

SUMMER BUZZ

God Calls Us
EACH BY NAME

...I have called you by name, you are mine. - Isaiah 43:1

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SUMMER 2021

Thank you for your support during this past school year. Our staff and students appreciate that you are truly partners in education working with us to create the best learning environments possible. During this pandemic, we have done our best to bring a sense of calm while educating the whole child. With your support we were able to accomplish our school vision and mission: <https://www.ecsd.net/8237/page/3692/general-information>

We look forward to seeing you all back in September! Have a blessed summer!

Ms. Vince

Dear St. Mary family,

It's been a truly magnificent five years with each of you. Coming to school each day and being part of your children's journey has been my honour and delight. The memories of seeing them arrive each day filled with excitement and energy, and leave at the end of each day brimming with new experiences will remain forever etched on my heart. This community is exceptional in every sense of the word; you are present for and invested in all that we do here, and it makes a terrific difference. As I leave you, know that I will always think so fondly of my time at St. Mary and I am deeply grateful for the time I shared with your families. Who knows, I may show up randomly wearing my giant T-Rex costume, because WHY NOT?

Wishing you a happy, healthy, restful summer.

With much love and sparkles,
Mrs. Lauren Hawes

UPCOMING

August 23 – Office Opens – In this first week, we will send a letter with updates to COVID protocols
August 31 – You will receive a welcome letter from the teacher informing you that your child is in their class
September 1 – First day of school
September 1 & 3 – Gradual Entry Kindergarten
September 7 – Regular Kindergarten Classes begin
September 8 – Meet the Teacher Night!
September 20 – SAC Annual General Meeting

STAY CONNECTED and follow us on:

Website: <https://www.ecsd.net/schools/8237>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Mary-Catholic-Elementary-School-Edmonton-441083555938395/posts/?ref=page_internal

Instagram: @st_mary_elementary

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School Supplies for the 2021-2022 school year are now posted on our school website.

<https://www.ecsd.net/8237/page/3698/school-supplies>

You are welcome to place your order through Staples but are not required to. Parent instructions are on the website.

School Hours 2021-2022

Kindergarten Program

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday **8:16 – 11:16** a.m. or **11:54-2:54** p.m. *There are no classes on Thursdays for Kindergarten.

Grade 1-6 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday		Grade 1-6 Thursday	
First Bell	8:15	First Bell	8:15
Instructional Time	8:20 – 10:20	Instructional Time	8:20 – 10:20
Outdoor Recess	10:20 – 10:40	Outdoor Recess	10:20 – 10:39
Instructional Time	10:40 – 12:00	Instructional Time	10:39 – 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 12:20	Dismissal	12:00
Outdoor Recess	12:20 – 12:40		
Instructional Time (Includes 5 min recess)	12:40 – 2:54		
Dismissal	2:54		

ECSD School Calendar 2021-2022

<https://sbecsdstor.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/frf/5/2021-2022%20ECSD%20Calendar%20with%20TR%20-%20June%202021,%202021%20FINAL.pdf>

Transportation Services

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/1263/transportation>

Staff List 2021-2022

Kindergarten – Mrs. Amendola

Grade 1A – Mrs. Miller

Grade 1B – Mrs. Diane Ngu

Grade 2A – Ms. Frost

Grade 2B – Ms. Hiff

Grade 3A – Mrs. Barnfather/Mrs. Schipper

Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Kruse

Grade 4A – Ms. Berryman

Grade 5A – Mrs. Eistetter

Grade 5B – Mr. Greenly

Grade 6A – Mr. Harris

Grade 6B – Ms. McNeill

FSLW – Mr. Akuh Ngale

Custodians – Yemson Fernandez & Laudy Guardamano

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Cartmell, Mrs. McQuaid, Ms. Courtney, Mrs. Menon, Mr. Yee, Ms. Egan, Ms. Raturi, Ms. Knibbs

Learning Coach- Mrs. Barnfather

Administrator Assistant – Mrs. Ward

Assistant Principal – Mrs. Schipper

Principal – Mrs. Vince

Class Lists 2021-2022

Teachers have been busy creating class lists for the next school year. As many factors are taken into consideration in effort to create environments that keep in mind the needs of all students, we appreciate your support in allowing our teachers to establish these lists. The well-being of each individual student is at the heart of all decisions and the needs of the classroom as a whole take precedence over requests for classroom placement - particularly placements with friends.

How will I find out my child's teacher for the next school year?

In the days leading up to the first day of school, teachers will send an email welcoming their students to their class. This extra time before the school year starts will allow us to ensure that class lists are final. In previous years, especially this last year, lists have changed due to enrolment and staffing adjustments, etc. To avoid inequity in class sizes and/or disappointment for students by making changes after the postcard, this will be our process moving forward.

Thank you for your support!

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God
This summer
In whatever you do
Wherever you go
Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love
And respect
And concern for the feelings of others,
May you talk to God
This summer
And every day and
In every situation,
Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
For the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times,
Asking God's help
In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed,
May you talk with God
Every day.

Amen.

St. Mary School Advisory Council Update

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Time to stock up on labels for your family? Mabel's Labels provides sturdy waterproof labels to identify all those items that tend to get lost at school, from shoes to water bottles.

Order from our fundraiser and the school council will receive 20% back. This fundraiser is on now and is open to anyone, so please share. **Shipping is free direct to you!**

Go to: campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for St. Mary Edmonton.



The next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting is on September 20th at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and all are welcome to attend. At SAC meetings, parents have an opportunity to give input and ask questions, hear a report from Ms. Vince about what is happening at the school, and plan events and fundraisers. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and become involved in your child's school.