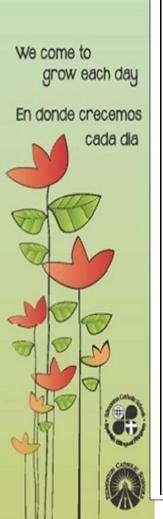


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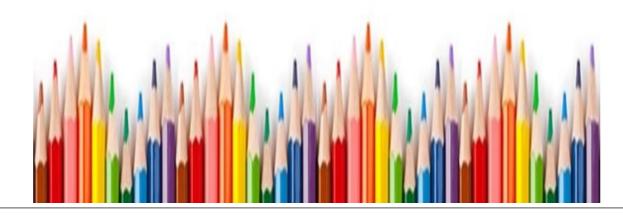


# Back-To-School Prayer

Dear God,

Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

In your name we pray!



# WELCOME BACK!!

#### BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022

First Bell: 8:10am

First Recess: 10:15am-10:30am

**Lunch**: 11:59am-12:20pm

Lunch Recess: 12:20pm-12:40pm

Dismissal: 2:50pm

Thursday Dismissal: 11:30am

#### **MORNING KINDERGARTEN 2021-2022**

Start Time: 8:10 am Dismissal: 11:15am

#### AFTERNOON KINDERGARTEN 2021-2022

Start Time: 11:45am Dismissal: 2:50pm

### **POWERSCHOOL**

Parents, please ensure that you have set up your Parent PowerSchool account. This is where you can see your child's Report Card, bussing and pay for any fees. Just a reminder that all fees are paid through this account.

# **STAFF LIST 2021-2022**

Señora Zelada-Principal
Ms. Coulombe-Assistant Principal/6A&C
Mrs. McEachern-Admin. Assistant
Mrs. MacArthur-Admin. Assistant
Ms. Bodnar-KA Teacher
Señorita Hoeppner-KC/D Teacher
Mrs. Fernandes-Wood-1A Teacher
Señora Grieder -1C Teacher
Señorita Jesus-1D Teacher
Mrs. Williams-2A Teacher
Señora Gutierrez-2C/D Teacher
Ms. Luchak-3A Teacher

Señor Ramirez Pedraza-3C/3D & 2C/D Teacher Señorita Ascasibar-3C/3D Teacher Mrs. Kowalchuk-4A Teacher Señora Rubio-4D Teacher Mrs. Dawson-5A Teacher Señora Campanaro-5C Teacher Mrs. Hubble-6A Teacher Señor Rivas-6C Teacher Mrs. MacGregor-Music Teacher Mrs. Fidyk-Learning Coach/2C&D Teacher Ms. Frederickson-TABT Mrs. Walton(6A)-TABT Mrs. Bodnar-Educational Assistant KA Mrs. Lovato- Educational Assistant KC Ms. Malko-Monterrosa- Educational Assistant Ms. Rossi-Educational Assistant Mrs. Chizen-Educational Assistant Mr. Kim- Educational Assistant Señora Hernandez De Herrera-Educational Assistant Señora Cristancho- Educational Assistant Mr. Gus Haddad-Custodian Mr. Johnny Primero-Custodian

## SCHOOL BUS

Edmonton Catholic Schools contracts several bus carriers to provide service to over 9,500 students every school day. Our contracted carriers endeavour to provide dependable services to our Division each year.

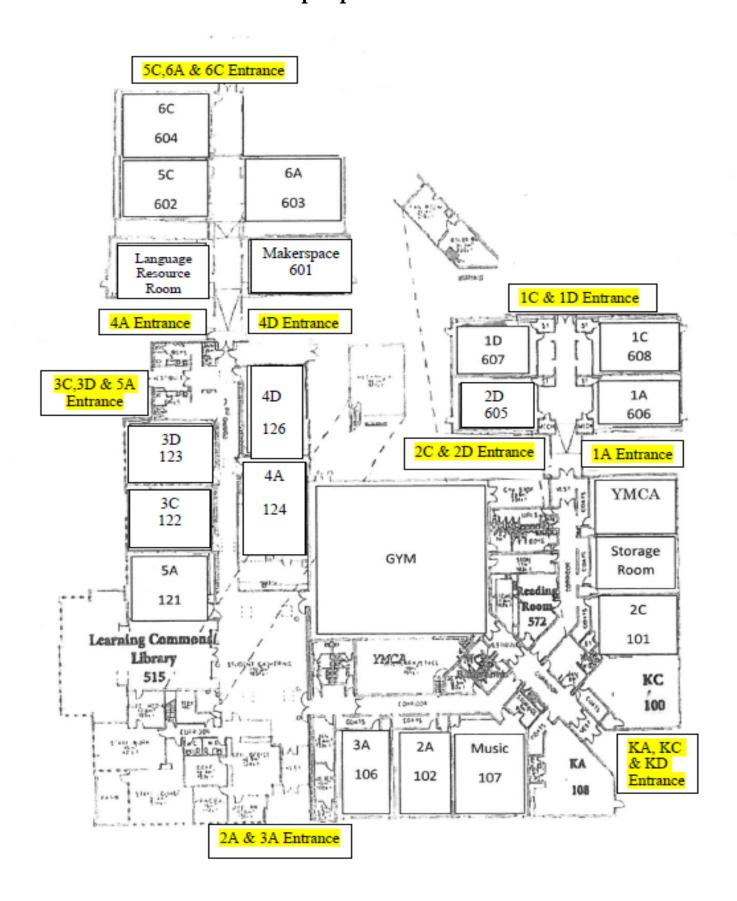
Some of these bus carriers are beginning to experience driver shortages, despite a full complement of drivers heading into the start of the school year, because of multiple factors surrounding COVID-19. As a result, some delays in bus routes may occur. Transportation Services is working with our carriers to report bus delays and minimize potential disruptions to families.

Families are encouraged to download the new BusPlanner Delays app for real-time updates on delayed buses.

Thank you for your patience as we work with our carriers to ensure routes operate as scheduled. We look forward to providing the safest and most efficient transportation for your children for the 2021-2022 school year.

## SCHOOL CLASSROOM AND EXIT/ENTRANCE MAP

Please ensure that all students are entering and existing through the proper door.



# ECSD RENTRY PLAN

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... plans to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

#### September 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Our theme for this year is "God calls us each by name" and is guided by scripture from Jeremiah. At its root, our theme is a message of hope. Catholic education is entirely about building a future with hope. When we serve the children of Edmonton Catholic Schools, our goal is to instill in them a sense of wonder in themselves as children of God so that they see themselves as members and builders of his Kingdom. There is nothing more hopeful than this.

We are filled with a renewed sense of hope as we return to school this year. We have created a <u>Back to School Plan</u> that is designed to support our schools in reducing the risk of transmission of illness and maintaining safe and healthy environments for our students and staff. Some procedures we introduced in our schools last year will continue because we know they are good practices in minimizing the transmission of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, influenza, and common colds. Many activities are returning to our schools this year, including local and provincial field trips, athletics and extracurricular activities, all fine arts and options classes, assemblies and special events, and graduation and school farewell activities.

At the beginning of September, teachers will be focusing on welcoming students back to their school communities, whether in-person or online. As part of getting to know students as individual learners, teachers in K - 6 will be screening students in numeracy and literacy. They will determine student knowledge and skill based on previous curricula and target instruction for any missed learning. In addition, the Division is preparing post-assessments to help teachers measure learning growth. In junior high and high school, subject-area teachers will also be targeting their instruction to support students in their transition back-to-school.

Our work for this year is directed by our <u>Division Plan for Continuous Growth</u>, which has four priorities: Growing in Faith, Student Success, An Excellent Place to Work and Learn, and Building our Future Together. You can monitor our progress in these priorities by exploring our measures and results as represented in our <u>Assurance Dashboard</u>. Results will be updated throughout the year as new ones become available. Each school also has its own School Plan for Continuous Growth to address its own needs and a school specific Assurance Dashboard for their results and measures. Visit your school's website; you will find the Assurance Dashboard with the school plan under About / School Information.



We are very excited to add another school to our ECSD family this fall. Genesis Online School is opening its virtual doors and will serve over 1200 students from kindergarten to grade 9. Construction on the Ben Calf Robe replacement school and Joan Carr Catholic Elementary School is well underway, and we're getting ready to break ground for Father Michael McCaffery Catholic High School.

Pope Francis shared a catechesis on hope several years ago. There was much wisdom shared with us over many months... it's a deep examination of the nature of hope to the people of God who live in His abundant love. As we begin this school year and come together again in our Christ-centred school communities, I will leave you with a thought from our Holy Father. He says, "... one does not learn to hope alone. No one learns to hope alone. It is impossible. Hope, to be nourished, necessarily needs a 'body', in which the various members support and revive each other. This means, then, that if we hope, it is because many of our brothers and sisters have taught us to hope and have kept our hope alive." (General Audience, February 8/17)

Have a wonderful school year!

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin Chief Superintendent





September 2021

Dear friends.

#### A New Beginning in Hope

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

As the month of September fast approaches, and the start of another school year looms from behind the shadows, we look forward to a new beginning; a year filled with promise and hope. Over the past seventeen months, we have witnessed the state of society and our lives change in ways we might never have imagined two years ago. From the closing of borders to the adherence to strict protocols, life has been challenging, and for some, even devastating.

Throughout the pandemic, we learned many valuable lessons: we learned to depend on the support of family, friends, neighbours, our health care systems, and especially our faith communities. We learned that a world concerned with the plight of others is better than a world centered on ourselves. We learned that even though we could not practice our faith in person, technology made it possible for us to gather and pray virtually. Most important of all, we learned through the sorrow and pain how we depend fully upon the steadfast love and saving help of God, who never abandons us..

COVID-19 is just the latest hardship in a long line of civil unrest and human suffering. Once again, we have seen that, in difficult circumstances, God gives us the capacity to overcome the challenges through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. As we embark upon a new academic year, may we know daily the joy of the victorious help of our Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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**♣**Richard W. Smith

Archbishop of Edmonton