

Welcome to May!

May is the Marian month. It is the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and it is also a time for us to celebrate World Catholic Education.

Students are invited to wear blue in honor of Catholic Education Day on Thursday, May 14th.



It is also fitting that Mother's Day and Mary, the Blessed Mother, are celebrated in the same month. Together, let us ask Mary our Mother to help and protect our school community and to give us strength and resilience during these challenging times.

As St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us -“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.”

Mme Marlene Forest-Wallace
Principal

Mme Brigitte Levasseur
Assistant Principal

École Holy Cross School Hours:

Kindergarten

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Kindergarten AM – 8:20am – 11:27am

Kindergarten PM – 11:57am – 3:04pm

Thursday

No School for Kindergarten

Grade 1 to Grade 9

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

8:20am - First Bell

8:25am - Second Bell, classes begin

3:03pm – Dismissal

Thursday Early Dismissal

8:20am – First Bell

8:25am – Second Bell, classes begin

12:02pm - Dismissal

Exit door for pick up at the end of the day

Door #5 - Kindergarten

Door #2 – Grade 3A, Grade 4A, Grade 5A, Grade 5B, Grade 6A

Door #3 – Grade 1A, Grade 1B, Grade 2A, Grade 2B, Grade 3A

Celebrating Success at Holy Cross



Félicitations! Congratualtions!

Marianne participated in the Edmonton Music & Speech Arts Festival. Marianne received Distinction in both of her solo performances, which reflects a very high level of achievement in the festival. She performed:

- El tra la la y el punteado by Enrique Granados
- I Feel Pretty from West Side Story

Congratulations ! Félicitations!

Amos, Katrina, Sade and Marianne participated in the ECSD All-City Junior High Choir.

The choir received a Superior mark, which represents an excellent level (90% and above) in the festival. They have been invited to go to Provincials. They compete on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Bonne Chance!



More Celebrating Success at Holy Cross



Félicitations! Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jacob for winning first place in the Woodwinds category for Classical Woodwind Solo Ages 13 and under at the Edmonton Music and Speech Arts Festival!

Congratulations ! Félicitations!

Linor took the stage with great success at the Dance Jam Festival. Dance Jam... where the passion of dance lives!



Lumen Christi Student Faith Leadership Award

On Thursday, April 8th, the Edmonton Catholic Schools Board of Trustees hosted its third annual Lumen Christi Student Faith Leadership Award ceremony, recognizing outstanding student leaders who have made significant contributions to their schools' Catholic identity. Each school nominated one student who exemplified the values of service and faith-driven leadership.

Ange is receiving the Student Faith Leadership Award for her consistent and authentic commitment to living out her faith. In Religion classes, she is engaged, thoughtful, and approaches her work with sincerity and care. She models respect and integrity, setting a positive example for her peers. Ange participates confidently in class and school prayer, expressing her faith with reverence. As a school ambassador, she helped our FRAP settlement worker with the Newcomer Welcome Lunch and continues to mentor new students. She also serves in her church choir and youth ministry, demonstrating dedicated faith-filled leadership.



Easter Mass - April 15

Thank you to Father Dean and Sophie and the grade 1 classes for the beautiful Easter Mass.





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

This year there are 8 students from École Holy Cross who have partaken of the sacraments of reconciliation and communion, or confirmation.

Congratulations to the following students:



Lia - 3A
Savio - 2B
Alexis - 3A
Alexis - 5A
Benedict - 2A
Isla - 3A
Jacob - 2B
Maya - 2A



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PRE-REGISTRATION 2026-2027

We are very happy to invite your children and youth to our Sacramental preparation programs. Our programs start in the fall and they fill quickly, so please call/email soon to have your child's name added to our pre-registration list. We will contact you in late August/early September for the Orientation meetings and class schedules.

If your child is in **grades 2 – 5** in the fall, they are invited to register for **Reconciliation** and **Eucharist** (Communion). If your child is in **grade 6 - 12** in the fall, they are invited to register for **Confirmation**. We include preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist if your older child missed these sacraments – it is never too late!

Please call or email about **Baptism** for infants, older children, youth, and adults of any age at any time of the year – this is a response to the moving of the Holy Spirit and is the beginning of the Christian faith journey!

Further information about the Sacraments is on our Parish website.

If you belong to another Parish, please contact their Parish Office or check their website to find out when their sacramental preparation programs are and how to register.

School Masses

We look forward to continuing and strengthening the relationship between your home, your family's school and St. John. Please check school newsletters in the fall for the date of the school opening Mass, and about pastoral visits to our schools. You are always welcome and encouraged to come to Mass with your children at the Church or at School.

Parish Events

Vacation Bible School (VBS)– A week of day camp mornings (9 am - 12 pm) at St. John for kids filled with games, songs, crafts, and exploring God's creation. It's a fun way for children to dive deeper into what we do every Sunday at church and learn more about God's love and teachings while meeting new friends and having some fun. Snacks included! Campers are aged 5-10 yrs, \$50 Jr Leaders are aged 11-17, \$25. The week is yet to be determined: it will be either July 13-17 or July 27-31.

Parish Picnic Join us on September 13, 2-4 pm! Lots of food, old fashioned games, and fun!



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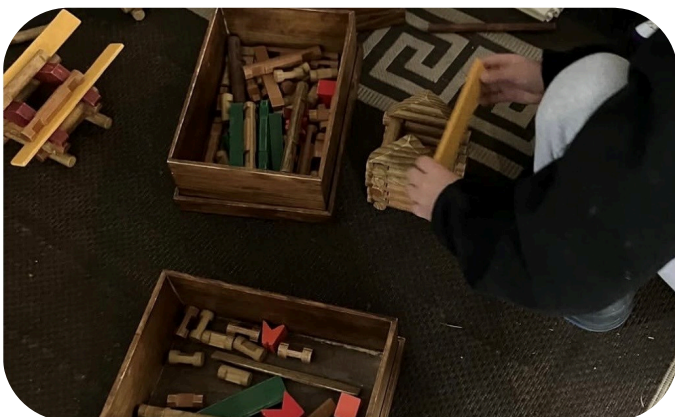
<https://stjohnevangelist.edm.caedm.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnevangelistedm>

Instagram: SJECatholic

Grade 1A - Field Trip to John Walters

Our Grade 1 students participated in the Hands on History program at the John Walters Museum. Students made scones and butter, built log houses with Lincoln Logs and made candles. Students were able to get a hands on experience of what life was like 150 years ago.



Grade 1B - Field Trip to John Walters Museum

Grade 1B spent the morning seeing what life was like in the 1800s! We churned butter, baked scones, crafted candles and built houses with blocks. We also explored different needs and wants people had and how they made those choices!

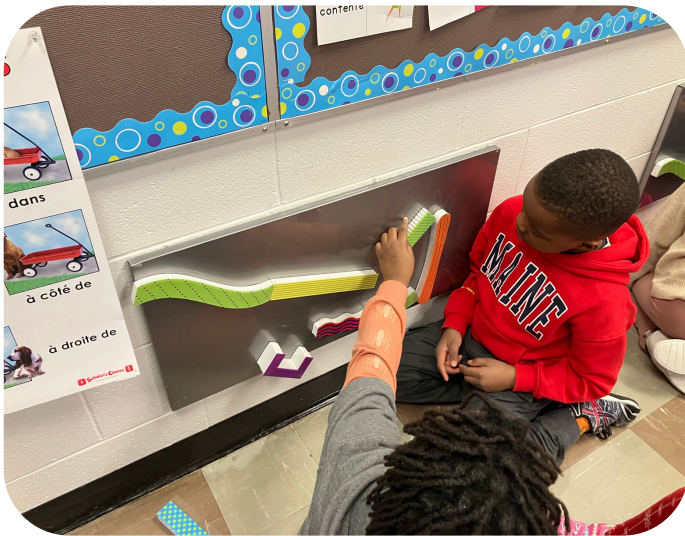


Scientists in school - Grade 1

Grade 1 students participated in a series of activities in which they learned about movement and energy: helicopter, card trick, balancing bird, and ramps and cards.



Marble Runs - Grade 1



Numeracy Learning Centres - Grade 2

At École Holy Cross, we strive to help students learn mathematics in a variety of ways. Learning centres have been created for the unit “Students investigate addition and subtraction within 100.” These activities are designed to support and reinforce the key concepts of the unit.

Students are invited to participate in multi-level activities that meet diverse learning needs. As the photos demonstrate, this year’s Grade 2 students have enjoyed reviewing and practicing these concepts. More learning centres will be introduced at our school in the near future.



Government - Who's in Charge - Grade 2

Grade 2 students learned about how the government helps make big decisions and who is responsible for cleaning up big messes within a city. Students explored the three levels of government - local, provincial, and federal.



Fort Edmonton Park - Grade 3 and 4

Students participated in the “Life in 1846 Beaver House” and “Traplines & Traders” Programs. Students learned about the people and communities in 1846 amiskwaciwâskahikan (Edmonton) and participated in hands-on activities. As well, they had a tour of the Fort to learn the history of the fur trade in Canada and Fort Edmonton’s role in it.



Grade 8/9 Environmental Stewardship

Our 8/9 Environmental Stewardship class recently built Muskrat Boxes for the patients at the WildNorth Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre. These boxes will allow their muskrat patients to be cozy and safe while they await release back into the wild!



Field Trip to EPCOR - Grade 9

Our Grade 9 students visited EPCOR to learn about water treatment processes. They explored how water is filtered, purified, and tested before reaching homes. The experience helped connect classroom learning to real-world applications. It was an engaging and meaningful opportunity that deepened their understanding.



Mathematica Centrum

For the second year at Holy Cross, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Mathematica Centrum assessment.

The testing dates are as follows:

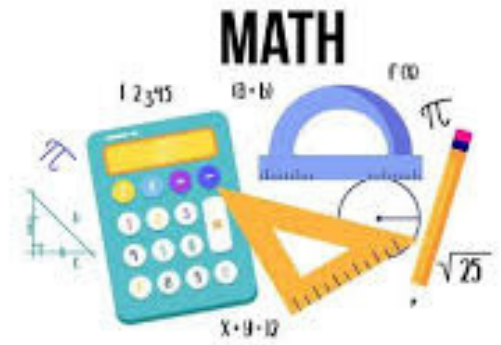
- Elementary Students (Grade 5 & 6): May 13
- Junior High Students: May 14

Through participation in Mathematica Centrum, students will:

- Develop critical thinking and reasoning skills
- Practice and reinforce math concepts learned in class
- Build confidence in their mathematical abilities

All participating students will receive a Certificate of Participation. In addition, students who achieve high results will be awarded certificates recognizing First Level and Second Level performance.

We are excited to continue offering this opportunity to support student growth in mathematics. Thank you for your ongoing support.

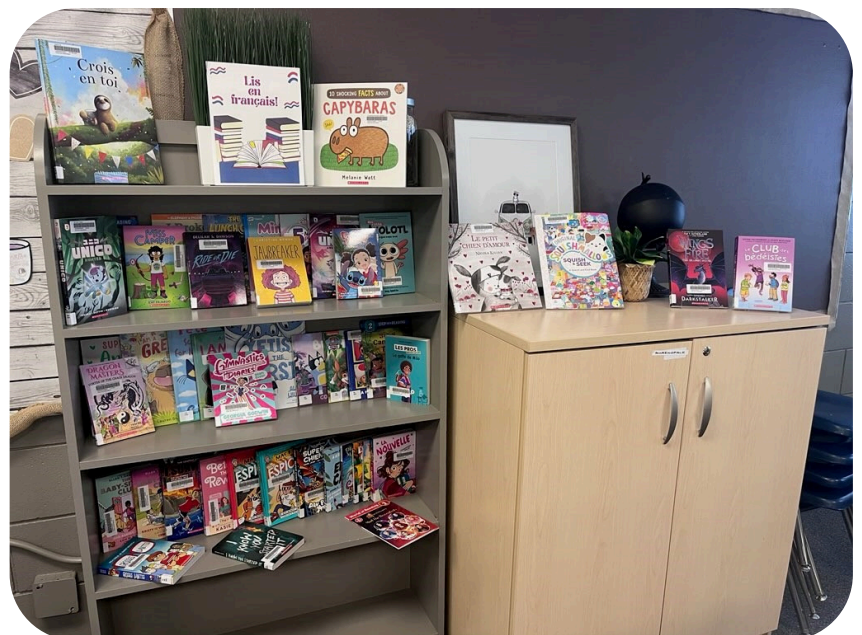


Scholastic Book Fair

Thank You!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a success!

Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated in supporting our school while enhancing home libraries. Happy Reading!



Mental Health Awareness Week - May 4-10, 2026

Mental Health Week in Canada 2026 takes place from May 4–10, 2026, focusing on the theme "Come Together, Canada - Stronger Connections, Better Mental Health". Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), the campaign highlights the importance of social connection to reduce loneliness and improve mental well-being, urging communities to strengthen relationships and community bonds.



Hats on! for Mental Health - May 6, 2026

Hats on! for Mental Health. Wear a special hat to school on May 6, 2026, to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

CanWeTalk.ca

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The Alberta Teachers' Association Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta Global

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Le mercredi 6 mai 2026

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Portez un chapeau pour la santé mentale



Portez un chapeau à l'école pour attirer l'attention sur l'importance d'une bonne santé mentale.

The Alberta Teachers' Association Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta Global

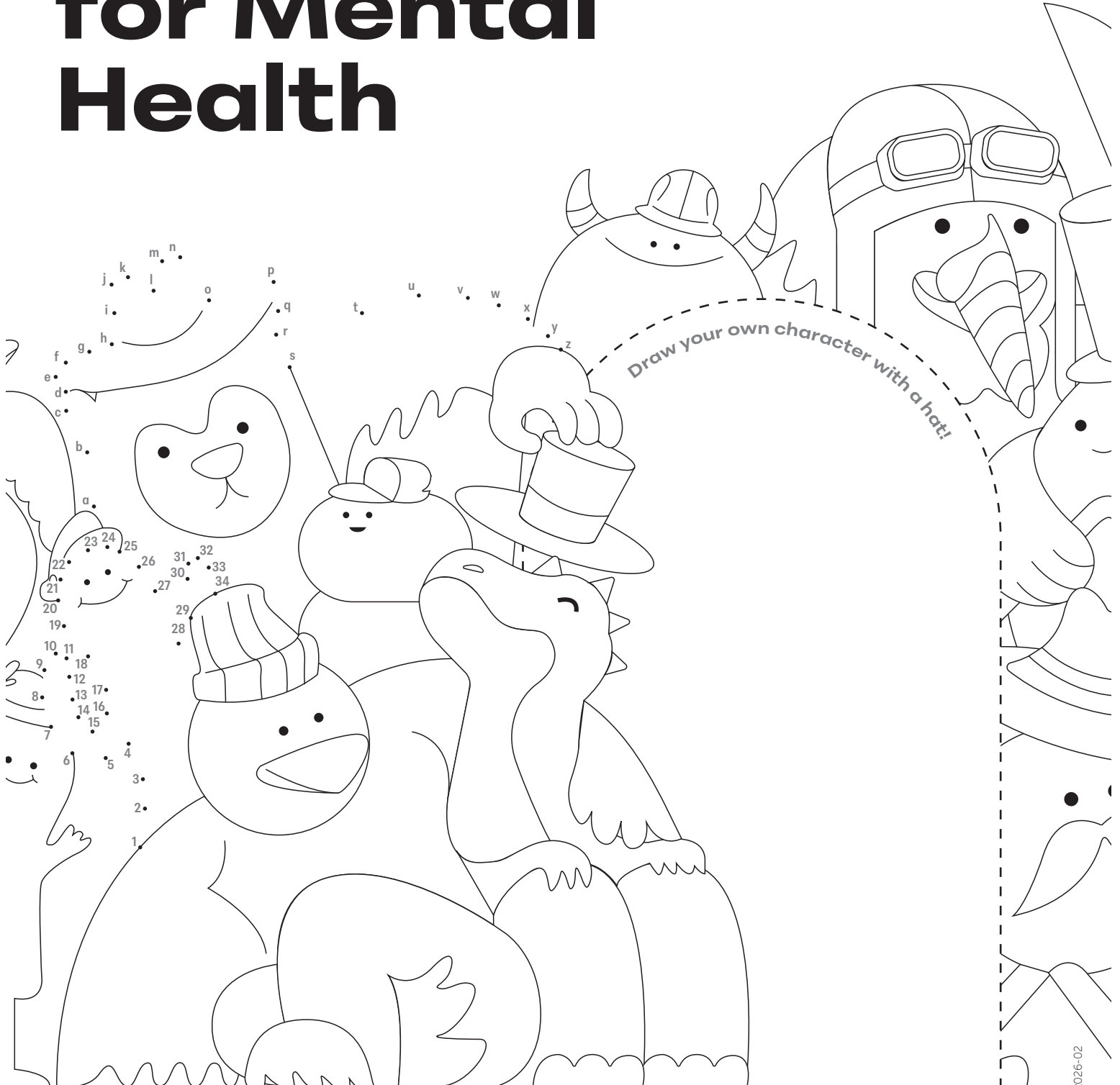
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Hats On! for Mental Health



Connect the dots
and colour the picture!



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Grade 1-3 Clubs - at Recess from 11:40 - 12:00



Lundi **Lecture**

Bibliothèque avec M. Jidiri



Mardi **Outdoor Play Group**

Dehors "Greenshack" avec Mme Laura



Mercredi **Craies de trottoir**

Dehors bancs 1-3 Mme Mongrain et Mme Paige



Vendredi **Jeux de cartes**

Classe #106 avec Mme Gertrude

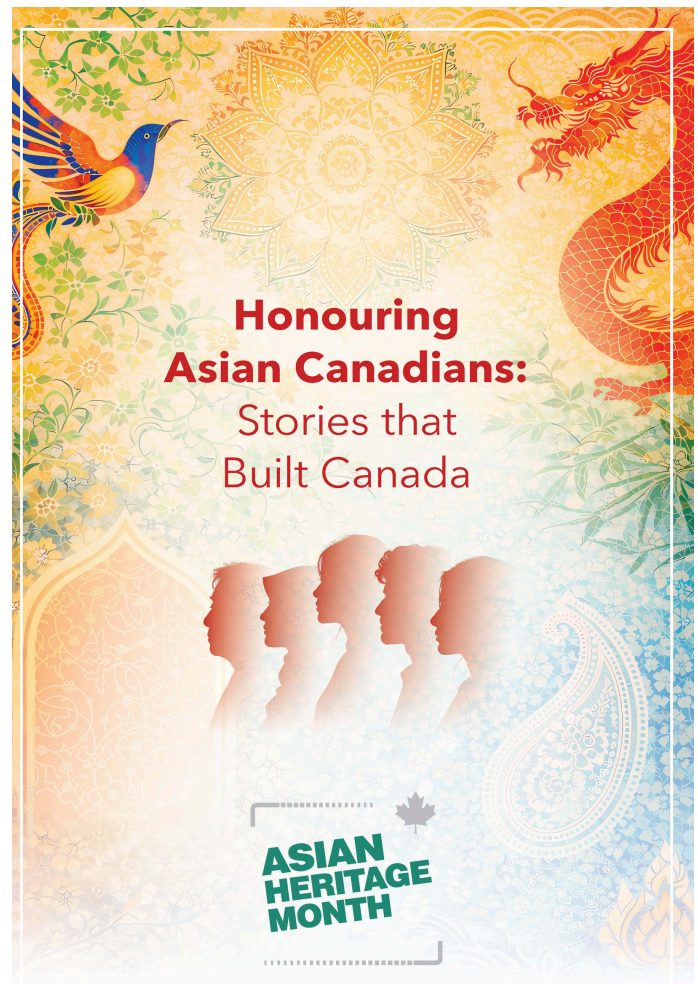


Asian Heritage Month 2026: Honouring Asian Canadians

May is Asian Heritage Month—a time to celebrate the rich cultures, histories, and traditions of Asian communities across Canada. It’s also an opportunity to recognize the many ways people of Asian origin have shaped the country we know today.

This year’s theme, “Honouring Asian Canadians: Stories that Built Canada,” highlights the essential contributions Asian Canadians have made to our social, cultural, and economic life. It acknowledges the individuals, families, and communities whose efforts helped build Canada, often in the face of exclusion and systemic barriers.

By centering lived experiences and community stories, the 2026 theme encourages learning, reflection, and a deeper understanding of the diverse voices that form Canada’s national identity.



Ice Cream with Sosyal Scoops

We are excited to celebrate 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 Sosyal Scoops. On Tuesday, May 12 Sosyal Scoops will serve an ice cream in a cup to all students.



Year End School Activity

Join us for a fun and festive year-end celebration! Holy Cross Parent Council is excited to host a special French cultural event for all students and their families on May 21st in the school gym.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the performance begins at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a lively, family-friendly circus comedy show featuring The Great Balanzo! This talented performer delights audiences in both English and French with juggling, physical comedy, and incredible balancing acts. Best of all, this event is completely free! We hope to see all our Holy Cross families there for an evening of laughter, culture, and community.



If you would like to volunteer for year end event, please visit:

[Year End Event Sign Up Genius](#)

Parent Council and Society Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our May 7th meeting at 6:00pm.



Hot Lunch is Back!! Friday, May 29th will be pizza lunch day!

Order your Personal Pan Pizza from Little Caesar's through the Healthy Hunger program, <https://healthyhunger.ca/>. Follow the instructions below to place your order. School is called "Ecole Holy Cross"

Ordering closes end of day Saturday, May 23



Follow the instructions below to place your order.



PARENTS

FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT". After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.



Volunteers are needed to help distribute the lunch to each classroom. If you are able to volunteer from 11 - 12:30 on Friday, May 29th please indicate this when you place your child's order on the Healthy Hunger website.

HOW IT WORKS

Create an account



STEP 1.
Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create Your account.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

Add Student



STEP 2.
Login, and add your children to the account.

ADD STUDENT

View upcoming fun lunches



STEP 3.
View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.

ORDER NOW

Place your orders and make payment online



STEP 4.
Place your orders and make payment Online.

PAY NOW



Healthy Hunger Inc.
 1935 27 Ave NE, Suite 107, Calgary, AB, T2E 7E4
support@healthyhunger.com www.healthyhunger.ca

For questions or concerns, please reach out to Heather Muranyi at heathermuranyi@gmail.com or holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Prairies Grade 1-3 visit to Holy Cross for a presentation by l'Unithéâtre of PETITE ONDINE - May 26, 2026

At the bottom of the ocean, Petite Ondine, daughter of the King of the Sea, feels like a stranger among her own kind. She dreams of another life, on land. But can a mermaid find her place among humans?

Interwoven with songs of Nina Simone, Petite Ondine is a new object theatre production by the Kleine Cie in collaboration with Théâtre La Seizième, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid. In cabaret form, the use of video reveals to the audience the work on miniature objects and materials that is created directly on stage, underlining the poetry and the fragility of this world underwater.



The Power Full Kids - Eat Well Program

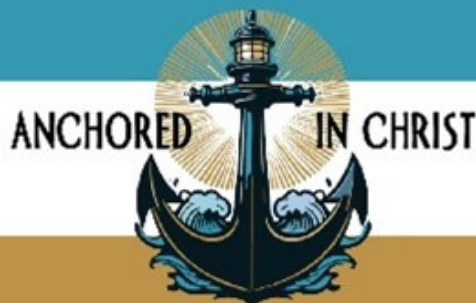
The Power Full Kids | Eat Well program is a national initiative by President's Choice Children's Charity designed to remove hunger as a barrier to learning in Canadian schools. With the grant from the President's Choice Children's Charity we can provide universal food support to all students at École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



Catholic Education Week is May 9-15, 2026

World Catholic Education Day Thursday, May 14th, 2026

Celebrated 40 days after Easter on the Feast of the Ascension, World Catholic Education Day honours the gift and global reach of Catholic education.



Wear Blue for Catholic Education

School communities are encouraged to wear blue, a colour that symbolizes piety and sincerity. Blue is also traditionally associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is especially honoured throughout May.

By wearing blue, we recognize and celebrate the vital role publicly funded Catholic schools play in shaping both education and faith across Alberta and Canada. Let's come together to visibly show our support and pride in Catholic education!

Catholic Education Week 2026 Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Let your light shine in our Catholic schools.
Let your grace rain down,
bringing hope to each person we encounter,
wisdom to our teachers and leaders,
and strength in times of trial.
Protect us from harm.
Let the children come to You,
for the kingdom of God is theirs.
St. Thomas Aquinas,
patron saint of Catholic schools,
pray for us.
Amen.





ÉCOLE HOLY CROSS PRESENTS THEIR

2026

**JUNIOR HIGH
CONCERT**



THURSDAY MAY 28th 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
LARGE GYMNASIUM

FEATURING INSTRUMENTAL DUETS TO
QUARTETS, THE JUNIOR CONCERT BAND, THE
SENIOR CONCERT BAND, AND THE JAZZ BAND.

**ADMISSION THROUGH
DONATION TO THE BAND 8 & 9
CAMP CAROLINE FUND**

15120 104 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5P 0R5
(780) 489-1981

DOORS OPEN
AT 5:45 PM

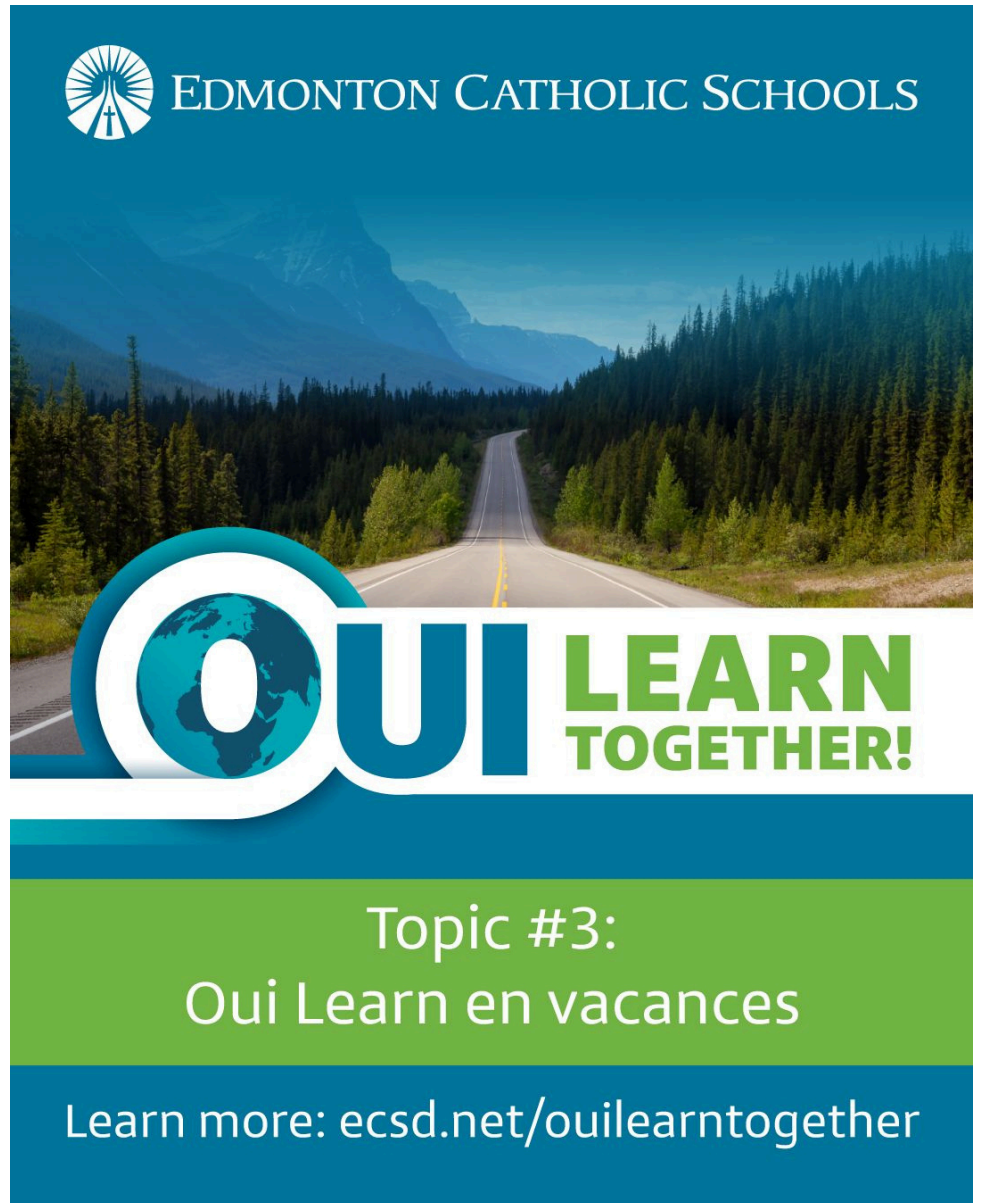





Summer break is a great time for French Immersion students to continue using their language skills in fun, low-pressure ways.

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.



 EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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 Dr. Sarah Novosel-Ulbrich, and I am delighted to be returning to École Holy Cross School as an additional Assistant Principal.

Having previously taught here, it is a true privilege to come back in a new role and rejoin such a dedicated, inspiring team.

My background is in Languages & Literacy, and I am passionate about supporting student learning and strengthening partnerships with staff and families. Outside of school, I enjoy snowboarding, baking, and keeping up with my two energetic young daughters.

I am genuinely excited to reconnect and contribute to the continued success, energy, and spirit of École Holy Cross School.



Bonjour! Je m'appelle Mme Meghan Fausto. I am excited to start my teaching career at École Holy Cross in May. I was born and raised in Vancouver, BC before moving to Edmonton to pursue my Bachelor of Arts in French and Sociology and Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education. I am passionate about French Immersion as a graduate of the program myself. Outside of teaching, I play the alto saxophone and I love retro video games.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone and being a part of the Holy Cross community!



Holy Cross Criteria for Junior High Honors

The criteria to earn an academic award in Junior High are the following: To receive Honours, Junior High students must obtain a minimum average of 80% using all five core courses and Religion. All course marks prior to final exams must be a minimum of 65%.

To receive Principal Honours, Junior High students must obtain a minimum average of 90% using all five core courses and Religion. All course marks prior to final exams must be a minimum of 65%.

An awards celebration will be held in June of this academic 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 your 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

Holy Cross Apparel



There are many advantages to ordering through Entripy:

- Free shipping on orders over \$75
- Direct shipping to your address
- Online payment
- It's quick, easy, and hassle free!

[Holy Cross Entripy Shop](#)

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Instagram

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



May 2026

FINAL Exam Schedule

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June 2026

FINAL Exam Schedule

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IMPORTANT DATES



Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Class Picture Day
Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 18, 2026	Victoria Day Weekend
Monday, May 25, 2026	Holy Cross School PD Day
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	Grade 6 and Grade 9 Immunization Round 3
Thursday, June 4, 2026	Grade 9 Farewell
Friday, June 5, 2026	Junior High Awards / Dance

Chief Superintendent's Office - Message



ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



First Day of Operation
August 28, 2025
 First Day of Instruction
September 2, 2025
 Last Day of Instruction
June 23, 2026
 Last Day of Operation
June 24, 2026

July 2025							August 2025							September 2025						
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Labour Day	Sept 1
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13
Remembrance Day/Fall Brk	Nov 10-12
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22 to Jan 2
Family Day	Feb 16
Faith Development Day/PD	Feb 25
Teachers' Convention	Feb 26-27
Spring Break	Mar 30 to Apr 6
Good Friday	Apr 3
Easter Monday	Apr 6
Victoria Day Weekend	May 15-18

MONTH	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	2	0
September	20	20
October	22	22
November	17	17
December	15	15
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	20	20
April	18	18
May	19	19
June	18	17
Total	190	184

- Non-instructional day
- Non-operational day
- Cancellation of early dismissal
- Early dismissal
- Statutory Holiday - Office/School Closed
- Named Holiday - Office/School Closed