



# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to our returning students and welcome to our new students! The staff are very excited for the 2021-2022 school year. We hope and pray for a safe and healthy return and that we can also return to some normalcy throughout the school year. I am very excited to be a part of the St. Anne community.

As you are probably already aware, masks are mandatory for all students this year and we are continually sanitizing and hand washing throughout the school day to minimize the spread of germs that may lead to Covid 19 or any other illnesses. Enhanced cleaning protocols are still in place and our school custodian is doing an amazing job of keeping the school clean and sanitized throughout the day.

Although we are still not permitted to have parents in the school, I would like to welcome parents to contact me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year. 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 on your family and on a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kristy Desmarais*  
Principal

*Ms. Christine Custodio*  
Assistant Principal

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Thursday, September 30 is Orange Shirt Day! Wear your orange shirt in honour of indigenous children.



## SCHOOL FEES

School fees will be posted to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account by Sept. 15. Please pay by Sept. 30.

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## 2021-2022 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 page 7 and 8 by Sept. 24. Your child's teacher will also sign pages 7 and 8.**



**NO SCHOOL  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,  
2021  
LABOUR DAY**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

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

**Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

All parents are encouraged to attend!



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.**

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- ✓ 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 10 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 10 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 3 winning students that will eat their regular lunch and also enjoy a special dessert with Mrs. Desmarais!

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## MEET THE STAFF

This opportunity to meet the staff as well as hear from your child's teacher about the school year will take place online on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

We will be e-mailing a link to all parents the week of this event and it will take place on Teams.

## SPIRIT DAYS

The students in grade 6 will have many leadership opportunities and one will be selecting a special Spirit Day each month. This will include things like crazy hair day, stripes day etc. Be sure to join in on the school spirit!

# POWERSCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL



<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 as 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:

[www.stanne.ecsd.net](http://www.stanne.ecsd.net)

## PLAYGROUND NEWS

As you can see, construction has begun on our new playground. We are hoping to have the playground ready for use by the first week in October with a grand opening celebration by mid October.





OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 2021

Dear friends,

### **A New Beginning in Hope**

*Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand (Isaiah 41:10).*

As the month of September fast approaches, and the start of another school year looms from behind the shadows, we look forward to a new beginning; a year filled with promise and hope. Over the past seventeen months, we have witnessed the state of society and our lives change in ways we might never have imagined two years ago. From the closing of borders to the adherence to strict protocols, life has been challenging, and for some, even devastating.

Throughout the pandemic, we learned many valuable lessons: we learned to depend on the support of family, friends, neighbours, our health care systems, and especially our faith communities. We learned that a world concerned with the plight of others is better than a world centered on ourselves. We learned that even though we could not practice our faith in person, technology made it possible for us to gather and pray virtually. Most important of all, we learned through the sorrow and pain how we depend fully upon the steadfast love and saving help of God, who never abandons us..

COVID-19 is just the latest hardship in a long line of civil unrest and human suffering. Once again, we have seen that, in difficult circumstances, God gives us the capacity to overcome the challenges through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. As we embark upon a new academic year, may we know daily the joy of the victorious help of our Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠Richard W. Smith  
Archbishop of Edmonton

# God Calls Us EACH BY NAME



*"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... plans to give you a future with hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

## September 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Our theme for this year is "God calls us each by name" and is guided by scripture from Jeremiah. At its root, our theme is a message of hope. Catholic education is entirely about building a future with hope. When we serve the children of Edmonton Catholic Schools, our goal is to instill in them a sense of wonder in themselves as children of God so that they see themselves as members and builders of his Kingdom. There is nothing more hopeful than this.

We are filled with a renewed sense of hope as we return to school this year. We have created a [Back to School Plan](#) that is designed to support our schools in reducing the risk of transmission of illness and maintaining safe and healthy environments for our students and staff. Some procedures we introduced in our schools last year will continue because we know they are good practices in minimizing the transmission of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, influenza, and common colds. Many activities are returning to our schools this year, including local and provincial field trips, athletics and extracurricular activities, all fine arts and options classes, assemblies and special events, and graduation and school farewell activities.

At the beginning of September, teachers will be focusing on welcoming students back to their school communities, whether in-person or online. As part of getting to know students as individual learners, teachers in K - 6 will be screening students in numeracy and literacy. They will determine student knowledge and skill based on previous curricula and target instruction for any missed learning. In addition, the Division is preparing post-assessments to help teachers measure learning growth. In junior high and high school, subject-area teachers will also be targeting their instruction to support students in their transition back-to-school.

Our work for this year is directed by our [Division Plan for Continuous Growth](#), which has four priorities: Growing in Faith, Student Success, An Excellent Place to Work and Learn, and Building our Future Together. You can monitor our progress in these priorities by exploring our measures and results as represented in our [Assurance Dashboard](#). Results will be updated throughout the year as new ones become available. Each school also has its own School Plan for Continuous Growth to address its own needs and a school specific Assurance Dashboard for their results and measures. Visit your school's website; you will find the Assurance Dashboard with the school plan under About / School Information.



We are very excited to add another school to our ECSD family this fall. Genesis Online School is opening its virtual doors and will serve over 1200 students from kindergarten to grade 9. Construction on the Ben Calf Robe replacement school and Joan Carr Catholic Elementary School is well underway, and we're getting ready to break ground for Father Michael McCaffery Catholic High School.

Pope Francis shared a catechesis on hope several years ago. There was much wisdom shared with us over many months... it's a deep examination of the nature of hope to the people of God who live in His abundant love. As we begin this school year and come together again in our Christ-centred school communities, I will leave you with a thought from our Holy Father. He says, "... *one does not learn to hope alone. No one learns to hope alone. It is impossible. Hope, to be nourished, necessarily needs a 'body', in which the various members support and revive each other. This means, then, that if we hope, it is because many of our brothers and sisters have taught us to hope and have kept our hope alive.*" (General Audience, February 8/17)

Have a wonderful school year!

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin  
Chief Superintendent



# ECSD NEWS

## 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](https://www.ecsd.net/faithalive) to start your journey

## Transportation

There is currently a bus driver shortage due to a lack of substitute drivers available when the regular drivers are ill.

For more information about your child's bus route check your e-mail or your Powerschool account.

You can also follow the link below for more information about ECSD transportation.

<https://www.ecsd.net/ci/p/34746>

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## Daily Screening Questionnaire

Please be sure to click on the link <https://www.ecsd.net/ci/p/34430> to your daily health screening questionnaire for your child. Remember to keep your child home if they are sick and call 811.



# St. Anne CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September 2021

1	First Day of School
6	Labour Day Holiday <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
13	Free Lunch Program Begins, School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at school
17	School Opening Liturgy in school gym
23	Meet the Staff Night online 6:30 p.m.
29	Orange Shirt Day
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

## October 2021

1	Assembly in gym 10:30 a.m.
4-8	Alien Inline Skating Lessons
8	Thanksgiving Liturgy 11:30 a.m. in school gym
11	Thanksgiving Holiday <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
14	Grade 6 Immunizations
15	School Photo Day
18	ECSD Faith Formation Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
22	Spirit Day - TBD
29	Halloween Dress Up Day

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