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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



Dear parents,

This last month of April was a joyous one for many reasons in our school!

After a couple of years of online books fairs, this month we were excited to be able to host an in-person book fair. It was a tremendous success!! All of our students had the opportunity to visit the book fair and the vast majority purchased books which then allows us to use the proceeds to revamp our own library books. Thank you to Mrs. MacArthur for all of her work in organizing and running the book fair!

As we entered the Easter season, we also had the joy of celebrating an in-person Easter mass at St. Thomas More Parish on April 22nd. It was the very first school bus ride for many of our students. Our grade 2 students and their teachers led the mass, their beautiful voices resounded inside the church as well as their beautiful prayers. We were invigorated by this celebration and look forward to being able to come together once again to celebrate later on during the school year.

During this month our grade 3 students have done a phenomenal job of leading announcements and morning prayers. We have learned a lot about our world, how to sustain it and take care of it. Thank you grade 3s!

We have also had the pleasure to welcome back to our staff Ms. Harmony! She has returned to run some small group sessions in support of our students. They are thoroughly enjoying their time shared with her and we are happy that she will be with us the remainder of the school year!

Please make sure that you are checking PowerSchool on a regular basis for a live update of your child's school progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

We have 2 more months left of this school year and we are very excited to see some of our regular activities resume. Please note that we are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year, if you have a child that is ready to start kindergarten, please ensure that you complete the registration form online or call our office if you have any questions regarding the process. Spots are filling up fast so don't wait much longer!

Senora Zelada
Principal/Directora

Ms. Coulombe
Assistant Principal

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 yet 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 or Instagram [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,2022** then they are eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year. Edmonton Catholic Schools Division (ECSD) only offers online registration.

Go to the online form, create an account, and then fill out all the necessary info. Kindergarten registration began online on **January 10th,2022**. 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:

- A completed Registration Form (online)
- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate (uploaded online)
- A 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.

EXTRA CLOTHES

Spring weather has arrived at the playground of St. Teresa. It has brought with it large puddles and mud. It is helpful if young children wear appropriate clothing, which would include rubber boots. As a

precaution, please put an extra pair of pants and socks in your child's backpack. This will eliminate a call home for dry clothing.

PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, May 1st is Principal and Assistant Principal Appreciation Day. Thank you to Señora Zelada and Ms. Coulombe for all that you do for St. Teresa!

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Tuesday, May 3rd is Teacher Appreciation Day. It seeks to show appreciation for teachers and educators. This day aims to acknowledge them for all the hard work they do for their students and their communities. A huge thank you for all the wonderful teachers at St. Teresa School! You are all AMAZING!!

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

Tuesday, May 3rd is School Bus Appreciation Day. Thank you to all of our amazing bus drivers. We need to recognize the important role that school bus drivers play in the safety and well-being of the students they transport.

SAC NORWEX FUNDRAISER

What's Happening from your SAC

YES! You can clean 90% of your home with only water and help support our school!!!

Learn how you can reduce the toxic chemicals in your home. You're invited to a FUN and informative 30min online Demo

April 27th @7:30pm

Text the word
St. Teresa to
780-900-6515
if you'd like to attend
or visit the website
to Browse and Shop

<https://linktr.ee/YourNorwexFundraiser>



We're raising money
While reducing the toxic chemicals in your home!

The power of **Norwex**
of Microfiber removes up to 99% of bacteria with only water

25%
of every order goes to support our school!

For more info, demos and to **ORDER** scan QR CODE or visit <https://linktr.ee/YourNorwexFundraiser>

The advertisement features a central image of a Norwex microfiber cloth and a bottle of Norwex cleaning solution. A yellow starburst graphic highlights the 25% donation to the school. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, and a yellow arrow points from the text 'ORDER scan QR CODE' to it.

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER

The last day to order your Growing Smiles plants or flowers will be on **Tuesday, May 3rd**. Pick up will be at school on **Wednesday, May 18th**.

Thank you to our Parent Council for organizing and running this fundraiser!



HATS ON FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Wednesday, May 4th is Hats On For Mental Health Day. Everyone can come to school in their craziest, biggest hat. Also, since it is also Star Wars Day you could wear a Star Wars Hat!

GRADE 6 P.A.T.

On **Wednesday, May 18th** the Grade 6s will be writing Part A of their Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test.

TRANSPORTATION FOR 2022-2023

The last day sign up for transportation for this coming September is **Friday, May 20th**. If your child is in kindergarten, they will need to sign up for transportation for grade 1. If your child is going into kindergarten next year, and you wish for them to take the bus, you must sign up before the 20th. If your child already taking the bus their information will roll over and still be on the bus in September.

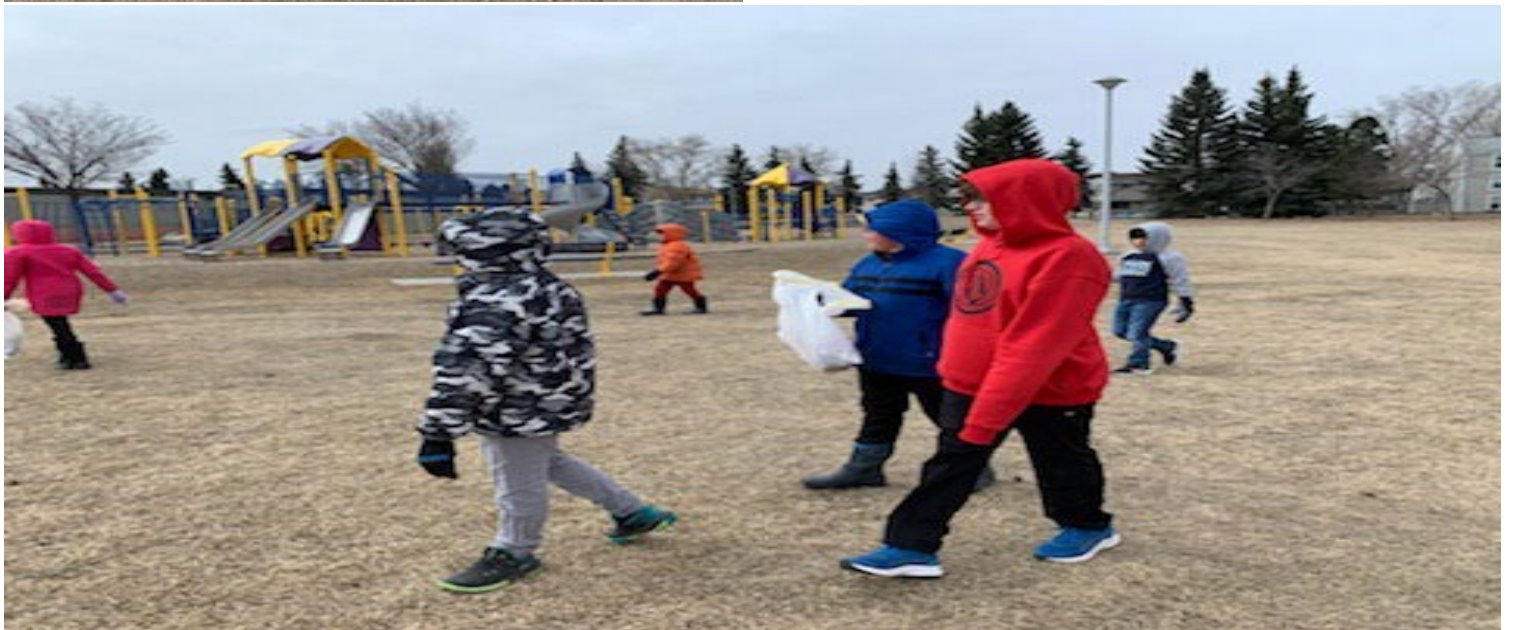
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Prepare to celebrate Catholic Education Week on **May 23-27,**

2022: *Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together.* Edmonton Catholic Schools will be providing staff with prayers, liturgies, and curricular activities.

EARTH DAY

Our amazing students were out cleaning the field for our Earth Day clean up!



LENTEN PROJECT

Thank you to all that donated to the Toonies for Ukraine Lenten Project. We raised over \$1500.00 for Ukraine. All proceeds will be directed to regional organizations in Ukraine, who support all people in need including refugees fleeing their homes to other parts of Ukraine. The Eparchy forwards funds through CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) Canada who collaborates closely with the local churches and Caritas Ukraine. They supply aid by accessing and delivering food, shelter, medical supplies and providing spiritual and psychological support for those in need.

GREEN SHIRT DAY

Green Shirt Day, in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect, in support of organ donor awareness/registration across Canada.



EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Book Club with Edmonton Public Library: Reading aloud to your children helps them develop a love of reading, while strengthening family relationships. Learn tips and tricks for reading together at home, including why reading in your home language is so important. Then get easy access to two great books from the library: *Willa the Wisp* by Jonathan Auxier, and *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman. Families can also connect online via a virtual bulletin board to meet fellow book

lovers, or attend a virtual child-friendly book club gathering on Saturday, April 23. Reading has never been this exciting! Visit <https://www.epl.ca/family-book-club/> for more information.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all that purchased item in the in school and online Book Fair. It was wonderful to have it back in the school.



EASTER MASS AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Thank you to the grade 2s who led us in a wonderful mass at St. Thomas More. It was wonderful to be able to all get together to attend mass as a school community.

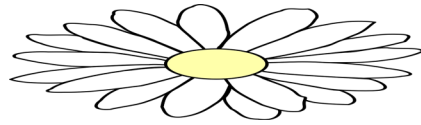
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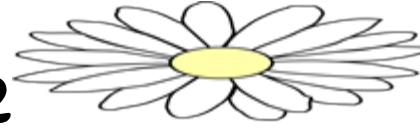


GRADE 2s BOATS & BUOYANCY





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Principal and Assistant Principal Day	2 *Grade 2s In-School Boats and Buoyancy Fieldtrip	3 *Teacher Appreciation Day *School Bus Driver Appreciation *Growing Smiles -Last Day to order	4 *Hats On for Mental Health Day *Star Wars Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 *Grade 6 P.A.T. Part 1 L.A. *Growing Smiles Pick Up Day *Write On Day #2	19	20 Last Day to sign up for bussing to start in September	21
22	23 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	24 *Running Club @ Rundle Park *S.A.C. Meeting @ 6:30pm	25 6C Museum School	26 World Catholic Education Day	27 6C Museum School	28 World Hunger Day
Catholic Education Week						
29	30 6A Museum School	31 6A Museum School				

COMING UP IN JUNE

June 5th - Pentecost

June 6th - EA Appreciation Day

June 6th -10th -SAC Staff Appreciation Week

June 12th-First Communion St. Thomas More

June 13th -21- Sacred Teachings

June 16th- Grade 6 P.A.T Math Part A

June 17th- Grade 6 P.A.T. Part B L.A

June 19th- Father's Day

June 20th- Grade 6 P.A.T. Social Studies

June 21st- National Indigenous Day

June 21st-First Day of Summer

June 22nd- Grade 6 Science P.A.T.

June 24th- Grade 6 P.A.T. Math Part B

June 27th- Grade 6 Farewell 1pm

June 28- Fun Day

June 28th-Last Day of Kindergarten

June 29th- Schoolwide Mass at St. Thomas More 9am

June 29th-Last Day of School done at 11:30 am

June 29th- Report Cards Go Live at 8 am

July 1st- Canada Day

God Calls Us



May 2022

EACH BY NAME

And in the journey of life, let us allow ourselves to be taken by the hand. Mothers take their children by the hand and lovingly introduce them to life... We need to learn from mothers that heroism is shown in self-giving, strength in compassion, wisdom in meekness. ([Pope Francis, Homily, 01/01/2019](#))

In our Catholic faith, Mary, the Mother of God, plays a central role for us. Through her “yes” to God, salvation was born into this world in the person of Jesus. We begin our calendar year with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and have many other special days to honour her. The month of May is one in which our eyes are turned toward our Holy Mother, so it is only fitting that we also celebrate Mother’s Day this month. Pope Francis has given us a beautiful picture of the importance of those who fill the role of mother for our children. Love, heroism, compassion, wisdom; these are the gifts we receive from Mary, and from those who fill this sacred role in our lives!

As the 2021-2022 school year is fast coming to a close, our Division is well into planning for the upcoming school year. Our Board of Trustees has approved our [Division Plan for Continuous Growth 2020-2023 \(Year 3\)](#), and our schools will now spend the month of May aligning their School Plans for Continuous Growth with our Division’s work.

In Edmonton Catholic Schools, we believe that each person is created in the image and likeness of God and in the goodness, dignity and worth of each person. We honour the dignity of each person by treating one another with empathy, compassion, and respect. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) are guiding values consistent with Catholic Social Teaching, reaffirming dignity at every level. In the spring of 2021, our Division began a project with Norquest’s Colbourne Institute for Inclusive Leadership and MNP to determine our strengths and opportunities for growth in furthering the work of EDIAR from a Catholic worldview in our Division through a formal strategic plan. Our new EDIAR strategic plan outlines the strategic priorities and key strategies identified through surveys and focus groups and explores possible actions that will shape the way in which EDIAR values are embedded in the ongoing work of the Division. You can read the strategic plan and explore more about EDIAR in ECSD by clicking [here](#).

This year, we celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 23-27. It is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education that we are blessed with in Alberta. The cornerstones of our Catholic educational community are found in the relationship between the home, the school, and the parish as we lead our students into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Watch our Division social media to see examples of the great things that happen in our schools as #ECSDfaithinspires!

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, I leave you with a thought from our Holy Father: “*The Easter joy is not to be kept to oneself. The joy of Christ is strengthened by giving it, it multiplies sharing it. If we open ourselves and carry the Gospel, our hearts will open and overcome fear.*” (Pope Francis, Twitter, 04/18/2022)

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent



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