



## ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL • EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

14710-53 Avenue | Edmonton AB T6H 4C6 | P: 780 436-7888 | [www.stmonica.ecsd.net](http://www.stmonica.ecsd.net)

September 6, 2022

Dear 100 Voices Families,

Welcome to a new school year and our 100 Voices Program. This week we begin regular classes for our students. We loved meeting you during our 2 orientation days last week. After almost 3 years of not having families in our building, it felt so good to welcome you and to see everyone's smiling faces. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and for an exciting journey of learning together. In addition to your child's teacher and classroom team, please know that our administration team is available to assist you at any time. You can reach Michele Wedemire (Principal), Tara Pev (Assistant Principal) or Carol-Ann Ridler (Administrative Assistant) at 780-436-7888.

Our Division theme for this school year is, ***"Let your light shine forth."*** (Matthew 5:16). This year we will focus on shining our light for all to see. As we begin the year, we will be sharing and exploring our theme book, **When God Made Light** by Paul Turner and illustrated by David Catrow. It is light that cuts through the darkness to bring hope, radiating and allowing us to explore our world and learn about the beautiful gifts that God has given us. Throughout the book, we see how this light is within each child – given as a spark that grows and grows. This will be a year of wonder and exploration and by letting our light shine we will learn together and make the world a better place.

Please mark your calendars, we will be holding a **Parent Information evening** at St. Monica School (14710 – 53 Avenue) on **Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m.** This will give you an opportunity to meet our staff and learn more about the 100 Voices program throughout the school year. Please note that this is an adult information evening and childcare will **not** be provided.

We thank you, our parents, for trusting us with your children. We are honoured to be a part of their first experience with Edmonton Catholic Schools. We will always endeavor to shine our light so that your child's light will continuously grow.

We wish you many blessings this school year.

Sincerely,

Michele Wedemire  
Principal

Tara Pev  
Assistant Principal





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**St. Monica Staff**

**2022-2023**

**Principal, Early Learning – Michele Wedemire**

**Assistant Principal – Tara Pev**

St. Monica-Valley Zoo	Teacher	TASL	
<b>St. Monica Admin. Assistant</b> TBD <b>100 Voices Admin. Assistant</b> Carol-Ann Ridler <b>100 Voices Business Manager</b> Patrick Chieriro  <b>Custodian</b> Ken (Sinh) Hua	Jamie Perlik (Rm. 106)	Sarah King	
	Amanda Schwartz (Rm. 107)	Bethany Wilson	
	Yvette Bencz (Rm. 103)	Cherish Jiminez	
	Nicole Schoenroth (Rm. 105)	Raquel Allan	
	Tatsiana Narkevich (Rm. 101)	Marla Gawryliuk	
	<b>Valley Zoo</b> Lynne Novak (Wetlands Rm.)	<b>Valley Zoo</b> Kirsten Berg	
	Multi-disciplinary Team/Additional Supports		
	<b>Early Learning Consultant:</b> Camille Roth	<b>Speech Language Pathologists:</b> Halley Bailey Kathleen Sutley	
	<b>Emotional Behaviour Specialist:</b> Jordyn DeBrusk	<b>Therapeutic Assistants, Behaviour Therapy:</b> Kate MacDonald Jillian Eisenkrein	
	<b>Occupational Therapist:</b> Heather Burrows	<b>Therapeutic Assistant, Occupational Therapy:</b> Danielle Jeffery	
	<b>Psychologist:</b> Sherri Doblanko	<b>Family School Liaison Worker:</b> Jesica Ramler	
	<b>Learning Coach:</b> Carly McAvoy	<b>Educational Assistants:</b> Fiorella DeSouza (Valley Zoo) Klara Wojukiewicz Margarita Capisonda Afshan Khurram TBD	





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### Hours of Operation

Please see our program hours below. Just a reminder, it is **vital** that you check your child in and out each day with a member of their classroom team.

AM Classes	PM Classes
8:25 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.	12:15 p.m. to 3:24 p.m.

### **Pick up & Drop off @ St. Monica - Nature Scape**

All children will be dropped off and picked up within our Nature Scape. This will allow our teachers time to spend outside with their students before heading to the classroom. This exploration time outside will be a wonderful opportunity to extend the learning to the outdoors and will increase independence for our little learners.

### **Nature Scape Gate Entrance**



The safety of our children is of the utmost importance. This year, we are asking **all** parents to use the gate facing 53 Avenue when dropping off or picking up your child. When dropping off and picking up your child, please ensure that the gate is latched shut to prevent our little learners from exploring beyond the fenced area unsupervised. We appreciate your help with this a great deal!



### **Handicapped Parking**

You will notice that we have a handicapped parking zone along the sidewalk in our turn around/parking lot. We ask that you please leave this area for those who require this space to get our children with wheelchairs and walkers to school safely. We want to ensure that everyone is aware of this as we work together to ensure all students are safe.





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### Seasonal Illness Prevention

Working together is vital to ensure the safety of our entire school community. We encourage you to keep your child at home when they are sick or symptomatic. We will continue to be diligent with our cleaning protocols at school.

Please notify the office at 780-436-7888 if your child will be absent from school.

Staff and students are not required to report any covid illness to the school. Pre-pandemic absence protocols and procedures are in place. Isolation is not required, **only recommended** for Albertans who test positive or have core symptoms. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test and/or a medical note is not required to attend school or to return to school.

### Important Dates:

- \* **Thurs. Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m.** – Parent Information Evening @ St. Monica School
- \* **Fri. Sept. 30** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No Classes
- \* **Mon. Oct. 10** – Thanksgiving Day – No Classes
- \* **Sun. Nov. 6** – Catholic Education Sunday
- \* **Fri. Nov 11 to Tues. Nov. 15** – Fall Break – No Classes
  - Classes will resume Wed. Nov. 16
- \* **Fri. Dec. 23 to Sun. Jan. 8** – Christmas Break – No Classes
  - Classes will resume Mon. Jan. 9, 2023

