



September 2022

Upcoming Events

August 31st: 1st day of school

Sept 5: Labour Day. No school.

Sept 8: Meet the staff

Sept 9: School Opening
Celebration

Sept 12: SAC Annual General
Meeting at 6:00 pm

Sept 19: School Picture Day

September 29: Orange Shirt
Day

Sept 30: Truth and
Reconciliation Day. No school

St. Martha School Charism
*Nurturing Spirits: developing
the whole child – body, mind,
and spirit.*

*“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father in
heaven.”*

Matthew 5:16

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are excited to start a new school year, and to meet our new and returning students.

This year's division theme is “Let your Light Shine Forth”. We will focus on this theme in our school as well, as we work to let each of our lights shine and continue to live out our school charism of Nurturing Spirits: developing the whole child – body, mind, and spirit.

Our first day of school is on Wednesday, August 31st and we begin at 8:04 am. Please see below for what door your child should enter and exit. Supervisors will be outside beginning at 7:50 am, and students may line up at their assigned door. Their teachers will then meet them at the door. We ask everyone's help in NOT using the parking lot, but rather finding parking on the street. Thank you!

Mrs. Lori Lundeen
Principal

Mr. Joseph Estephan
Assistant Principal



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STAFF LIST:

Lori Lundeen (Principal)	
Joseph Estephan (Assistant Principal)	
Adrienne Bodnarchuk (Administrative Support)	
Reinerio Almazan & Barb Kupis (Custodial Staff)	
Teachers	Support Staff
Yvette Casavant – Learning Coach	
Taylor-Ann Malish – Kindergarten/Music	Lois Serediak – Educational Assistant
Shannon Callaway – Gr 1A	Helen Clevett – Educational Assistant
Alejandra Diaz – Gr 1B	Maria Yfantis – Educational Assistant
Annick Mullen – Gr 2	Stefanie Decker - TA-BT
Aleksandra Osuch – Gr 3	Kayla Dixon - TA-SL
Lisa Rusnak – Gr 4	
Sydney McLeod – Gr 5	
Kaitlyn Zwicker – Gr 6	

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – Wednesday, August 31st:

Please see below, for the door to enter on the first day. Do not use front door. Staff will meet their students at the door, prior to entering building.

Parents of kindergarten students should have received an introductory email from Miss Malish and will be contacted, to schedule a time to come in for staggered entry during August 31st and September 2nd.

Reminder that on all Thursdays we dismiss at 11:15 am, and that there is NO kindergarten class on Thursdays.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

8:04 AM	First Bell
8:09 AM	Instruction begins
9:57 AM	Morning Recess.
11:42 AM – 12:25 PM	Recess & Lunch Every class will receive 22 minutes for recess, followed by 21 minutes for lunch.
1:37 PM	Afternoon Recess. Students will be encouraged to remain with their classroom cohorts for recess.
3:00 PM	Dismissal

***Thursday dismissal: 11:15 AM**

Kindergarten: 8:04-11:13 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.



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There is **no** school on Thursday mornings.



NEW CURRICULUM 2022-23:

In September 2022, Kindergarten to Grade 6 students across Alberta will learn a new provincial curriculum in Physical Education and Wellness (K-6), English Language Arts and Literature (K-3 only), and Mathematics (K-3 only). ECSD has a strong history of fostering deep learning experiences for all our students with foundations of literacy, numeracy, and universal design for learning. We are prepared for the upcoming changes and have been working hard to ensure our staff are supported. Professional development for staff will continue into the new school year. We have expanded our consultant and leadership teams to support the implementation of the new curriculum. We are confident our classrooms will remain spaces of faith-based learning that deeply engage all staff and students with technological innovation, creativity, critical thinking, and authentic learning experiences. [Click here](#) to learn more about the new curriculum and how it will differ from what's being taught currently in schools.

POWERSCHOOL LOG IN:

All PowerSchool log in information will remain the same from previous years. If you are transferring from another school within Edmonton Catholic, your login information will also remain the same. A reminder that fees will not be posted until mid-September 15. If you are new to our school community and need to set up an account please contact the office at 780-487-4594.

BUSSING:

Yellow School Bus passes must be paid for by the 10th of every month, for those children taking the bus. 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. Each bus pass has a unique ID number on the back of the card. The Bus pass ID number is transmitted to a secure database when the student scans their bus pass in front of the scanner near the bus entrance. The time, date, and location of each scan are logged and transmitted to a secure database only accessible by Transportation Services.

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.



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

School supply lists are posted on our website at stmartha@ecsd.net. For those parents who ordered school supplies through "Write-On Stationary", supplies have been delivered to our school and will be distributed to students on the first day of classes.

Also on our website, please notice our revised Standards of School Dress and our School Growth Plan for this upcoming school year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our first SAC Meeting will be on September 12th at 6:00 pm. This will be our Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be in our school library. We welcome all parents to attend. At this meeting we will also be electing for council positions. A number of executive positions are open. In addition, we hope to have classroom representatives to advocate for the needs of each particular class.

Great news! We are scheduled for a casino this year, and it is on a weekend and on the west end! St. Martha is scheduled for Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th at the Starlight Casino in West Edmonton Mall. We will need many volunteers, so please save the date!

MEET THE STAFF:

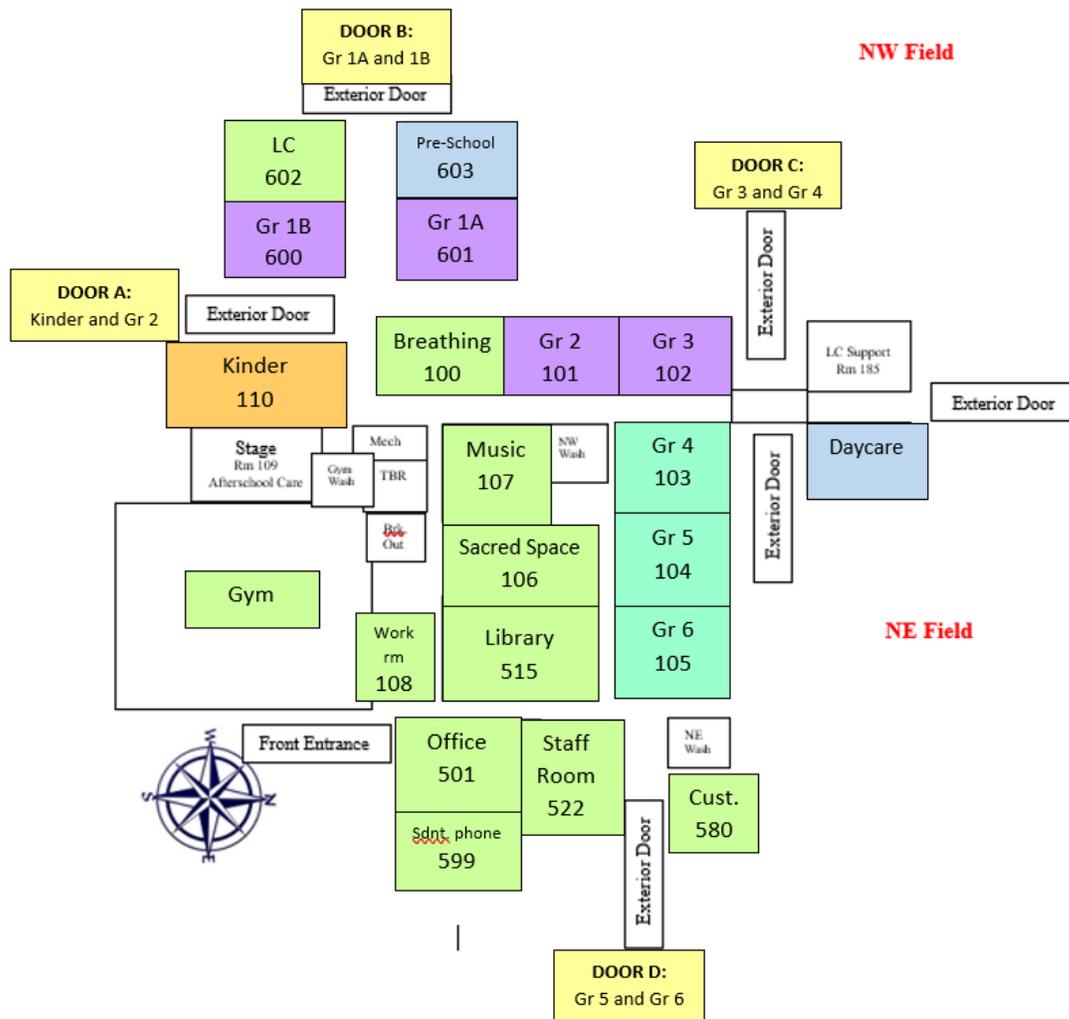
Our Meet the Staff evening will be on September 8th at 7:00 pm. We will begin in the school gym for a brief presentation, followed by visits to your child's classroom. Our spring picnic was such a success, we would like to try another St. Martha Family Gathering in the park. Weather permitting, we encourage all families to join us in the park/field at 6:00 pm for a "Welcome back" picnic gathering. As in the spring, we are asking that families bring their own food and blanket.



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FIRST DAY REMINDERS:

All students are asked to line up at their assigned door when the bell rings (at 8:04 am). All doors will be labelled with the grade level. Class lists will be posted on the doors on Wednesday morning. (*Class lists will not be available prior to this time.)





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Catholic Elementary School

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PARKING:

Please do not park in the school's staff parking lot at the start or end of the school day, unless you have a parking placard for disabilities and need to park in this designated area. This is a safety concern, as many students are walking in this area, and there is a large volume of cars moving in and out, particularly in the morning. Please park on the street, in front of the schools at these times. If you are parking in the neighbourhood, we ask that you be mindful of not blocking driveways or walking across lawns. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this matter.

ST. MARTHA SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR:

Once again St. Martha school is offering students and families the chance to purchase apparel through Sport Factor, to help build school spirit!

We will be offering t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants. To order please visit <https://stmarthastudentfall2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>.

The online store will close on October 5th at which time no more orders can be placed. All items will be delivered to the school for pickup. Thank you for your consideration!

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sacramental Preparation:

Instituted by Christ, in the sacraments we receive grace.

Preparation for the sacraments of **Reconciliation** (Penance) and **Eucharist** (Communion) is offered for children in grade 2 and higher. Preparation for the sacrament of **Confirmation** is offered to children in grade 6 and higher. Please visit <https://goodshep.caedm.ca/Sacraments> for schedules and registration forms. Deadline for registrations vary, please see the registration forms for details. Rite of Christian Initiation of Children will be offered this year. If you wish to ask for **baptism** for your child, please contact Rosemary Lee, Pastoral Assistant, at 587-635-4309 for more information.

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