

How the year has flown! We are quickly coming to the end of another school year, and in spite of all the challenges, we have been truly blessed.

École Holy Cross would like to extend our appreciation to our families who worked closely and partnered with our staff to provide our students with opportunities to continue their learning. We truly could not have accomplished our tasks without the support and dedication of our parents!



Parents, your help and support motivates us to keep striving to be the best we can be as a school. Thank you to each and every one of you.

The staff of École Holy Cross wishes you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Mme Marlene Forest-Wallace
Principal

Mme Brigitte Levasseur
Assistant Principal



Celebrating Success at Holy Cross

Félicitations! - Congratualtions!

In June, we celebrate the success of all École Holy Cross students.



Kindergarten AM - Mme Sarah



Kindergarten PM - Mme Sarah



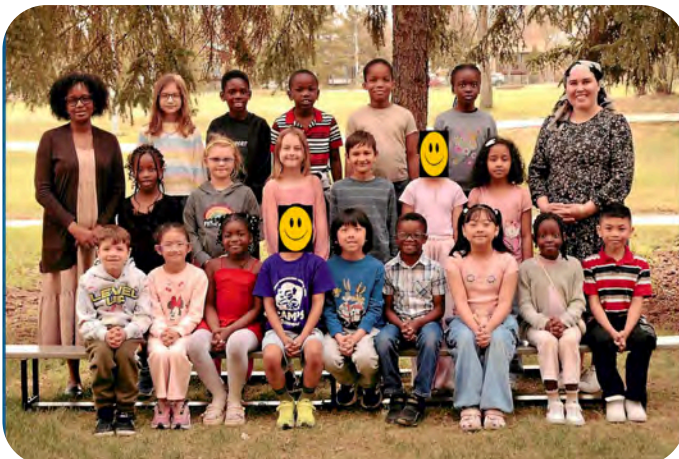
Grade 1A - Mme Mongrain



Grade 1B - Mme Paige



Grade 2A - Mme Cloran



Grade 2B - Mme Rachel



Celebrating Success at Holy Cross

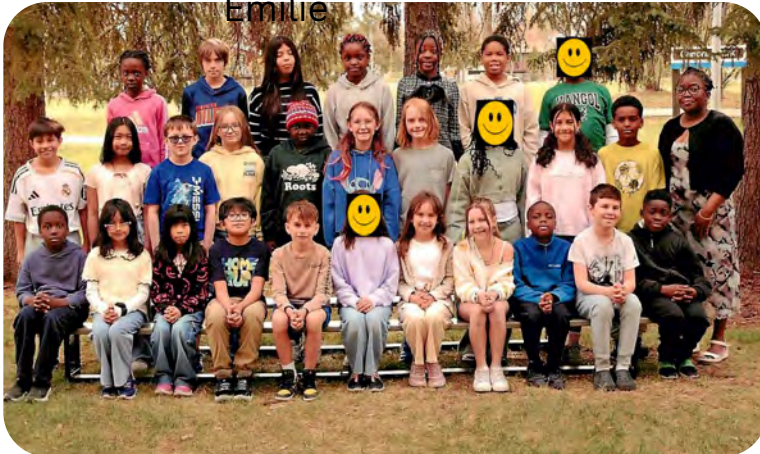
Félicitations! - Congratulations!



Grade 3A - Mme
Émilie



Grade 3/4A - Mme Jeannette



Grade 4A - Mme Carolle



Grade 5A - Mme Shipka



Grade 5/6A - Mme Gaele



Grade 6A - Mme Brenda



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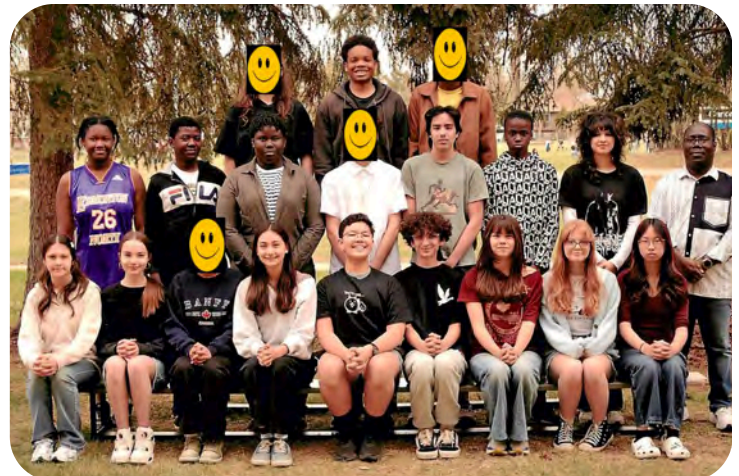
Grade 7A - Mme Kelsey



Grade 7B - Mme Nathalie



Grade 8A - Mme Melinda



Grade 8B - M Gnoan



Grade 9A - Mme Alix



Grade 9B - Mme Alix



Lumen Christi Chief Superintendent's Award of Excellence

On May 13, Victoria received the Chief Superintendent's Award of Excellence. The Chief Superintendent's Award of Excellence is an annual, prestigious honor awarded to exceptional junior and senior high students who embody the core values of their school community.

This award is given to a student who exhibits outstanding leadership skills, uses their ability to benefit others, and has shown extraordinary effort to foster positivity and gratitude within the school community.



Congratulations to Victoria. for being this year's recipient of the Chief Superintendent's Award of Excellence!

Victoria is a valued member of the Holy Cross community, adapting easily and forming strong friendships. She is a hardworking student who strives for excellence, earning Honours with Distinction, and is known for her kindness, positivity, and ability to make others feel valued. A natural leader, she served as co-captain of the Senior Girls' Volleyball team, demonstrating strong sportsmanship and leadership. Victoria is also deeply involved in social justice initiatives, encouraging others to participate. She approaches challenges with resilience and consistently sets high standards for herself.

City Championships - Track and Field

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated in Track & Field competitions this year. We are proud to announce that 11 students qualified for the City Championships. Holy Cross also brought home two gold medals and one bronze medal. Go Crusaders!



Congratulations to Juliana-7, for winning gold medals in the 400 and 800 at City Championships, and Emily-8, bronze medalist for shotput.

Asian Heritage Month 2026: Honouring Asian Canadians



Students marked Asian Heritage Month with hands-on origami activities, a special Soysal Scoops ice cream treat on May 12, and classroom read-alouds featuring Asian authors. They also learned about the contributions of Asian authors in the literary arts. These activities helped students appreciate and celebrate the diversity within our school community.

Sosyal Scoops

We celebrated Asian History Month with several activities including the enjoyment of a special treat for our K-9 students - small batch ice cream inspired by flavours of the Philippines from Soysal Scoops.



Telling a story with Origami

Students celebrated Asian Heritage Month by learning about the Japanese art of origami and creating meaningful paper designs that highlight the beauty and cultural significance of this tradition.



Run Wild at Holy Cross

A big thank-you to the Fedoruk family and the students and staff of Holy Cross for supporting Edmonton's Zebra Child Protection Centre.

Students and staff participated in a school run/walk to raise awareness for children and youth affected by abuse, cheered on by our wonderful volunteers. Together, Holy Cross raised \$603.35 for the Zebra Centre — an amazing contribution to an important cause.



CTF Environmental Stewardship 8/9 - Strathcona Wilderness Centre

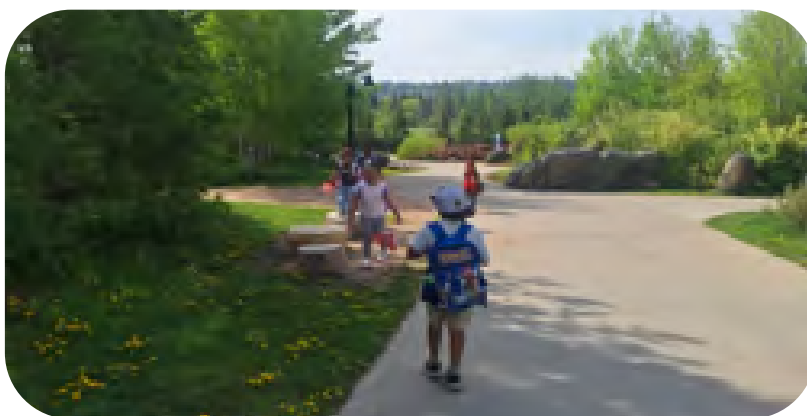
The Outdoor Ed 8/9 enjoyed a field trip to the Strathcona Wilderness Centre, where they learned about Firelighting safety and techniques! They ended the morning with some yummy cinnamon bannock.



Kindergarten visit to the Edmonton Valley Zoo

At the end of May, the Kindergarten classes were fortunate to visit the Edmonton Valley Zoo. Students got to see many animals up close and learn about their habitats, how their senses help them navigate the world and what these animals eat.

Students participated in a program led by a wonderful employee of the Zoo who taught them all about the different senses that animals have and how they use them to protect themselves. Students were amazed to see the red pandas, blue tongue skink, snowy owl and so many more animals! One parent logged our steps for the day and we clocked in at approximately 12 000!



La Petite Ondine

Our Lady of the Prairies and Holy Cross students in Grades 1–3 attended a special French-language theatre presentation at Holy Cross School on May 26, 2026. The visiting troupe, l'Unithéâtre, performed *Petite Ondine*, an imaginative and engaging production that introduced young learners to storytelling through movement, music, and French cultural expression.



Story Champs



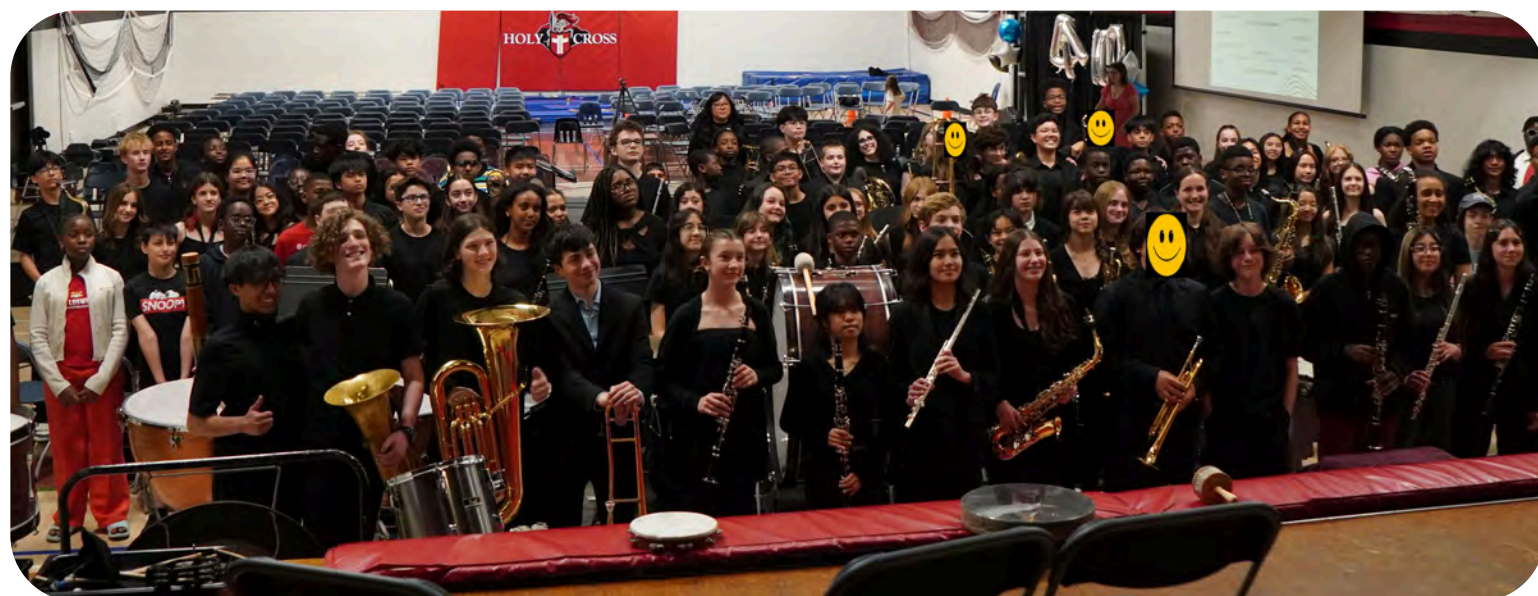
Story Champs is a division wide program that helps the students to recognize the different parts of a story. Madame Taylor the TASL (therapeutic assistant speech and language therapist) has been coming into the kindergarten classroom throughout the year and leading the kindergarten students through a variety of lessons. Students have learned that each story must have a character, setting, problem, feeling, action, problem solution and end feeling. Each element of the story has an action associated with it. The students have become pros at identifying each element and are well on their way to becoming readers and writers!



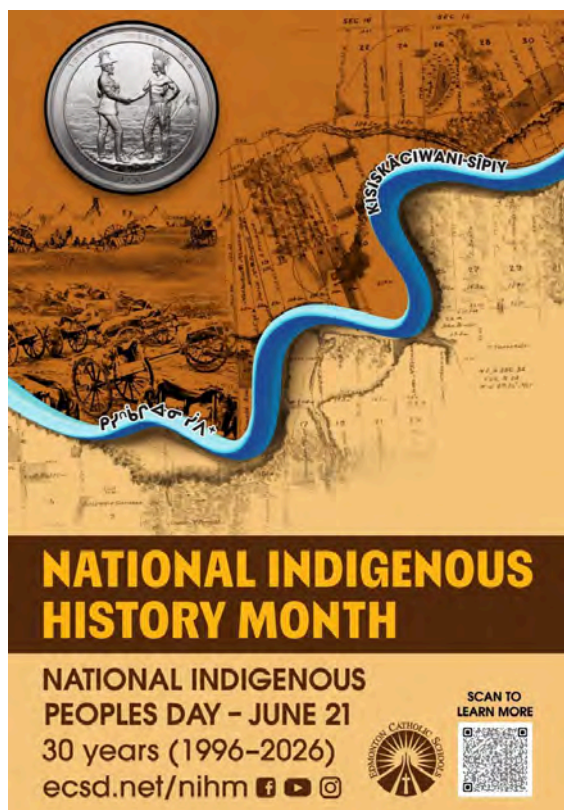
Music - 2026 Junior High Spring Concert

On May 28th, we presented our Spring Concert. The evening consisted of music from our Jazz Band, Junior Band, Senior Band, Choir, and Farewell Band.

Congratulations to all performers and Mme Pastor for showcasing their talents! Over \$300 was raised for the Camp Caroline Band Trip.



Explore National Indigenous History Month with ECSD



June is National Indigenous History Month, a time to learn about and honour the unique cultures, traditions, and experiences of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Edmonton Catholic Schools' Indigenous Learning Services team has created a 15-day Virtual Calendar to support learning through the month. Each school day leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 features a short lesson that schools and families can explore together. Learn more: ecsd.net/nihm



On June 3, we welcomed Curt Young, award-winning Indigenous musician, who uses storytelling and music to demonstrate how he has successfully used the arts in his own journey towards wellness. He taught about the different drum patterns and shared songs with students in grade level cohorts followed by a performance at the end of the day. There were teachings about the medicine wheel and truth and reconciliation throughout.

Indigenous Peoples Day - Indigenous Games

Holy Cross students participated in a series of indigenous games to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.



Fibonacci Contest Grade 5

Natalie (Certificate of Distinction)
Benjamin (Certificate of Achievement)
Bamiduro (Certificate of Achievement)
Adriel, Bennett, Asher, Bruce, Kevin, Etia,
Skylar, Lillian, John Jacob, Alexandra,
Abigaellle, Milla, London, Joel, Alexis, Stella



Pythagoras Contest Grade 6

Andrew (Certificate of Distinction),
Noemie, Viktoria, Tanishq, Mattea,
Charlie, Freyja, Maria



Euler Contest Grade 7

Josh, Maxence, Lionel, Juliana,
Raydon, Lucas P, Jozyvia
,Zayden, Alike, Scarlett, Brian,
Landry, Ange-Eleonore, Gloria,
JeanMarc, Jasmine, Leah,
Licoln, Olivia, Amos



Lagrange Contest Grade 8

Daniel, Nicodemus, Adriel
K, Hansel, Scarlett,
Jax,Jamie, Jophiel, Ilinka,
Isaac, Joshua, Daniel T,
Yannick, Folasade, Zara,
Youssef



Newton Contest Grade 9

Remington,
Yohanna,
Zachary,
Joelle, Eva,
Angela,
Andico,
Jimson, Ange



We are proud of your hard work, perseverance, and enthusiasm in the Holy Cross Math Club this year. Congratulations on your achievements! 🎉👏📐

Grade 9 Farewell

Farewell to our Grade 9 class. We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished this year—your growth, your resilience, and the spirit you brought to our school community. As you move forward into new challenges and opportunities, remember to believe in yourselves and continue striving for excellence. We wish you the very best in the future.



Grade 6 Day!

Year-End Celebration!

Our Grade 6 students enjoyed a memorable Grade 6 Day Celebration. During our year-end liturgy, we sang songs, reflected on a Gospel message from Matthew, and considered how we are called to be ambassadors for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Students were also recognized with certificate presentations and prayed for God's blessings. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their growth, friendships, and achievements.



Mme Brenda (left) &
Mme Gaelle (right)

"Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (CEV)

After recess, students had a fantastic time designing their own tie-dye shirts. They experimented with different folding techniques and colours combinations to create unique designs. This hands-on activity allowed students to express their creativity while making a special keepsake to remember their Grade 6 year.

We ended the day with a walk to Grovenor Park, where students enjoyed the outdoors and spent time with their classmates. Thankfully, the weather cleared after lunch despite the morning showers, allowing students to play games, explore the playground, and enjoy one another's company. It was an incredible way to celebrate our Grade 6 students together.

We wish them all the best on their next adventures and know they will continue to shine wherever they go.

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class has had an amazing year with lots of learning, laughs and new experiences. Students have been learning their letters, numbers, about our environment, how to be a friend, how to move our bodies and so much more!





By Faith, the sacraments are an important part of every Catholic's relationship with Jesus the Lord.

This year there are 9 students from École Holy Cross who have partaken of the sacraments of reconciliation and communion, or confirmation.

Congratulations to the following students:

Confirmation

Natalie - 5, Brayden - 6, Victoria - 6A, Amaris - 6,
Chloe - 6, Lucas P - 7 (absent), Emily R - 7, Emily B - 8 (absent)

Communion

Daniel N - 4



Holy Cross Year End Mass

As we gather for our Year-End Mass, we pause with grateful hearts to thank God for a year filled with learning, growth, friendship, and countless blessings. Together, we celebrate the journey we have shared and look forward with hope to the opportunities that lie ahead. Thank you to Father Dean and Sophie for their many years of service.



The Power Full Kids - Eat Well Program

The Power Full Kids | Eat Well program is a national initiative by President's Choice Children's Charity designed to remove hunger as a barrier to learning in Canadian schools. With the grant from the President's Choice Children's Charity we can provide universal food support to all students at École Holy Cross everyday of the school year.



School Fees - online payments

School Fees can be paid online via your parent portal.

We encourage all parents to pay their fees online by accessing the PowerSchool parent portal. PowerSchool is the Edmonton Catholic Schools online program that allows parents to view attendance, assessments and pay school fees, and bus pass fees. If you require access to you PowerSchool parent portal, please contact the office.

Here is the link for your child's school fees for Kindergarten to Grade 9:

2025-2026 Holy Cross School Fees

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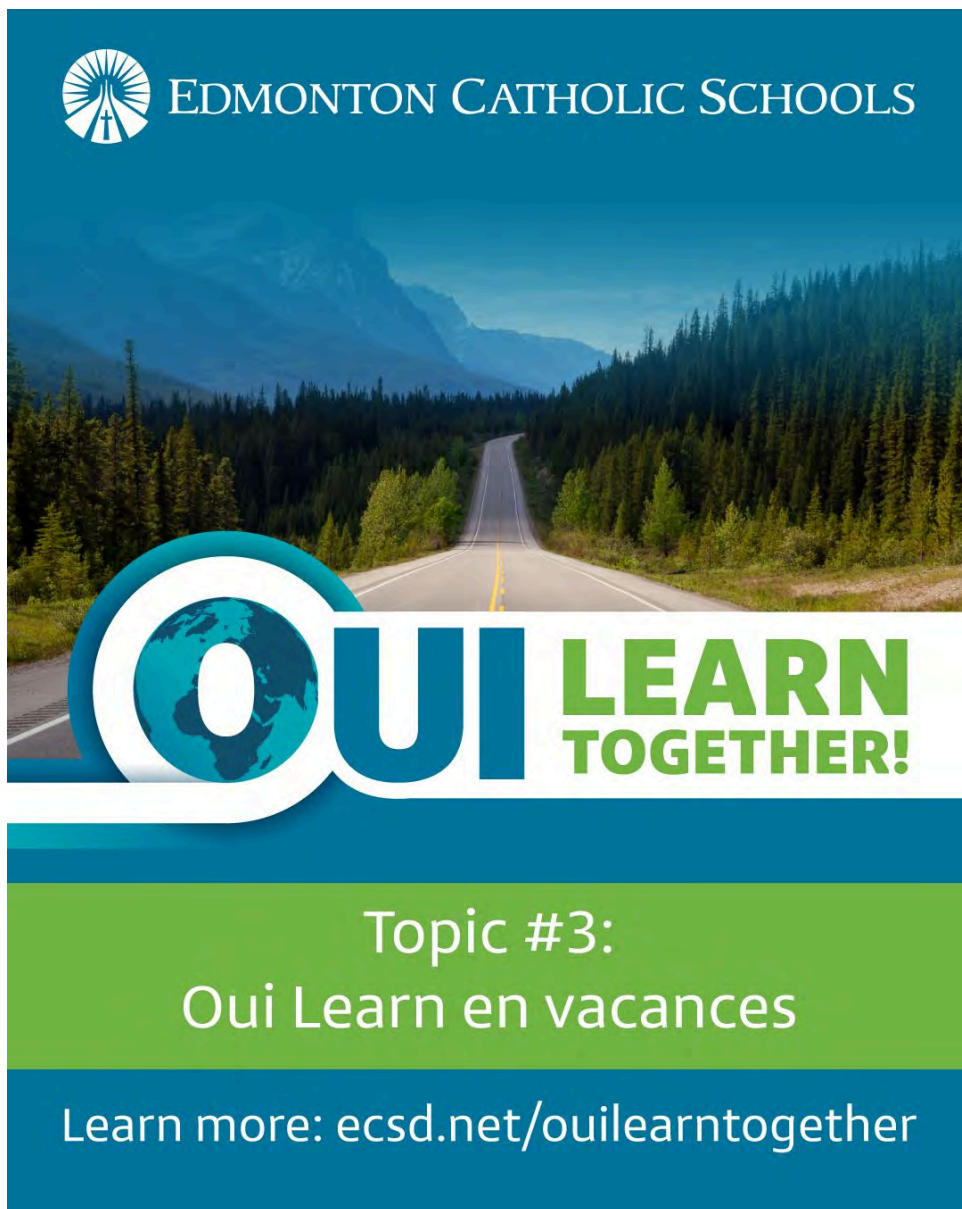
Follow us at @holycrossecsd to stay up to date with our school's programs, events and all other fun stuff our students are doing!



Summer break is a great time for French Immersion students to continue using their language skills in fun, low-pressure ways.

From summer camps and swimming lessons to summer school, cultural events, and even road-trip listening ideas, there are many opportunities to keep French part of everyday life over the summer.

Visit the Oui Learn Together online resource hub for ideas and information to help plan summer language learning opportunities for your child.



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OUI LEARN TOGETHER!

Topic #3:
Oui Learn en vacances

Learn more: ecsd.net/ouilearntogether

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Welcome to École Holy Cross



Bonjour!

My name is Florette Diboia, I am married and mother of four wonderful children and I am so excited to be the grade 1 teacher at Holy Cross. I have experience with grades 6 and Kindergarten and I am ready for another experience with grade 1. In my free time, I enjoy reading, cooking, listening to music, and spending time with my family. I look forward to this new school year of learning, fun and wonder.

Merci!

Bonjour!

My name is Mélanie Fortin. The students know me as Mme Mélanie, and I am excited to be joining Holy Cross to teach grade 2! I graduated from the Faculté Saint Jean, University of Alberta, in 2018. I grew up in the beautiful north of Grande Prairie, Alberta, and in my free time I love to hike and cross country run through the summer nature trails, and cross country ski when those trails become winter wonderlands in the winter.



I am French Canadian and grew up speaking both French and English languages at home. The gift of a second language is a wonderful thing that has led me to have many exciting opportunities throughout my life (and will surely keep on doing so), and I am thrilled to be teaching French language and culture to your child! I hope you have an amazing summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!



Hello!

Je m'appelle Madame Miriam.

I am very much looking forward to beginning my journey at École Holy Cross as a Grade 3 teacher. French has always been a passion of mine, and I truly enjoy teaching the language and sharing French culture with my students.

Grade 3 holds a special place in my heart. Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of teaching Grade 3 across the province—in Calgary, Medicine Hat, and now Edmonton. I am excited to continue my professional growth as part of the Holy Cross school community. I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September!



Bonjour!

My name is Melissa Weimer, and I am excited to be joining the Holy Cross team this year as a Grade 3 teacher. Originally from Regina, Saskatchewan, I moved to Edmonton to pursue my Education After-Degree at the Faculté Saint-Jean. I have been teaching with Edmonton Catholic Schools for many years and have had the chance to work in a variety of grades and schools in both the English and French Immersion programs. I also had the opportunity to teach in Germany for three years, which was an incredible experience. I am a military wife and a busy mom of two young boys, and a cat named Dorian. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with lots of fun, laughter, and learning together!





Bonjour!

Je suis Madame Akoman, and I am excited to be the fifth-grade teacher at Holy Cross. I have taught several grade levels across the district and enjoy reading, gardening, and time with my children.

I look forward to a year full of learning, fun, and new discoveries.

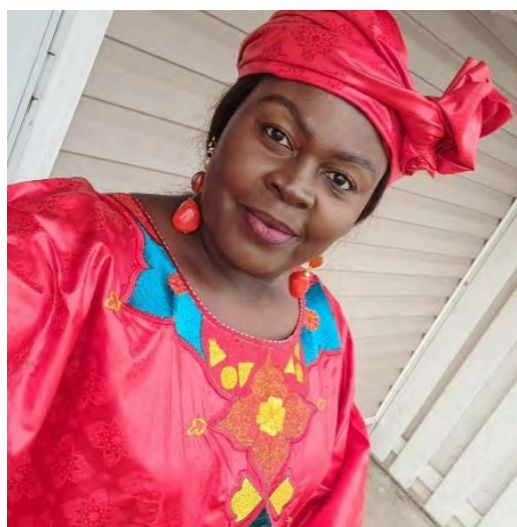
Bonjour!

Je m'appelle Madame Alicia. I'm excited to be joining the Holy Cross community this September as the new Grade 6 teacher. As a Franco-Albertan, I have a passion for sharing my language and culture with students. I love creating a classroom where curiosity, confidence, and connection can grow. Outside of school, I love gardening, hiking, reading, walking my dog, and spending time playing with my child—and I'm also happily expecting my second. I'm truly looking forward to becoming part of the Holy Cross team and contributing to a positive, engaging learning environment. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone soon. À bientôt!



Je suis Sandrine Kouam,

I am truly honoured and excited to be joining Holy Cross School as a new teacher in its caring Catholic French Immersion community. I recently graduated from Campus Saint-Jean with a Bachelor of Education, and I am eager to begin my teaching career by supporting students in their learning and personal growth. Throughout my studies and practicum experiences, I developed a strong passion for creating inclusive, engaging, and welcoming learning environments where every child feels valued and encouraged to succeed. It is a privilege to begin this new chapter, and I am excited for a wonderful year filled with learning, discovery, and meaningful connections.



Welcome to École Holy Cross



Bonjour! My name is Seyli Salinas, and I'm passionate about working with children. I am married and mother of two young teenagers, I've had the opportunity to nurture and guide young minds as a dayhome provider for 8 years . I have a diploma in Early Childhood Education. This is my first year as an education assistant, and I'm excited to learn and help in a classroom setting. I am patient, curious and love to learn new things . I'm presently learning piano . Having grown up in Montreal made me fall in love with French Canadian culture . I'm proud to be part of a French immersion program and look forward to sharing my love for the French language with others.

Bonjour, Je suis Mireille Piard.

I have an Early Childhood Level 3 in which I have been working for almost 10 years. I also worked as a French Language Monitor with Odyssey for 3 years at Elk Island Public Schools and Centre Nord from Kindergarten to Junior High. Last year I started working at Our Lady of The Prairies as an Education Assistant. I look forward to meeting you and continuing the adventure at Holy Cross in September.



Mme Nancy – Therapeutic Assistant Behavior Therapist



Mme Nancy holds a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, specializing in mental health and children's futures. She has many years of experience working with children, including four years running a private home daycare, along with teaching and supporting children to learn about and master their emotions through play-based learning.

She is passionate about creating caring, supportive spaces where children feel safe to explore, learn, and grow. Mme Nancy values learning through the lens of curiosity and believes children thrive when they are met with kindness, patience, and understanding.

She lives in Edmonton with her husband and two young sons. In her spare time, she enjoys hockey, power skating, cooking, gardening, reading, art, music, nature, and family adventures.

Mme Nancy's motto is: "In Love, In Kindness – We Learn, We Grow."



Welcome to École Holy Cross 2026-2027

Thank you for an amazing school year. We can't wait to see our returning students again soon, and we warmly welcome all new students joining us in the fall. Wishing every family a safe, restful, and blessed summer break.

IMPORTANT DATES



Wednesday, September 2, 2026	First Day of School - Welcome No school for Grade 8 and 9
Thursday, September 3, 2026	No School for Grade 7
Monday, September 7, 2026	Labour Day - No School
Thursday, September 10, 2026	Meet the Teacher
Monday, September 14, 2026	Mass - St. John The Evangelist Church
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Picture Day
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School

Chief Superintendent's Office - Message



ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027



First Day of Operation
August 31, 2026
 First Day of Instruction
September 2, 2026
 Last Day of Instruction
June 28, 2027
 Last Day of Operation
June 29, 2027

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- Non instructional Days
- Non-Operational Days
- Cancellation of early dismissal
- Early Dismissal
- Statutory Holiday - Office/School Closed
- Named Holiday - Office/School Closed

MONTH	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	1	0
September	20	19
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	14	14
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	19	18
April	20	20
May	18	18
June	21	20
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