

October 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

The month of September has flown by, and we have settled into our new school year with much enthusiasm and eagerness. We are looking forward to a school year full of activities and back to our usual school celebrations and events.

We had two successful Meet the Teacher evenings for our kindergarten parents and for grades 1-6. It was wonderful to see a full house once again in our building. Our grade 6 students had a lovely day out at Birch Bay on September 14th, the day was sunny and warm as they took part in all of the outdoor fun! A group of students led by Ms. Dawson participated in the Edmonton Catholic School's Cross-Country run at Rundle Park on September 26th. It was exciting to see so many of our students take part in the event. Lastly, our school took part in our yearly Terry Fox run our students brought in donations and ran for someone that has been affected by cancer. Thank you for your support and donations!

We also had our first parent council meeting of the school year; we are grateful for the support of our parent council in our school activities. Mrs. MacGregor was our Feature Teacher presenter and took us through a music lesson from kindergarten to grade 6. We look forward to seeing even more parents at our next parent council meeting.

As we prepare ourselves for the month ahead, we have another month full of activities for READ IN WEEK. Our Thanksgiving Day Celebration will be held in the gym on Wednesday at 11:00 am and our St. Teresa Feast Day will be Thursday October 13th. Also, for the very first time, our division is recognizing Hispanic Heritage month. In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, we will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the month, stay tuned!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Señora Zelada
Directora/Principal

Mrs. Saccomanno
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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



POWERSCHOOL

Please ensure that you have access to your parent/guardian PowerSchool site. Information such as Report Cards, Attendance, School Fees, and Bussing are all available for parents/guardians. All payments of fees, bussing, and fieldtrips are to be made through the parent/guardian PowerSchool site. You may use debit, credit card or prepaid credit card for payment online.

GRADE 1-6 SCHEDULE 2022-2023

First Bell: 8:10a.m.

First Recess: 10:15am-10:30a.m.

Lunch: 11:59am-12:20p.m.

Lunch Recess: 12:20pm-12:40p.m.

Dismissal: 2:50p.m.

Thursday Dismissal: 11:30a.m.

MORNING KINDERGARTEN 2022-2023

Start Time: 8:10 a.m.

Dismissal: 11:15a.m.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD?

Parents & Guardians, please remember that if you are picking up your child during school hours, you MUST ring the front door doorbell, let the office staff know who you are picking up and the office staff will call your child down to the office. The student will be walked to the front door, at which time the parents/guardians may come into the vestibule and sign their child out in the sign-out book. If your child normally takes the bus home and you decide to pick them up, please ensure that you let the bus driver or their bus supervisor know that the student will not be taking the bus. This is so we may mark them off our list and that the bus does not wait for a student that has already gone home.



Transportation Information

Transportation Services: Hours: Mon -Fri 7:15AM-5:00PM Thursday 7:15AM - 4:00PM
Phone: 780 441 6078

Email: transportationservices@ecsd.net

Transportation Applications / Curb Service / Change Forms

Can be found on our website at www.ecsd.net in the box that says **School Bus Info**, click on **View Transportation**, scroll down and you will find both the Transportation application and the Change form.

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Students

For safety reasons can only ride the bus when their names appear on the Detail report. They must be met by an adult, or they shall be returned to their school where they can be picked up.

When to catch my bus?

Please be out 5 minutes prior to your scheduled pick-up time.

What to do if my bus does not arrive?

Please wait 10 minutes after your pick-up / drop off time. If the bus has not arrived, please call the Transportation Department.

Bus Notifications

If the Transportation office is advised that a bus is running late, a notification will go out on the Bus Planner Delay app, which we try to keep updated in real time.

Please download the app to get notifications about bus delays:

<https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/busplanner-delays/id1217589960>

Please ensure we have your current phone number and email address.

Route Change Dates (Regular Yellow & Curb Service)

Changes only occur on Wednesdays. Changes take 4 - 6 weeks starting August 31st and then each Wednesday after.

How will I be notified about transportation changes?

An automated email will go out on a Friday night around 6:00 pm regarding possible changes to your child's bus route. Go to your parent portal to see your child's transportation information showing the effective date.

NEW THIS YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Transportation Department will be implementing ZONAR ZPass bus passes and scanners for each regular route. This will aid the Transportation Department in payment of fees and let them know if a student has boarded or not boarded the school bus, as they must scan their bus pass as they get on and off the bus. There will be a one-time scanner bus pass with the option to pay for the bus monthly or annually. Bus passes will still be \$36.75 per month or \$367.50 annually. (Family Plan will be \$32.00 per month. For Family Plan pricing you must have 3 or more students in any ECSD school who take the bus). Please ensure that each monthly bus fee is paid as the bus scanners will be deactivated and the student may not be allowed to ride the bus.

MEDICAL ALERTS

When a student has a life-threatening (anaphylactic) allergy or other medical condition such as epilepsy, allergy to insects, peanuts and /or other food, other allergens etc., the parent shall provide at enrollment, and thereafter at the beginning of the school year, with a completed Request for Administration of Medication/Medical Treatment Form (pages 1-4). The only non-prescription drugs that may be administered to a student are those supplied by the student's parent. Parental requests for administration of parent-supplied non-prescription drugs such as acetaminophen (e.g., aspirins), cold remedies and inhalants are not to be granted without the written permission of the parents. A physician signature is not required for administration of non-prescription medication. We request that parents complete the Request for Administration of Medication/Medical Treatment (pages 1-4) for all students requiring administration of non-prescription medication. These forms can be found on the St. Teresa School website under School Information.

READ IN WEEK October 3rd-7th



The READ IN Week initiative began in the 1990's and consisted of representatives from Edmonton Catholic Schools, Edmonton Public Schools and Norquest (then) AVC. These organizations decided to join together to raise awareness for the importance of literacy. It was determined that the significance of literacy must begin with young children Kindergarten - Grade 12 and carry on to adults in the form of life-long learning. Various partners have been involved in READ IN Week, from schools including the Francophone district to post-secondary institutions, the City of Edmonton and various media outlets. The focus of this initiative has been to instill the love of reading in all Edmontonians.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION-Wednesday, October 5th

We will be having our Thanksgiving Celebration at 11:00 am in the gym. Thank you to the Grade 5 teachers for arranging this celebration.

PICTURE DAY-OCTOBER 7th



Lifetouch.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Friday, October 07, 2022

Escuela St. Teresa School



What to Expect:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Pictures are
sent home with
your child



Review pictures
& purchase on
mylifetouch.ca

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture if requested by the school.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK-October 9th-15th,2022



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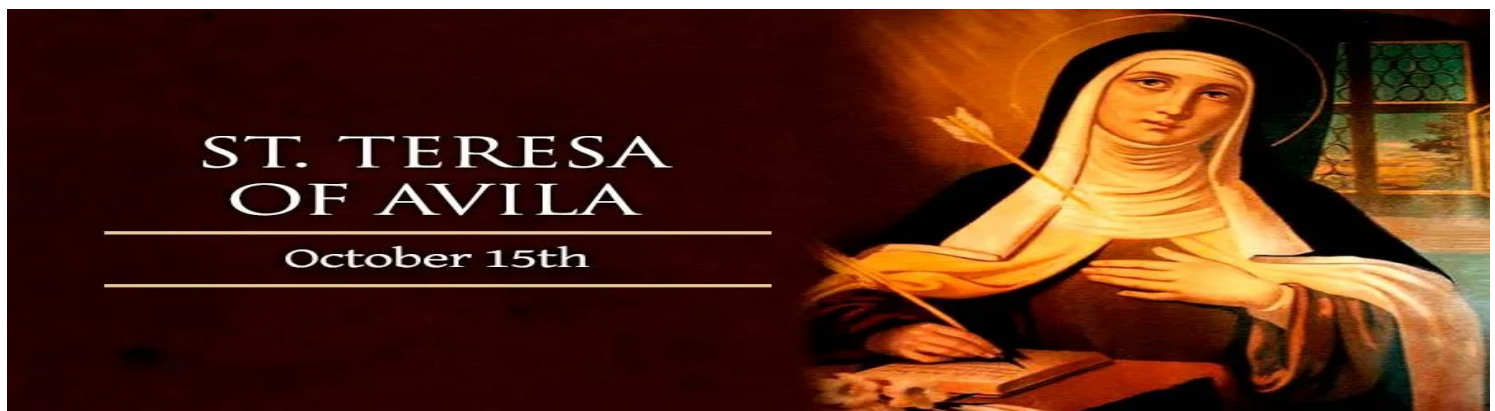
This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION

The grade 6s will be having their round one of three immunizations in the library on Tuesday, October 11th in the afternoon.

The second round will be Tuesday, January 10th and the last round will be on Tuesday, April 11th.

FEAST DAY OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA-OCTOBER 15th



On Oct. 15, we celebrate the Spanish Carmelite reformer and mystic St. Teresa of Avila, whose life of prayer enriched the Church during the 16th century counter-reformation. As a school, we will be acknowledging the day on Thursday, October 13th.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY

All ECSD members will be having a Faith Development Day on Thursday, October 27th. There will be NO SCHOOL for students that day.

HALLOWEEN

On Monday, October 31st, in the afternoon, we will have some in-class Halloween activities.

Halloween Considerations and Guidance.

- No weapons or replicated weapons are allowed.
- No blood or gore
- We ask parents to be conscious of allergies when sending in classroom treats for the children.
- If teachers are handing out treats - all treats must be individually packaged and handed out by the teacher.
- There will be a costume parade in the gym at 1:00pm.

FIRST SAC MEETING FOR 2022-2023

Thank you to our wonderful parents who came to our first SAC Meeting of the year!



What's New from your SAC!



Now Open!!

**ST. TERESA
SPIRIT STORE
FUNDRAISER**



**Wear your gear for Spirit Days!!
3rd Friday of the Month**

SHOP HERE:
Scan Me



**INVENTORY UPDATE
OFTEN!**
*Orange Shirt Day
Pink Shirt Day
More!!*

[Safeguardprintandpromo.ca/store/stteresa](https://safeguardprintandpromo.ca/store/stteresa)

We are so excited for a new school year and to announce the Grand Opening of our St. Teresa Spirit Store. This is an amazing fundraising opportunity that will run all year long. 20% of your purchases will go directly back to our school. Show your school spirit every 3rd Friday of the month (Spirit Day!) by wearing blue or with a fun St. Teresa logoed t-shirt, sweat shirt, water bottle and more. We will be adding inventory regularly so be sure to check often to see what's new. Our store is NOW OPEN!! We can't wait to see you in your St. Teresa gear!!

Shop here -

safeguardprintandpromo.ca/store/stteresa

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities this year!! If you are able to volunteer in anyway we'd love to have you.

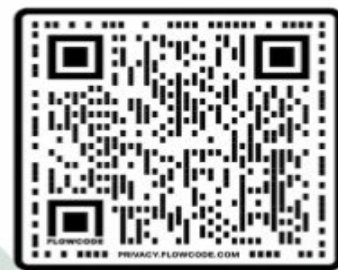
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Please join us Monday September 26th
@6:30pm in the school atrium
for our first Parent Council Meeting of the year!

Everyone is Welcome!!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Your help is greatly appreciated.
If you are available to help in any way
throughout the school year please fillout
this quick form.



SCAN QR code

GRADE SIX GO TO BIRCH BAY







ST. TERESA CHOIR SINGS AT THE OIL KINGS GAME



ST. TERESA SCHOOL

Join your school community along with family and friends for
a night at Rogers Place with the Edmonton Oil Kings!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:00 PM

\$25 PER
TICKET

**\$5 from every ticket will
go back to St. Teresa School**

**The St. Teresa School Choir will be
singing the National Anthem!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT BECCA HOGAN AT
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ROYAL PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT



**Support St. Teresa School
By Eating Pizza**

Monday, October 17, 2022

Between 430 pm - 8 pm
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT. NO DELIVERY

Royal Pizza Ellerslie
1214 - 101 Street SW *THIS LOCATION ONLY*

780-705-0970

Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying and Royal Pizza will donate 20% of the proceeds from your meal back to St. Teresa School.

(Excluding alcohol and gift cards)



October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Read Shirts Day	5 World Teacher Day	6 Book Character Dress Up Day	7 Picture Day	8
	Read In Week					
9	10 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	11 Grade 6 Immunization (PM)	12	13	14	15 Feast Day of St. Teresa
	Fire Prevention Week					
16 Our Lady of Schools feast Day	17 -Royal Pizza Night -Grade 6 Active Living Field Trip	18	19 Last Day for Oil Kings forms to be returned	20	21	22
23 World Mission Sunday	24	25	26	27 Faith Development Day NO SCHOOL	28	29
30	31 Halloween					



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



November 2nd- Dias de Muertos

November 4th- Oil Kings Game @ 7pm

November 5th-11th-Veterans Week

November 6th- Daylight Savings time ends-Clocks fall back

November 10th-Remembrance Day Acknowledgement

November 11th-Remembrance Day

November 14 & 15-Fall Break-NO SCHOOL

November 16th-Picture Retake Day

November 21-24-Book Fair

November 21st-December 2nd-Inline Skating

November 24th- Demonstration of Learning 1pm-4pm/5pm-8pm

November 26th- Holodomor Memorial Day

November 27th-First Sunday of Advent



Let Your Light Shine Forth

October 2022

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.
(Taste and See, James E. Moore)*

Every year when Thanksgiving comes around, my mind brings me back to this hymn. It speaks the fundamental truth that God is good and abundant in his love. If we pay attention, we can taste, and see, and feel, and hear the goodness of the Lord around us everyday. It reminds me to live in gratitude.

We also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Schools on the third Sunday of October. Each of our Grade 5 students receives a bookmark with a prayer to Our Lady of Schools as part of their religion program. Our Lady of Schools is a devotion to Mary started in 1894 in France by a priest who introduced it in his local schools with the approval of Pope Leo XIII. In 1947, Pope Pius XII proclaimed Our Lady of Schools as the patron saint of schools and of students in the province of Quebec, and in 1952, he extended this by declaring her the patron saint of all schools and students in Canada.

We will be hosting an Open House at our new Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre, 9405 50 Street NW on October 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be a brief program at 10:30 a.m. that will repeat at 12:30 p.m. You are invited to come see our new common home.

On October 24, our Board of Trustees will be holding a Community of School Councils event at our new Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre. The evening will run from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and registration is required. Members of School Councils are invited to attend and share their opinions with the Board as they prepare to set new priorities for the next 3-year planning cycle. Contact your principal for registration information.

As part of the [Government of Alberta's K-6 curriculum renewal](#), Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are learning a new provincial curriculum in English Language Arts and Literature (K-3), Mathematics (K-3), and Physical Education and Wellness (K-6). Some ECSD classrooms are also taking part in piloting a draft curriculum in Science (K-6) and French Immersion Language Arts and Literature (K-3). Our Division has been preparing for implementation since the new curriculum was released in the Spring. Our priority is ensuring student success and supporting our teachers during implementation. Professional development for ECSD teachers will continue all year. Our Learning Services team hosted a livestream last month to unpack the new curriculum which can be viewed on our website at ecsd.net/curriculum.

I will leave you with a tweet from Pope Francis on September 15. He shared, "Grateful hearts overflowing with praise harbour no regrets, but welcome each day as a grace."

Have a wonderful October!

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin, Chief Superintendent

The Impact of Giving Thanks¹

By Fr. Glenn McDonald, CSB

The Gospel reading for Thanksgiving Sunday highlights the impact of our thanksgiving. Jesus encounters ten lepers who ask to be healed. He tells them, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”

In Jesus’ time, leprosy was treated as a spiritual condition, because there was no medical way to treat it, so a priest would determine if someone had been cured of leprosy or not.

The ten heed Jesus’ instruction and head off to see the priests. While on their way, they discover that they are healed. Of the ten, only one, a Samaritan, turns back and thanks Jesus for the healing; the other nine do not.

Jesus responds, somewhat hurt: “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?”

When I imagine myself in Jesus’ place, his reaction is like my own. We want to be thanked for *all* the work that we do, not just some of it. However, I think this Gospel story has a deeper message to teach us.

Imagine for a moment that you are Jesus. Replay the same scene of healing in your mind, but this time when you heal the ten, no one turns back. How do you feel?

The difference between being thanked by only one person and no one at all is enormous. Jesus continues to heal, not for the gratitude of the many, but because of the profoundly grateful few.

The experience of Jesus reminds us that the impact of our thanksgiving is greater than ourselves. Our words speak on behalf of all those who have received and create the future opportunity for others to receive also.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us joyfully give thanks and rejoice that we are creating a better future for others.

¹ I’d like to thank Joe Carr, a retired ECSD teacher, for inspiring this reflection.