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Welcome Back / Bon retour 2025

We would like to welcome everyone back to the start of a new school year. As we begin to transition our lives back into routines we embrace the opportunity upon us with a hope that each member of our community has grown spiritually, academically, and physically.



Throughout this year, we hope that all parents will find opportunities to share their gifts and talents in assisting our teachers with several activities both in and out of the classrooms. You are your children's teacher and with your support, our goal is to provide your children with the best possible educational experience.

At École Holy Cross, we aspire to have our students succeed in every aspect of their learning. We continue to set our minds on Christ; for it is in Christ that we find our hope, our peace, and our joy in times of trouble, faith gives us hope. We prepare our students for achieving their own successes in school and beyond. Holy Cross students will continually examine the impact their learning and actions have on themselves, others, and the world.

Looking forward to an excellent school year!

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 6A, Grade 6A

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

Teachers Kindergarten to Grade 6

Kindergarten/Chaplain	Mme Sarah van't Veld
Grade 1A -	Mme Nicole Mongrain
Grade 1B -	Mme Paige Leslie
Grade 2A -	Mme Catherine Cloran
Grade 2B -	Mme Rachel Eidleman
Grade 3A -	Mme Emilie Djieuma
Grade 3/4A -	Mme Jeannette Ngameni
Grade 4A -	Mme Carole Comlan
Grade 5A -	Mme Marilena Shipka
Grade 5/6A -	Mme Gaëlle Cheguem Wafo
Grade 6A -	Mme Brendilynn Mantey-Annor

Teachers Grade 7 to Grade 9

Grade 7A -	Mme Kelsey Hefford
Grade 7B -	Mme Nathalie Amyotte et Mme Sandra Perrin
Grade 8A -	Mme Melinda Moscaluk
Grade 8B -	M. Ambroise Gnoan
Grade 9A/B -	Mme Alix Nibogora
Junior High - Math	Mme Sally Saliba
Music All Grades -	Mme Vanessa Pastor

Support Staff

Educational Assistant -	Mme Lindsay Myhre
Educational Assistant -	Mme Layal Khorfane
Educational Assistant -	Mme Claudine Nyirabihogo
FLSW -	Mme Laura Naccarato

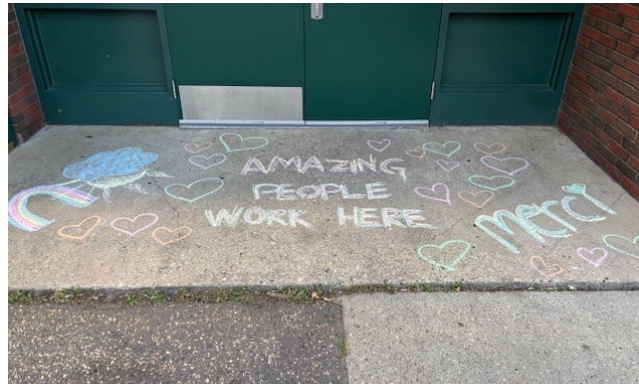
Administrative Staff

Principal -	Mme Marlene Forest-Wallace
Assistant Principal -	Mme Brigitte Levasseur
Administrative Assistants -	Mme Natalie Walsh, Mme Michelle Hartt
Custodial Staff -	M. Tesfaye Hunde
	M. Nomer Tadeo
	M. Jeson Barroa

Welcome Back!

Thanks from the students and staff at Holy Cross.

Each year, on the first day of school, we come together as a community of staff and students. We are greeted again by the most considerate, sweet, and lovely sidewalk chalk drawings. We appreciate the lovely and uplifting messages as we start a new school year. Merci to the Fedoruk Family.



Welcome new staff



My name is Laura Naccarato and I am a dedicated Family School Liaison Worker and Registered Social Worker who is passionate about supporting students and families. As a mother of two, I try to balance my professional life with a love for staying active and spending time with my children—enjoying soccer, biking, swimming, and walking. I'm always eager to offer a helping hand, and I'm committed to making a positive impact within the Holy Cross community.

Remember to Bring your Water Bottle

It is important that students bring a water bottle from home, pre-filled, that they can refill throughout the day. In addition to the regular water fountains, there are 3 water bottle filling fountains. **NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE.**



Lunch Routines

Students should bring their own cutlery as plastic cutlery is no longer available at the school. During lunch, the younger grades are supervised by teachers, and student monitors!



Birthday Treats

This school year we will continue to recognize and celebrate each student's birthday through fun and engaging classroom activities. We kindly ask that families not bring treats for the class to celebrate birthdays. Please come to the office for your birthday pencil.



Allergies

Please alert your child's teacher as well as the office staff if your child suffers from severe allergies. Parents of children with severe allergies must have a completed medical form on file. Forms are available at the office and must be redone every year. We ask that all students refrain from sharing lunch or snacks with others. Please do not send nuts or nut products with your child(ren). Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. A reminder as well that all students who require an epi-pen or apuffer must wear it on their person at all times. Please take the time to discuss this with your child. It is important to us that all our students are safe.



Edmonton Catholic Schools

Some of our students and staff have sensitivities to various chemical-based or scented products.



Your cooperation is appreciated as we work together to accommodate these health concerns.

Thank you!



Lockers

All Junior High students were provided their own lockers and locks. If a lock is lost, there will be \$5 replacement fee. Students must use a school lock.



Recess and Playground Equipment

- Playground equipment is not permitted before or after school
- Supervisors will be outside before and after school to ensure students arrive and depart from school safely
- Recess and lunch recess will continue to be outside



Transportation Information

All new bus riders and families should read [Student Transportation Manual](#), essential safety and transportation information. Bussing schedule can be found in your parent portal under the Transportation tab. Bus fees can be paid online via your parent portal.

2025-2026 Transportation Forms can be found here:

[Transportation Application](#)

[Change of address](#)

[Cancellation](#)

Bus delays longer than 10 minutes, check the BusPlanner Delay App (please allow for bus delays during the first couple weeks as students and drivers get accustomed to their route), Bus delay board:

[Bus Planner Delay](#)

Transportation Services – Bus Delay Notifications

Instructions on how to download the bus delay app can be found here:

[Yellow Bus Delays](#)

For any questions regarding transportation please contact 780-441-6078.

After School Programs

École Holy Cross is proud to continue after school programming with FRAP for the 2025-2026 school year. Program start will be in October, more information to follow.



FRAP
FRANCOPHONIE
ALBERTAINE
PLURIELLE

For Community Clubs and Mentoring Programs with BGC Bigs - Big Brothers Big Sisters, please visit:



BGCBigs.ca
Edmonton & Area

Staff Parking Lot - Staff Member Parking Only

We ask parents for your co-operation to please not park in the staff parking lot before school nor after school. In addition, the staff lot is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students. Children are continually in this area before, after and during school hours and driving in the back parking lot area presents a significant risk to the children's safety. Please do not walk through this area on your way to or from school. Please use the sidewalk where you will be safe. Staff enter and leave the parking lot at all hours of the day, so this area needs to be clear of pedestrians at all times.



Please be respectful to our neighbors by not blocking their driveways

School Bus Zones Student Safety

Parking in school bus zones is illegal and presents a serious safety hazard. Such parking forces a bus to double park when loading or unloading students. Parking in school bus zones creates a highly unsafe situation for students. Unauthorized vehicles will be ticketed.



Crosswalks



Always use crosswalks and pedestrian-activated signals when they're available. It's safer to cross at marked crosswalks or controlled intersections whenever possible. Pedestrians have the right of way in a crosswalk unless a peace officer or traffic control device directs otherwise. This means that even if the crosswalk is unmarked, vehicles must stop and yield to pedestrians. A pedestrian crossing a roadway outside a crosswalk must yield the right of way to vehicles.

School Fees - online payments

School Fees can be paid online via your parent portal. School fees can be paid starting **September 15**. Buss Fees can be paid immediately.

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](#)

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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Follow us at [@holycrosseccsd](#) to stay up to date with our school's programs, events and all other fun stuff our students are doing!

Important Dates

Tuesday, Sept 16	School Opening Mass at St. John The Evangelist
Tuesday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day - No School
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving - No School
Thursday, October 16	Holy Cross School PD Day
Monday, November 10 to Wednesday November 12	Remembrance Day / Fall Break

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

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

Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

September 2025



Recovery Alberta is proud to offer **FREE** online programming to caregivers of school-age children and youth as well as adults in the community who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Building Executive Functioning Skills *Supporting Success in Learning*

For parents and caregivers of children in grades K-6

Part 1:

Monday, September 15
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:

Monday, September 22
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Adult Education Sessions

Stepping Out, Staying Grounded *Supporting Mental Wellness in Higher Education*

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of others

Tuesday, September 16
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Participant Feedback

“The session provided a good overview of strategies and provided good info. Thanks for running this!”

“The speakers were very knowledgeable and gave lots of information.”



Professional Practice & Education Services
Edmonton

For more information, visit www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Caregiver Education Sessions

September 2025



These free sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, and community members with information regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. When topics are presented as a series, participants can attend one or all sessions.

Building Executive Functioning Skills Supporting Success in Learning

In these Lunch & Learn webinars, we will review and discuss ways to support the development of your child's executive skills such as working memory, inhibition, and mental flexibility.

Part 1: The Impact of Executive Functioning

In this session, we will look at what executive functions are, their importance in our daily lives, and how executive skill difficulties may impact our children.

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of children in grades K-6; for adults only.

Part 2: Supporting Executive Functioning Development

In this session, we will focus on three foundational executive functions and strategies for supporting our children as they grow in their skills.

Date: Monday, September 22, 2025

12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of children in grades K-6; for adults only.

Registration:

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To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Participant Feedback:

"This presentation was loaded with invaluable information and resources! Thank you for helping parents and kids!"

"I can definitely apply this to my own children and classroom. Hope to be a part of more of these!"

"Helpful, realistic advice and suggestions. Thank you!"

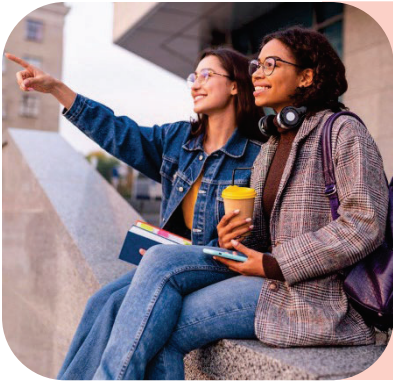


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Adult Education Sessions

September 2025



These free adult sessions are intended to provide community members with information and strategies regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect us all.

Stepping Out, Staying Grounded

Supporting Mental Wellness in Higher Education

In this one-hour webinar, we will explore mental health challenges young adults face as they transition into post-secondary education and take on more independent roles. We'll discuss common stressors such as academic pressures, relationships, and financial strain and provide resources and tips to help.

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Participant Feedback:

"Content, delivery, and duration were all 'just right!'"

"The information was very good and clear to understand."

"Thank you! So grateful for all the resources!"



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