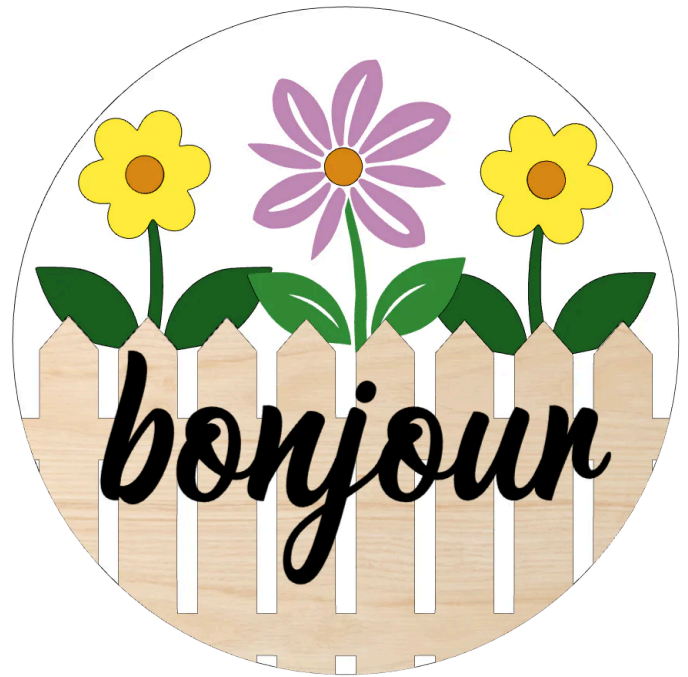


Hello students, parents, and staff!

April is here and we delight in the warmer weather and longer days that Spring brings.

Welcome to April and Happy Easter to all of our École Holy Cross families! Celebrating the Risen Jesus is the most important thing we do as Christians. Spring is a time of renewal and a general lifting of spirits while we wait for the longer, warmer days to arrive!

The Easter season is filled with hope, joy and new life. We get to Easter joy only through reflecting on Christ's suffering and death. Through Christ's death, He delivered us from sin and through His resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life. As we rejoice together, we ask God for His grace in our hearts and in our lives.



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 56A, Grade 6A

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

# Celebrating Success at Holy Cross



Congratualtions-Félicitations !

Maxence - grade 7B  
Gold - Hockey City Championship  
Silver - Soccer Provincials

Joelle - grade 9B  
Silver - Soccer Provincials



Congratulations-Félicitations!

Rachel and Eva who won Gold  
with ECSD's Junior All-City Band!!




# ECSD ART WALK

## Lumen Christi Catholic Educations Center

### April 26, 2026, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Please join us in celebrating our École Holy Cross Artists:

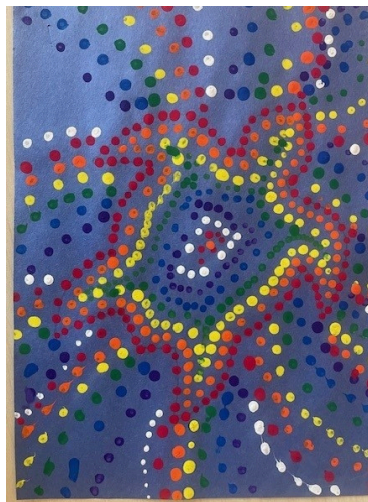
Cardinal by Savio - Grade 2  
Three Wise Men by Alexa - Grade 5  
Turtle by Alexandra - Grade 2  
Fox - Connor - Grade 2



ECSD  
ART WALK

LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
CENTRE  
APRIL 26, 2026  
1:00PM-4:00PM

The graphic features a blue vertical bar on the left with the text 'ECSD ART WALK'. To the right are four square panels of abstract art: top-left is orange and purple; top-right is blue and white brushstrokes; bottom-left is colorful geometric shapes; bottom-right is a colorful abstract composition.



## Watch the weather with Holy Cross

Our own weather star of the day Holy Cross grade 5 student, Teejay, was the weather forecaster on CTV Your Morning Edmonton.



## Student Council Food Collection

Thank You to  
École Holy Cross!

A huge thank you to the students, staff and families at École Holy Cross for their very successful food drive for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP), St. John/Holy Spirit conference.

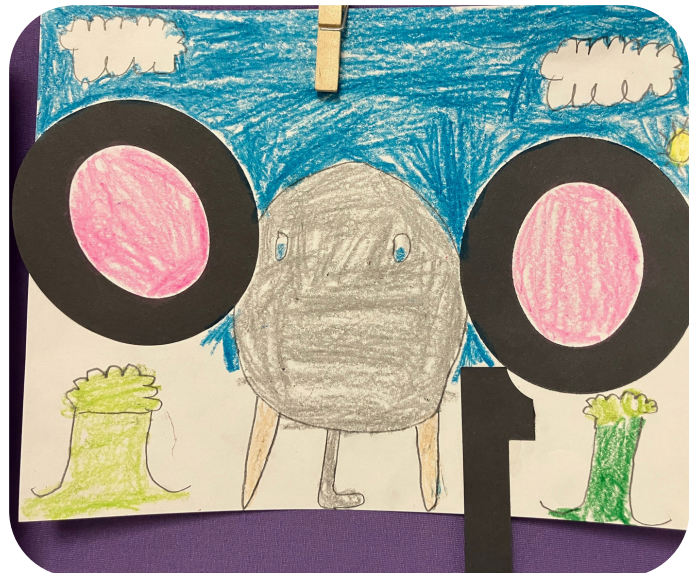
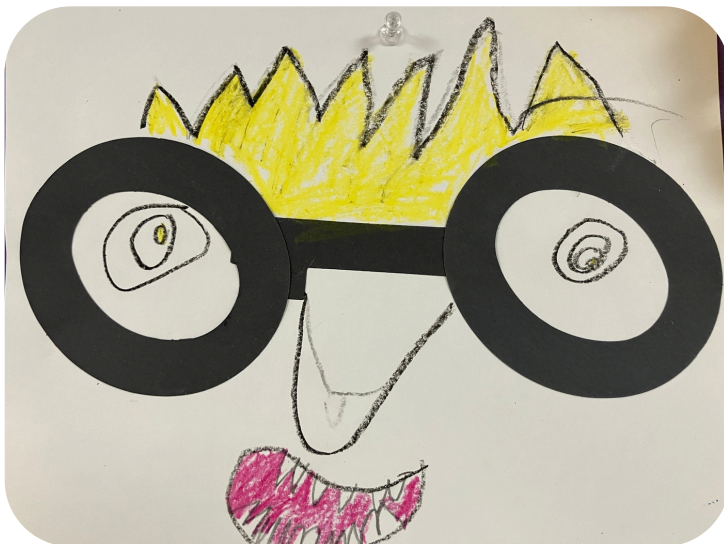
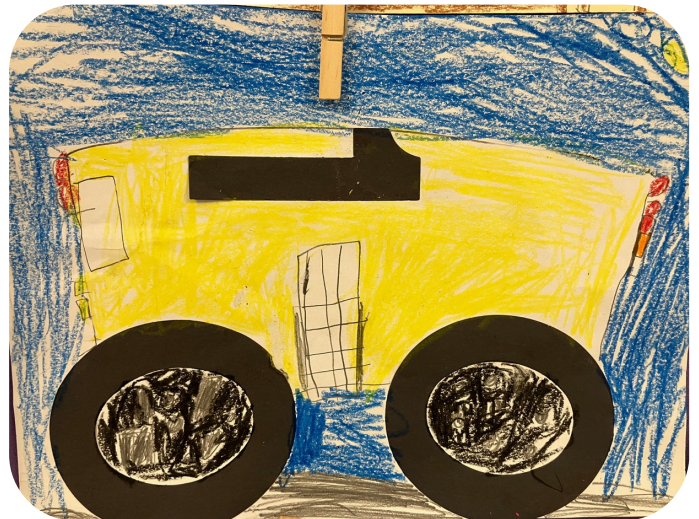
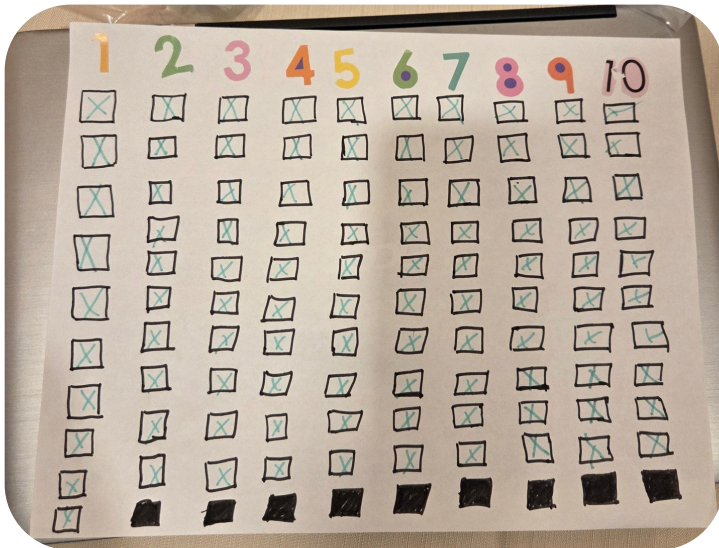


The collection of much-needed food items was coordinated by the École Holy Cross Student Council and their teacher, Alix Nibogora (shown in the photo along with students and three members of the SSVP).

The school's generosity will help us provide food hampers, including school snacks, to many struggling families in this community. Our sincere gratitude to all!

# 100 Day School - Grade 1

Our Grade 1 students celebrated 100 days of school.



## March is the National Month of La Francophonie

Every March, in Canada and in many countries, we celebrate the Month of La Francophonie. This is an opportunity to highlight the richness and vibrancy of the French language, as well as the contributions of Francophones to our cultural heritage and collective identity.



## Grade 1 - Visit to John Janzen Centre

Grade 1 students participated in the “Explore the Season” educational program at the John Janzen Centre. The Explore the Seasons program is designed to show how animals and plants adapt to Edmonton's unique environment throughout the year.

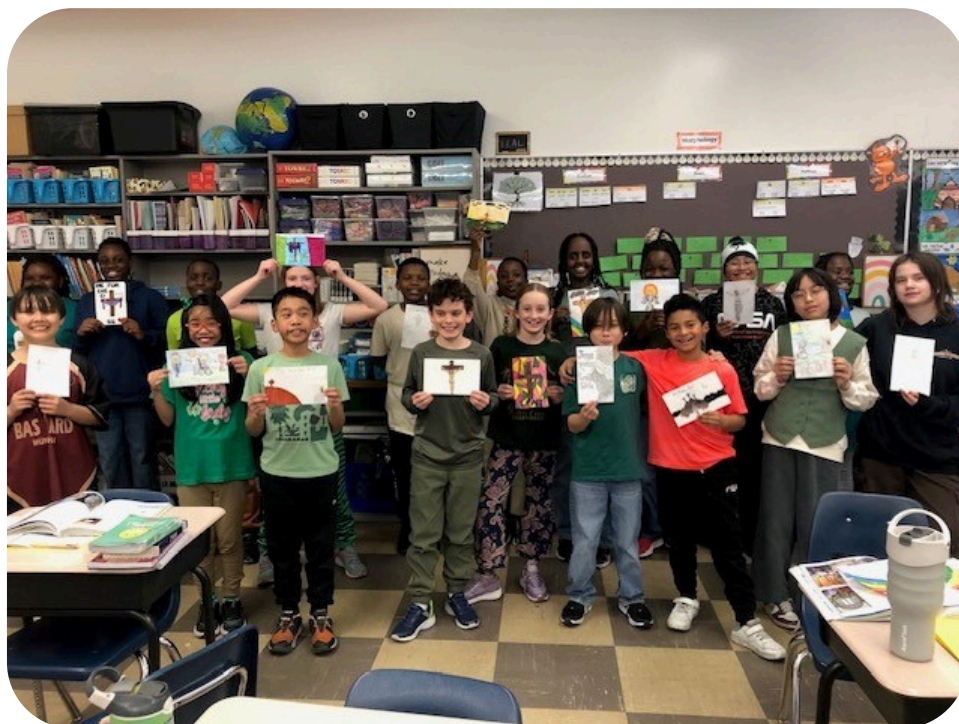


## Edmonton Elks x CMHA Kickoff to Mental Health presentation.

In March 2026, the Edmonton Elks partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to launch the "Kickoff to Mental Health" initiative. Elks players visited Holy Cross to lead conversations with students regarding mental wellness, break down stigma, and promote healthy coping strategies.



## Holy Cross and Our Lady of the Prairies Lent Exchange



## Telus World of Science - Grade 3 and Grade 4

Students in Grade 3 and Grade 4 participated in the Legends of the Northern Sky Program. Legends of the Northern Sky is an immersive planetarium show at the TELUS World of Science – Edmonton that explores Indigenous astronomy and storytelling. Shown in the world-class Zeidler Dome. The show blends Western science with traditional Indigenous "Ways of Knowing" to provide a unique perspective on the night sky.



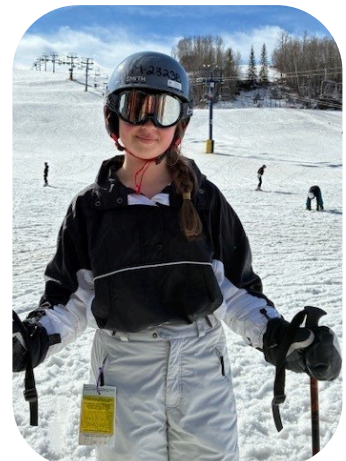
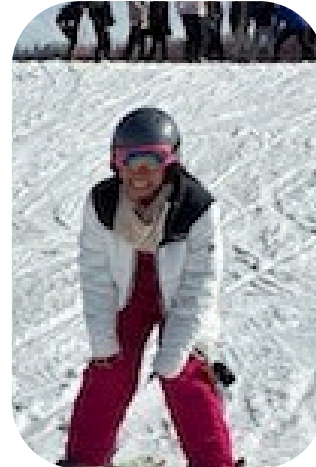
## Telus World of Science - Grade 5 and Grade 6

Students in Grade 5 and Grade 6 participated in the Infinity Express Program. Infinity Express takes the audience on an exciting journey of discovery, from the exploration of our solar system to the mapping of the universe.



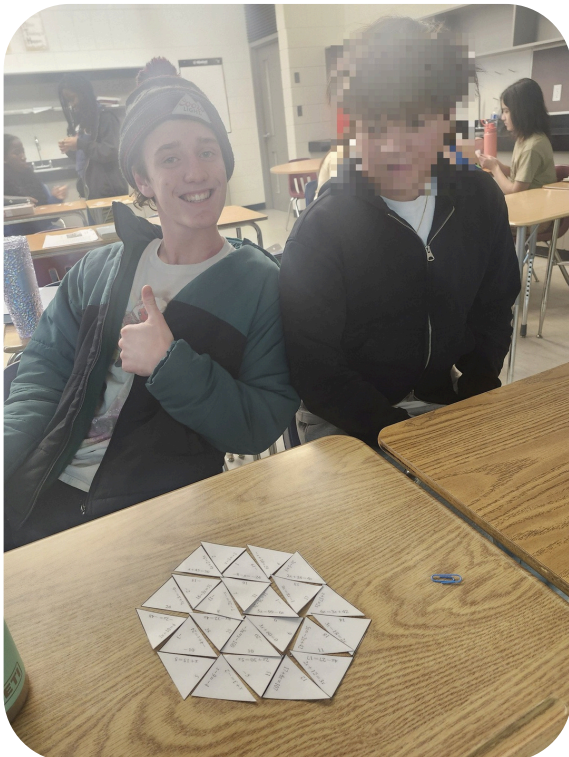
## Rabbit Hill Ski Trip - Grade 9

Rabbit Hill's Snow Education program has been a favourite among school groups. They provide a fun and educational experience for students, combining the thrill of skiing and snowboarding with opportunities to build confidence and foster a love for winter sports.



# Math Games - Grade 9

Grade 9 students enjoyed completing their math puzzle to practice solving linear equations.



# Parent Council and Society Updates

## Shrove Tuesday

Thank you so much to all parent volunteers, students and staff for a wonderful feast on Shrove Tuesday. As St. Mother Teresa so beautifully shared "We give our hands to serve and our hearts to love."



## Holy Cross Lenten Hampers

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to the Lenten Hamper campaign. Your donations are greatly appreciated. On behalf of hamper recipients and Parent Council, thank you for your generosity.



## Parent Council and Society Meeting

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



Parent Council

## Holy Cross Easter Mass

Our Easter Mass will take place on Wednesday, April 15 at 9:15am at the Holy Cross School in the big gym. Fr Dean will preside over our mass, and there will be Communion. Parents are welcome.



## Elementary Spring Concert 2026

On Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, our school hosted our 2026 Elementary Music Concert. Thank You to our generous Holy Cross Community, \$646.25 was collected for donation to the Edmonton Catholic School Foundation 2026 Dream for Kids Campaign.



## Father Michael Mireau Day

For Father Michael Mireau Day this year, our Grade 8 students gathered together with other schools from across ECSD for a half-day experience that included a Eucharistic Celebration and a presentation by internationally acclaimed Catholic youth speaker, Jesse Manibusan. His message encourages students to view their faith as active, joyful, and lived out every day.

This year's theme, Serve Like a Superhero, continues Father Michael Mireau's legacy of inspiring students to recognize their gifts as God given strengths. The theme invites students to consider their talents as their "superpowers" and to use them in service to others. Examples of serving like a superhero include , but are not limited to: offering kindness, including a classmate who feels left out, and standing up for someone who needs support. These everyday actions remind students that leadership and love are lived through simple, meaningful choices.



## Our Lady of the Prairies Grade 4-6 visit to Holy Cross for Folklofolie

Folklofolie is an energetic French-Canadian musical duo featuring André Varin (guitar, vocals) and Marie-Claude Gagnon (violin, piano). Formed in 2014, they are known for their lively, interactive performances that blend traditional folklore with Celtic, country, and jazz influences. Students enjoyed activities beforehand.





## Welcome/Bienvenue

Helping your child succeed in French Immersion starts at home, and you're not alone. At Edmonton Catholic Schools, we believe every child can succeed in French Immersion, and every family can play a meaningful role in that success. That's why we created Oui Learn Together, a new online resource hub designed just for French Immersion families. This space is built around one simple idea, you don't need to speak French to support your child's learning. What matters most is your encouragement, your curiosity, and your belief in your child's potential.

### What You'll Find Here

- Practical tips for supporting language development at home
- Engaging videos that show real strategies in action
- Activities and ideas that fit into everyday routines
- Seasonal topics, released four times a year, curated by ECSD's French Immersion consultants

Each resource is designed to be simple, supportive, and easy to use, whether you're helping with homework, reading together, or finding fun ways to use French beyond the classroom.

## Partner with your Child's Teacher

Your child's teacher is an important partner in their French Immersion learning. If you notice areas where your child might need extra support or simply want guidance on how to help at home, don't hesitate to reach out.

Having regular conversations with your child's teacher helps:

- Identify learning strengths and areas for growth
- Share strategies that work best at home
- Ensure your child receives consistent support both at school and at home

Remember, you and your child's teacher are a team, working together can make a big difference in your child's confidence and success in French Immersion.





## 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](#)

FOLLOW US ON



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!

## Remember to Bring your Water Bottle

It is important that students bring a water bottle from home, prefilled, 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 a puffer 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!*



## IMPORTANT DATES

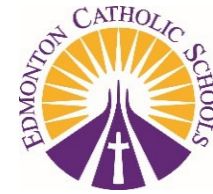


Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Class Picture Day
Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 18, 2026	Victoria Day Weekend
Monday, May 25, 2026	Holy Cross School PD Day
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	Grade 6 and Grade 9 Immunization Round 3
Thursday, June 4, 2026	Grade 9 Farewell
Friday, June 5, 2026	Junior High Awards / Dance

## 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**

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>184</b>

- 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

March / April 2026



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.

## March Education Sessions

### Understanding Anxiety Series

For adults supporting their own wellness or supporting the wellness of children and teens.

**Part 1:**  
**An Introduction**  
Monday, March 2  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 2:**  
**Calming Our Bodies**  
Monday, March 9  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 3:**  
**Settling Our Minds**  
Monday, March 16  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 4:**  
**Overcoming Avoidance**  
Monday, March 23  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

## March Education Sessions

### Collaborative Problem Solving

For parents and caregivers of children and youth in grades K-12

**Part 1:**  
Tuesday, March 24  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 2:**  
Tuesday, March 31  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

## April Education Sessions

### More than Just a Bad Day *Understanding Depression*

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Tuesday, April 7  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

## April Education Sessions

### Understanding Autism

For parents and caregivers of children in grades K-12

**Part 1:**  
Tuesday, April 14  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Part 2:**  
Tuesday, April 21  
12:00 – 1:00 pm



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# April Education Sessions



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

## More than Just a Bad Day Understanding Depression

In this session, we will discuss what mental health is, the difference between sadness and depression, and common signs and symptoms of depression. Treatment options and supportive strategies for coping and support will be shared.

**Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

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### Registration:

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

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### Participant Feedback

“I learned many interesting facts - thank you!”

“I am grateful for these sessions. They are short and insightful.”



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## Understanding Autism

In this introduction to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), participants will learn how ASD may affect the way children and adolescents interpret and interact with the rest of the world and the people in it. Once we understand the core characteristics of ASD, we will then discuss strategies to support our child's wellness.

### Part 1: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For parents and caregivers of children and youth grades K-12; for adults only.

### Part 2: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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