

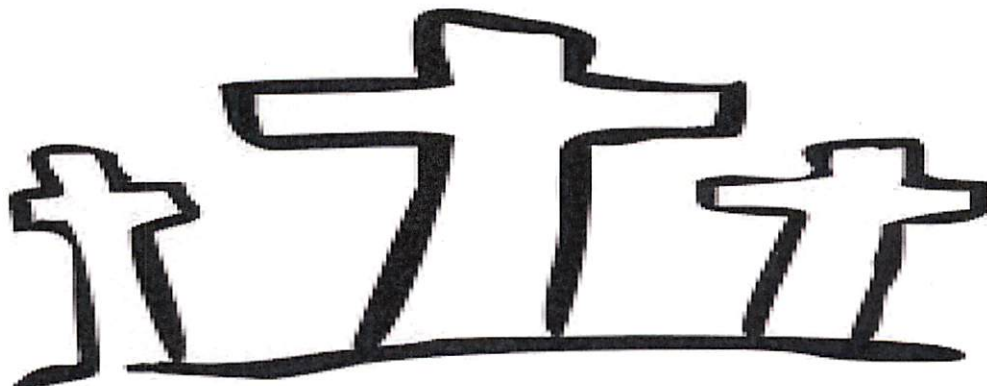


Welcome JUNE

New month, new chapter,
new page and new wishes.

May the month give you
courage, strength, confidence,
patience, self-love & inner
peace. May every day in
June fill your days with
Hope, love, sunshine and
energy. Let there be joy,
fun and laughter.

Amen.



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.

LIBRARY

As the end of the school year draws near, the school library will have the dates of **MAY 23rd - 26th** for the final week to take out books. **June 2nd ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED.** After this date for any books that are not returned, the student will be notified of a fine for any lost books.

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.

PARENT APPRECIATION DAY

On **Friday, June 2nd**, the staff of St. Teresa will be out between 7:45 am and 8:10 am to hand out drinks and treats to our amazing parents! We wish to show our appreciation to all our parents for all that you do for our school community.

EA & TABT APPRECIATION DAY

On **JUNE 5th**, we will acknowledge all the amazing work that our Educational Assistants and Therapeutic Assistants for Behavioral Therapy do within the school.

SAC STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

The SAC will be honoring all staff with an appreciation lunch on **June 23rd**.

FUN DAY

Friday, June 16th will be our school wide **FUN DAY!** The **kindergarten** classes will have a full day this Friday.



HOT LUNCH

On **Friday, June 16th**, a hot lunch of Panago pizza, as well as Booster Juice can be ordered for Fun Day. **Please order on [Healthy Hunger.ca](https://www.healthyhunger.ca) by June 11th, 2023.**

LOST AND FOUND

As the school year ends, the lost and found boxes are full of your children's clothing and water bottles. The items will be displayed **June 22 - June 23** in the school atrium. Any items remaining after June 23rd will be donated to Goodwill. Please remind the children to have a look at the display.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY – JUNE 21ST

This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nation, Inuit and Metis peoples.



GRADE 6 PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Language Arts P.A.T. Part B – **June 20**

Math P.A.T. Part A – **June 22**

Math P.A.T. Part B – **June 23**

Social Studies P.A.T. – **June 26**

Science P.A.T. – **June 27**

GRADE 6 FAREWELL CEREMONY

The Grade 6s will be having their Farewell on the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 27th at 1pm.**

LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR ALL STUDENTS IS JUNE 27TH.

Tuesday, June 27th is the last **full** day of classes for Grades 1 - 6. Kindergarten also has its last day of classes with dismissal at **11:15 am.**

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will go live at **3pm on June 27th.** Please sign into your parent PowerSchool account to see your child's report card.

YEARBOOK

Dear St. Teresa Families,

Please login to PowerSchool if you would like the opportunity to purchase a yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year. The books will include school portraits of the students, as well as pictures taken during the school year. The deadline to purchase a book is June 26, 2023. The delivery date of the yearbooks will be the Fall of 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McEachern in the office at 780-437-6022.

Thank you to SAC for buying yearbooks for our Grade 6 students.



TRANSPORTATION

If your child currently utilizes the yellow bus service and will be riding next year, please retain the existing bus pass for the upcoming school year. If students no longer require transportation services in the 2023-2024 school year, they can return the bus pass to the school office.

GROWING SMILES

The Mother's Day Fundraiser was a success with close to \$600 raised. Thank you to everyone who ordered plants.



MUSIC PRESENTATIONS

The students of St. Teresa were privileged to watch two band performances during the month of May.

May 12th the **George McDougall High School Band** from Airdrie, AB gave an outstanding performance. On May 18th, the **Skaha Lake Middle School Band** from Penticton B.C. performed wonderfully for the school.



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. An extra special thanks to **Save on Foods** in Magrath for also providing the drinks and cookies for our parent appreciation day on June 2nd.



SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION

Please make note that the **school hours** of operation for the 2023 -2024 school year have changed. The first day of school is **September 5th**. Kindergarten students will be notified of their staggered entry dates and times.

Kindergarten Hours AM		Elementary Hours		
AM Class	8:10 am - 11:21 am	Mon-Wed, Fri		Thursday
Thursdays	No Kindergarten Classes	First bell/School entrance	8:10 AM	
		Morning Recess	10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	
		Lunch Recess	12:00-12:20 PM	
		Lunch break	12:20-12:40 PM	
		Dismissal	2:51 PM	11:46 AM



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 5th - Back to school

September 5th- 6th - Staggered entry for kindergarten

September 7th - Kindergarten Meet the Teacher

September 13th – Grade 6 Birch Bay

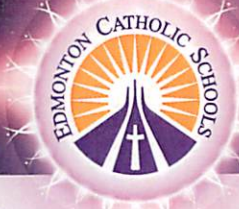
September 14th – Grade 1- 6 Meet the Teacher

September 21st – Day of Peace

September 25th – Cross-Country Run (Rundle Park)

September - Terry Fox Run (date to be determined)

September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Let Your Light Shine Forth

June 2023

"So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." 1 John 4:16

As I write my final newsletter as Chief Superintendent of this wonderful Division, I will leave you as I began, with the scripture that has guided me over the course of my vocation to Catholic education. It has been an honour to serve in the many roles that I have embraced during my tenure at Edmonton Catholic Schools, all with knowing that my calling has been to bring students and staff into an ever more deepening relationship with our God. It has truly been a blessing!

The Board of Trustees held a Special Public Meeting on May 29 to announce that Lynnette Anderson, who currently serves the Division as Superintendent of Learning Services, will assume the role of Chief Superintendent as of August 1, 2023. You can read more about her extensive experiences in the realm of education at www.ecsd.net. The Division will be well served with her wise and collaborative leadership.

At their May 31 Regular Public Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the Edmonton Catholic Schools' 2023-2024 Division Operating Budget. The Division's budget for 2023-2024 is forecasting total revenues of \$555.8 million and expenditures of \$567.4 million, resulting in a \$11.6 million Operating Deficit. It will support an expected enrolment of 46,847 students. You can view the budget in greater detail at <https://www.ecsd.net/division-budget>.

June marks the beginning of National Indigenous History Month. Our Indigenous Learning Services Department has created a bank of resources to support our schools in honouring the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Métis people have made in shaping Canada. This aspect of our history is so important that it is embedded in the Teacher, Leadership, and Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards from Alberta Education. It also is fundamental in building our collective capacity to honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

Father's Day falls on June 18. It is a time for us to turn our eyes to St. Joseph, who humbly embraced his call to be the earthly father for Jesus, the Son of God. Let us pray together for his intercession, support, and guidance for all the men who embrace the role of father, grandfather, uncle, mentor, and so many more in the lives of our children.

I leave you with humble thanks for the gifts of heart and spirit that I have received in living out our mission to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another. I look forward to following the bright future that is ahead for our Division.

Have a wonderful June, and a truly glorious summer enjoying the bounty of Creation.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 2023

Dear Friends,

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
God's Great Gift of Love

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6. 51-52). On Sunday, June the 11th, the Church celebrates the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*, also known as the *Solemnity of Corpus Christi*. This Feast that originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264, is associated with the commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with his Apostles before his crucifixion, and highlights two manifestations of the Body of Christ: the Holy Eucharist and the Church.

We begin with the primary focus: the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, but this prayer is not unique to the *Feast of Corpus Christi*. Our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ at every Mass where we receive God's great gift of love. In the quote from the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself as 'the living bread', revealing how profoundly he nourishes us. In his body and blood, we are nourished beyond our physical selves; we are nourished into a life-giving relationship with God.

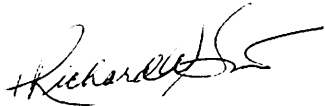
The secondary focus is on the 'Body of Christ' as it is present in the Church. Like a physical body, the Body of Christ is a living entity. When Christ entered our world, he took on a physical body and through his physical body, Jesus demonstrated the love of God clearly and boldly. Yet, the love of God did not end with Jesus' death on the cross. The Church continues to reveal the love of God, clearly and boldly, through its many good works and deeds.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

As we approach summer, when the sun will spread its burning and illuminating light and heat over the earth, we remember that God is always with us, calling us to relationship with him through prayer and most especially, through the Eucharist; God's great gift of love.

May God continue to bless you. Have a rest-filled summer.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard W. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

✠Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton