop. It is important that students always carry their bus passes and scan on and off every time they enter and exit the bus. Your child will receive one bus pass that will be used for the entire school year, replacing the monthly pass. RFID bus passes are not applicable to Kindergarten Noon Hour and Curb Services Routes. Our website has more information about the new [Bus Pass Scanner System](#) and a [video](#) explaining the process.

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

Lunch Program

The Lunch Program is up and running and the students are enjoying the food provided. Here are a few tips to talk to your child/children about:

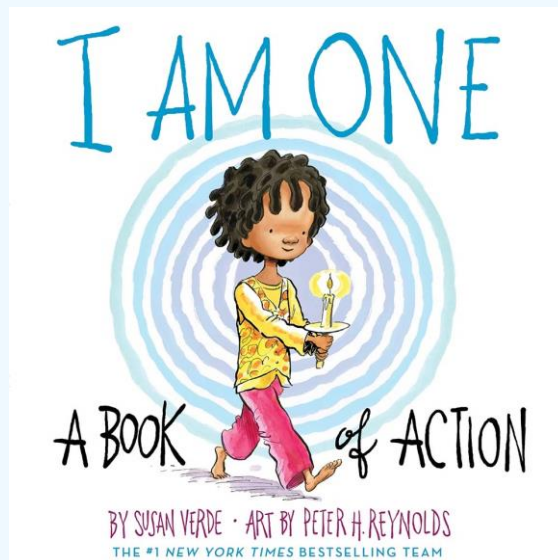
- The rule is to always try the food that is offered to try new things and reduce food waste
- Students will be allowed to get other food from their backpack after they have tried or eaten all the provided food
- Milk and Juice is offered on two days of the week, otherwise students are asked to bring a water bottle or drink from the fountain

NEWS

2022-2023 School Theme

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FORTH THROUH ACTION

This School year we will be focusing on how we can continue to let our light shine through our actions. Talk to your child about how they can make a difference in the world by showing kindness and generosity toward others. We will be sharing the book; *I AM ONE* by Susan Verde and Peter Reynolds. A link to a book reading is [HERE](#). Enjoy viewing it with your child.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 2022	
September 5	Labour Day - No Classes
September 15	Meet the Staff BBQ 6-8 PM (Please RSVP by Sept. 9)
September 23	School Opening Liturgy 10:30 AM in Gym (Parents welcome)
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (No Classes)
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