

From: [SwiftReach Networks Alert](#) on behalf of [Katherine Therrien Catholic Elementary School](#)
To:
Subject: Katherine Therrien School News - Wednesday, September 15, 2021
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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Good afternoon.

Well, this is our first full week and things are starting to settle back into a routine. We continue celebrating the return to school. Tomorrow evening is our Meet the Teacher event. We will be celebrating Katherine Therrien's birthday with our opening mass on Friday.

Meet the Teacher is this Thursday, September 16 from 6:30-7:30 via Microsoft Teams (online). Your child's teacher will be emailing you an invitation to join them virtually. Please accept the invitation. At 6:30 on Thursday, select "Join online" from your calendar and you will be welcomed in. If that does not work, you can click on the Microsoft Teams link ("Click here to join the meeting") in the invitation email.

Each teacher's presentation is approximately 30 minutes and then time will be given for questions. If you have more than one child in our school, the teachers will repeat their information just after 7:00 pm so that parents can leave their first meeting and attend one more class presentation.

Two links will be shared in a video portion of the presentation that evening. We have included them here for ease of access:

- [Parent Guide to Assessment and Learning](#) – using PowerSchool to follow your child's learning journey
- [Parent Guide to Individualized Program Planning](#) – this guide supports if your child is on an individual program plan (IPP).

Our **opening celebration** will be at St. Edmund's parish on Friday morning, September 17. As this is part of our religion program, **all students are expected to attend**. Parents/Guardians acknowledged participation in ALL religious programming as part of the registration process with Edmonton Catholic School Division.

Please ensure that you have signed your child's field trip form for this event and have returned it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

A swift message was sent out by our chief superintendent today explaining a new process for CoVID-19 reporting in our schools. As a way of sharing information with our parents, should there be a CoVID-19 case shared with us, we will be sending a Swift message to all our families to communicate this. We will NOT be sharing any personal details; only that we know of a case. Please see the email from our division for more exact details.

School fees have now been added to your child's account in PowerSchool. At the bottom of this email, you will find a link to instructions on how to pay these fees. If you would like to make payments in installments throughout the year, please call our office and talk with Mrs. Tran. Our school fees are less than \$5 per month per child and are set to recover our costs of student used items.

Kindergarten Parents: Please check your child's Wednesday Communication Envelope (pouch) for PowerSchool login information. Please call the office at 780-456-0175 if you require assistance. Thank you.

We have had many students coming to the office lately asking for cutlery (spoons or forks) as well as to heat up food. We do not have student access to microwaves. **Please pack your child's heated food in a thermos if you wish to have a hot lunch.** We also do not have plastic cutlery for students unless we have left over items or staff donate these items from home. It is also not environmentally friendly to be using plastics. **We ask that you please ensure that you pack a fork or spoon for your child.**

Due to the pandemic, ECSD has decided to extend the non-use of our water fountains for drinking. Students must have a water bottle with them which they can fill as they need at one of two water bottle filling stations.

The federal election is on Monday, September 20 and Katherine Therrien is a polling station. Our gym will be in use for voting. Please note that parking will be fuller this day so please take a bit of extra time in dropping off or picking up your child on Monday. Ms. Letwin and Ms. Hertlein are outside at 8:15 each morning to ensure students make it into school.

Our **school pictures** are on Friday, September 24. It is also our first spirit day – Dress your Best. Students will have the option to keep their mask on or take off their mask for individual pictures. We will leave that up to your child that day. If you wish them to keep their mask on, please let your child know this and/or write a note in your child's agenda for that day.

A reminder that our school division will be acknowledging the Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30. Therefore, there is no school this day. Please share this information with your childcare.

Please see the bottom of this email for links to more information from our community:

- Information from St. Charles Parish
- Ball Hockey invitation

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow evening.

Please also check your email for grade specific information from your child's classroom teacher should there be any.

Sincerely,

Ms. J. Hertlein & Mrs. C. Letwin,

Administration, Katherine Therrien




Rooted in faith, we are committed to student-centered learning and empowering children to use their minds, hearts and hands to serve others as disciples of Jesus.

Attached Files

[Online Paymet Instructions for Parents.pdf](#)

[StCharles-SCHOOL Announcement Fall 2021.pdf](#)

[Ball Hockey info sheet.pdf](#)

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