

break open the tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,

I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith
that so much of me remains entombed.
Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break
open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly
Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,
break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can
withstand.

Help me to roll away this stone
And find the miracle of new life
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

amen



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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

DON'T FORGET....

Please check your parent PowerSchool account to keep up to date with your child's fees. If you have not done so, please pay your school fees as soon as possible. Also, keep up to date with what is happening at Escuela St. Teresa School by checking out our website stteresa.ecsd.net or Instagram [st_teresa-school_ecsd](https://www.instagram.com/st_teresa-school_ecsd).

ABSENCES AND VACATIONS

For your child's safety, we ask that you please contact our school office by phone at 780-437-6022 every time your child will be absent from school. It is vital that we know that your child is safe during school hours. This includes absences for appointments, vacations, and illness. During the hours that the school is closed, you may always leave a message on the school's voicemail system.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child will be **five years old by December 31st, 2023**, they are eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year. Edmonton Catholic Schools Division (ECSD) only offers online registration. Go to the online form, located at www.ecsd.net create an account, and then fill out all the necessary information. Kindergarten registration began online on January 23rd, 2023. We will continue to accept school registrations for kindergarten after this date and throughout the rest of the school year, but you may be waitlisted.

To register your child for kindergarten, you must have:

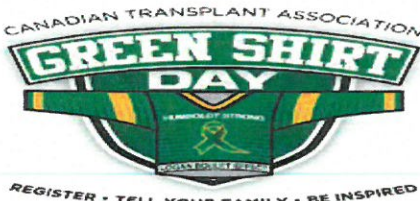
- Completed Registration Form (online)
- Copy of your child's Birth Certificate (uploaded online)
- Copy of the child's/parent's Baptismal Certificate (uploaded online)
- Proof of Residency (Proof that you live in our catchment area)



Confirmation of Registration will NOT occur until we have ALL the required documents.

GREEN SHIRT DAY

Thursday, April 7th is Green Shirt Day. Green Shirt Day is in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect, in support of organ donor awareness/registration across Canada. Green Shirt Day was created to honour, remember, and recognize all the victims and families of that fatal crash and to continue Logan's legacy by inspiring Canadians to talk to their families and register as organ donors.



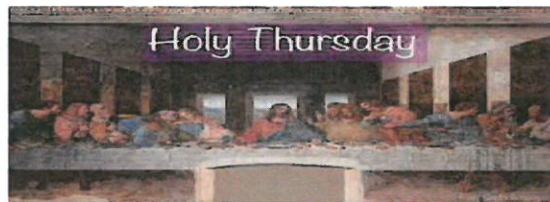
PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2nd is Palm Sunday. It is the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates, from the New Testament, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and being greeted by people waving palm branches.



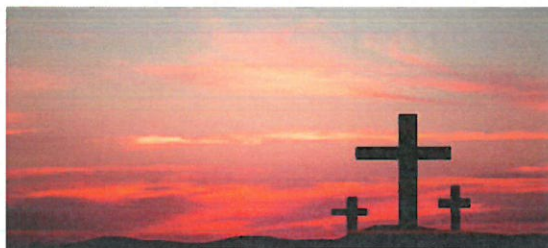
HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6th is Holy Thursday. It is a day when we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, this is a day to remind us of the need to do more to love one another and to serve all people, especially the poor.



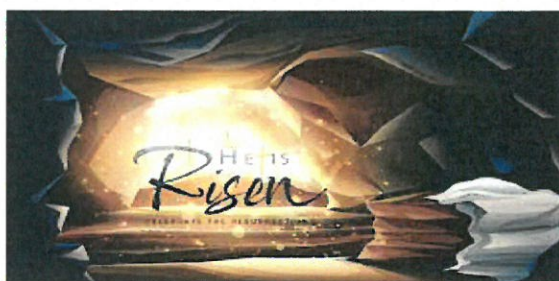
GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 15th is Good Friday. This is a solemn day in which we recall the death of Jesus and its promise of hope and new life. On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). The name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save us from our sins. It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is April 9th is the greatest feast in the Catholic calendar, no other day is traditionally as sacred as Easter. This is the day we commemorate the resurrection of Christ. In the New Testament, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified and died.



St Thomas More Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule

No Mass Monday, April 3

Holy Thursday Mass of Our Lord's Supper: April 6 at 7 pm

Good Friday: April 7 at 9 am, 12 noon and 3 pm

Holy Saturday Basket Blessing: April 8 at 12 noon

Easter Vigil: April 8 at 9 pm

Easter Sunday: April 9 at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 5 pm

EASTER MASS

On **Thursday, April 20th**, grades 1-6, will be going to St. Thomas More Church for our Easter Mass. We will be attending the 9:00 am mass. Please note that all staff will be at mass. If you are arriving late, parents must make arrangements to meet at church or arrive at school after we all return from mass. The buses will be leaving promptly at 8:30am. Please do not be late!

RELIGIOUS SACRAMENTS

If your child has recently received a sacrament through the Catholic church, please notify the office at **780-437-6022**, so that we may recognize this important milestone in their faith journey.

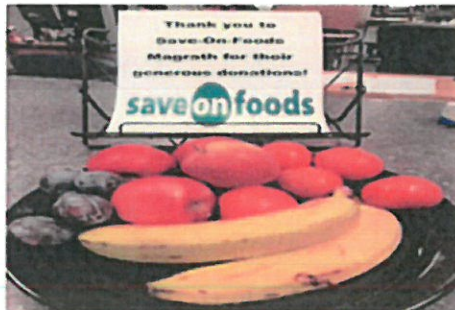
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The 2023-2024 Transportation Application is available here: www.ecsd.net/apply-for-transportation. The application deadline for School Start-Up is **May 23rd, 2023**. If you have any questions about transportation for the upcoming school year, please email transportationservices@ecsd.net or call 780-441-6078.



SAVE ON FOODS

Thank You to **Save on Foods** in Magrath for their generous gift of helping provide healthy snacks for our students for the school year. A special thank you to Senorita Jesus for organizing this snack program. Next time you are grocery shopping at Save on Foods please make sure to say thank you from St. Teresa School.



PURDY'S EASTER FUNDRAISER

Please remember to pick up your Purdy's chocolate orders in the school office on **April 4th, 5th and 6th**. Thank you for supporting your children's school.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Spring Concert will be held over 3 days: **Monday, April 17th, Tuesday, April 18th & Wednesday, April 19th.**

April 17th Kinder & Grade 1 Concert

Afternoon concert: **1:30pm**. Evening Concert **6:30pm**

April 18th Grs. 2 & 3 Concert

Afternoon concert: **1:30pm**. Evening Concert **7:00pm**

April 19th Grs. 4, 5, & 6 Concert

Afternoon concert: **1:30pm**. Evening Concert **7:00pm**

We ask that the **Kindergarten and Gr. 1** children be at school by **6:00 p.m.** for the evening performance on **April 17th**. This will enable us to get them organized (especially so the concert can start promptly at 6:30pm).

We ask that on the nights of the **Grs 2 & 3** concert on **April 18th**, and **Grs. 4, 5, & 6** concert, that students be at St. Teresa School no later than **6:30pm** (especially students who have costumes) so that students will have time to get lined up and ready.

Spring Concert Attire

Kindergarten & Grade 1

Children are asked to wear their Sunday Best.

Grades 2&3 'Oceans of Fun'

The primary grades are asked to wear bright colours: blue, green, yellow, or tropical looking shades.

Grades 4-6 'Pirate Musical'

Students are asked to wear T-shirts in any of the following: white, black, red or striped, or shirts preferably with no logos if possible. Students can wear jean pants, ripped jean pants if they have them or dark pants. Students can wear sandals (but no flip flops please), buckle shoes, boots or any footwear that looks 'pirate'. Students can also add sash like belts if possible. A red bandana will be provided by the school for students to wear. Students can accessorize with an eye patch that ***must be worn above their eyes.***

***Please make sure that children do not wear any accessories or jewelry that may be noisy, or fall off easily, as children will be doing many actions as they sing.**

***Also, footwear needs to be comfortable and practical for safety as students will be standing on risers (no loud, clunky, high heeled shoes or flip flops.)**



SAC is organizing a Mother's Day fundraiser once again with Growing Smiles (greenhouse).

The last day to order will be **April 25th** with pickup of your plants to be determined. More information will be sent out after Spring Break.

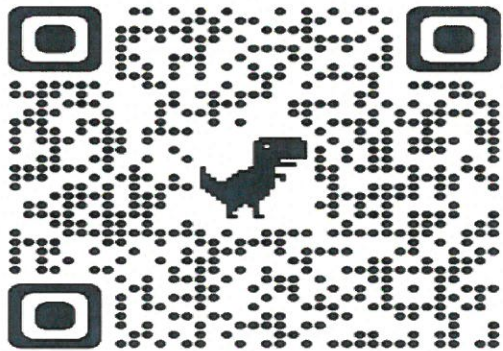
ST. TERESA SPIRIT STORE

The website to order St. Teresa Spirit wear has been updated. Please note the new link:

<https://safeguardprint.commonsku.com/shop/e9754016-512a-4bfe-9aa0-7e8b890383ed>



ST. TERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONLINE SHOP



Hosted by  Safeguard Print & Promo



Use your camera app to scan this
code to visit our online store!

50/50 50/50

ST. TERESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

50/50 Raffle FUNDRAISER

Draw Date: February 28th, 2023

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. TERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**1 TICKET FOR \$10
4 TICKETS FOR \$20
20 TICKETS FOR \$50
100 TICKETS FOR \$100**

BEST VALUE PACKAGE!!

Top Ticket Seller Prizes!!

TOP SELLING CLASS WILL WIN A PIZZA PARTY

FAMILY WHO SELLS THE WINNING TICKET WILL WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE:

The WINNING ticket holder will receive 50% of the total Jackpot!!

Ticket Sales End at MIDNIGHT MT February 26th, 2023

Wow our very first 50/50 fundraiser was an amazing success!! The final jackpot reached \$7370. **Congratulations to Courtney Welch** who took home a whopping \$3685 and a \$50 Amazon gift card. **Class 5C** pulled out in front to win a fun class pizza party for selling \$1390 in tickets. Thank you for all the support. We look forward to our next 50/50. Watch for more fundraising opportunities coming soon.

St. Teresa Fundraising Society

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Bottle Drive



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ST. TERESA CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Collection Date:
April 11-14

Drop-off Location:

St. Teresa Elementary School
11350 - 25 Ave NW
Edmonton, AB T6J 5B1
PARKING LOT

Scheduled pick up also
available upon request at
stteresasac.ecsd@gmail.com



Thank you for supporting the
students and the school with
your donations!

APRIL



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 PALM SUNDAY 	3	4	5	6 HOLY THURSDAY	7 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL 	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY 	10 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	11 GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS SAC BOTTLE DRIVE	12 SAC BOTTLE DRIVE	13 SAC BOTTLE DRIVE	14 SAC BOTTLE DRIVE	15
16	17 SPRING CONCERT K & GR 1	18 SPRING CONCERT GR 2 & 3	19 SPRING CONCERT GR 4, 5, & 6	20 EASTER MASS 9AM ST THOMAS MORE	21	22 EARTH DAY 
WORLD BOOK DAY 	24	25 LAST DAY FOR GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER	26 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY	27	28	29
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MAY 1ST BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

May 1st PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DAY

MAY 3 HATS ON FOR MENTAL HEALTH

May 4th STAR WARS DAY - MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

MAY 5TH CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 9TH GROWING SMILES PICKUP

MAY 14TH MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 15- 20 CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

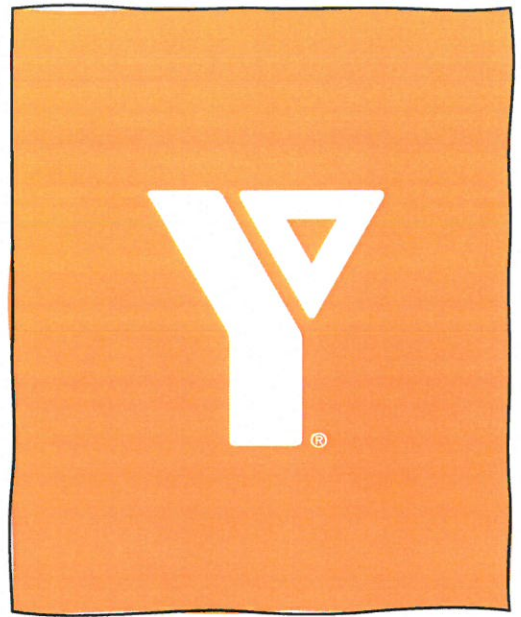
MAY 17TH GRADE 6 LA PAT

May 22 VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL

MAY 23 LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER BUSSING

MAY 28 PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 29 PROVINCIAL ELECTION



YMCA Blue Quill CHILD CARE

OPEN 7am-6pm

Qualified Educators

Interest Based
Activities

Inclusive
Environment

Outdoor Focus

**Government
Subsidy Available**

PRESCHOOL

\$715.50/month* this fee has been reduced by Affordability Grant
available July and August prior to starting Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN

\$290.25/month* this fee has been reduced by Affordability Grant

SCHOOL AGE

July and August **\$762.30/month***

July and August **\$200/week**

September 2023 to June 2024 **\$633.15/month***

*Based on an average of 21 days

To Register Now Call: 780-399-1536

For Care on or after July 1st please visit:

ymcanab.ca/childcarewaitlist

How well can your child see?



Eye See...™
Eye Learn!

You can't see the world through your child's eyes, but your optometrist can. During your child's eye exam, your optometrist will assess:

- Visual acuity (how well they can see)
- Lazy eye, crossed eyes
- Nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism
- Colour vision
- Eye coordination, tracking and depth perception
- Eye health

Please check with your optometrist regarding their clinic's safety protocols and the current Alberta Health guidelines.



For more information about
Eye See...Eye Learn™

contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists
at 1-800-272-8843 or visit
optometrists.ab.ca/esel

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Has your child had their annual eye exam? It's important to do before they start school!

Eye See...Eye Learn™

is a program that provides kindergarten-aged students with a comprehensive eye exam from an optometrist. There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. **If required, kindergarten-aged students also receive a free pair of eyeglasses.**



How kindergarten-aged students participate*

Step 1 Parents can find a participating optometrist at optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and **Eye See...Eye Learn™**, then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. **Call and book an appointment.**

Step 2 See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready. There is **Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19.**

Step 3 If required, kindergarten-aged students will **receive a free pair of eyeglasses.** Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

***Free glasses are covered by a one year manufacturer's warranty.**

Who can participate?

Eye See...Eye Learn™ is available to all kindergarten-aged students in Alberta. It's important to address eye health and vision problems before children begin school.

Children are eligible from August until they begin grade one.



Eye exam coverage

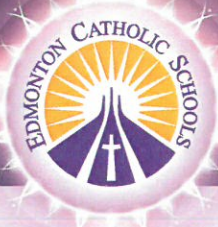
There is Alberta Health coverage towards your child's eye exams up to age 19. It's a painless, non-invasive process that could change their lives!

Did you know?

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem.
- An eye exam detects health problems such as crossed eyes or lazy eye.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having learning or behavioural disabilities.
- The earlier an eye health or visual problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.
- Children often don't know they have a vision problem, as they believe what they are seeing is normal.
- It is not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, because these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.

What is an optometrist?

Your optometrist (doctor of optometry) is a primary source for all your vision, eye health and eyewear needs. They have the knowledge, tools and equipment necessary to diagnose, treat, prescribe medications or refer to a specialist, if needed.



Let Your Light Shine Forth

April 2023

"That is what we are called to do: to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others; to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord, in order to spread his joy in the world." ([Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, 04/16/22](#))

One of the 5 Marks of Catholic School Identity is that we are *Sustained by Gospel Witness*. We are called to be living witnesses to the Gospel and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ and his Church. This can be seen in our Holy Father's homily last Easter. He is giving us all the reminder that we should be sharing the joy of God's love, found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, with the world. How blessed are we that we can educate our children in schools that are built on this joy!

Catholic education in Alberta is publicly funded, and that is truly a gift. As we approach the provincial election on May 29, our Board of Trustees would like to share with you some questions that you might ask of candidates who come to your door. Every family in Edmonton Catholic Schools will receive a handy postcard with those questions to keep by your door. You can also visit our website for [a more in-depth look](#) at how you can advocate for excellent publicly funded Catholic education in Edmonton.

At our March public meeting of the Board, we celebrated our Division's three provincial Excellence in Catholic Education Awards recipients. Sunata Halliday from Bishop David Motiuk Catholic Elementary/Junior High, Linda Johnson from Louis St. Laurent Catholic Junior/Senior High, and Rebecca Martini from St. Leo Catholic Elementary were all acknowledged for creating exceptional Catholic educational experiences for their students and for their commitment to creating a vibrant school culture through their witness to the Gospel in all aspects of their ministry. Well done!

Our Division continues to accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have friends or family who are planning on joining our Division, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. School budgets are based on enrolment, and the more accurate the picture we have of our student population, the more effective we can be in allocating the dollars to meet their needs.

When I began as Chief Superintendent, I shared the words of Thomas Groome from his book, *Educating for Life*: "It is a sacred privilege and an awesome responsibility to be an educator...To be educator is to stand on holy ground – people's lives." It has been a blessing to undertake the sacred journey of Catholic education by living out my vocation in many different roles in Edmonton Catholic Schools over the past many years. As you may have heard, I have shared with the Board of Trustees that I plan on beginning the new journey of retirement. We have not set a specific date as our priority is to ensure a smooth transition and that the Division is well-situated to continue providing an excellent Catholic educational experience to the families of Edmonton. The Board will inform you as soon as their search is over and they have decided on my successor.

Have a glorious Easter season!

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
(John 11. 25-26)

Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important feast of the ecclesiastical year. In fact, the dates and celebrations of the liturgical year, including all the Christian movable feasts, are arranged around the central Christian feast of Easter.

The Roman Catholic Church always marks Easter on the first Sunday that follows the first full moon of the Spring Equinox. The date therefore changes each year and falls on any day between March 22 and April 25. This year, we celebrate Easter Sunday on April the 9th.

For Christians, the true meaning of Easter has deep significance because it represents the fulfillment of God's promises to humankind. Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on a Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, and the end of Lent. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

For us, Easter is a way of life. It is a life where Christ is always at the center lifting us from the things that keep us in the grave and do not allow us to experience the life that God intends for us. As an "Easter people", we know what it means to rise from the grave and experience life as God has prepared for us.

Indeed, we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. The greatest gift of Easter Sunday is our hearing and experiencing God's amazing love for us. Since that first Easter morning, we continue to celebrate the power of God to open the chains of death so that we might see life in its fullness. May we continue to experience our relationship with God as we celebrate the new life that comes from the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sandra Talarico
Manager, Religious Education Services
