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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



February 2022

Dear parents,

This month has been an interesting one to say the least. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic and its 5th wave, it has truly challenged all of us in so many ways. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for your continued support. We know how challenging it is to have to keep our students home due to illness or close contacts for extended periods of time. Please know that we are grateful for your families' sacrifices as they have not gone unnoticed. The start of the month presented itself with extreme cold conditions and as the temperatures have warmed up our classrooms have been able to take advantage of some outdoor activities such as snow shoeing and tobogganing. It is wonderful to see our students enjoying the outdoors on those nice winter days. We would like to thank the 4D classroom for taking on morning announcements during the month of January. They did a wonderful job! We especially loved your jokes of the day which got us started with a smile on our faces. We look forward to 2A announcements as they have a few surprises planned for our kindness month. The weekend of January 21st and 22nd our Parent Council Society ran a casino fundraiser for our school which was very successful despite the many hiccups due to the pandemic. The funds raised will support our school and our students with technology, library books, field trips and so much more. We would like to send a great big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that stepped up to cover a shift or two in order to make this a success. We would like to also extend a special thank you to our organizer, Livia Balone for taking on this task and steering it successfully amid the many restrictions at play. We invite all parents to join us for our next SAC meetings, the upcoming dates are: March 22nd, April 26th and May 24th . We are currently preparing our Virtual Open house and hope that you can invite family and friends to this event which will be streamed on February 10th at 6:30 pm. Join us! Finally, we would like to send out many prayers and blessings to all of those experiencing illness at the moment. We are thinking of you, we are praying for your prompt recover to health and wellness.

Señora Zelada
Principal

Ms. Coulombe
Assistant Principal

FOR EVERYONES SAFETY...

All students are asked to bring **two or three** masks to school each day. Please make sure your child has a case/Ziploc bag for clean masks and another for used masks.

Please be sure to complete the Daily Screening Questionnaire each morning. This can be found at ecsd.net.

POWERSCHOOL- OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Parents, please check your PowerSchool account to ensure that all your child/rens fees are up to date.

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.

MONTHLY BUS PASSES

Please note that payment for monthly bus passes is due **the 1st of each month**. Payments are to be made on-line through your parent PowerSchool account. Please make sure your payments are made before the due date.

REGULAR YELLOW BUS PASS..... \$36.75

FAMILY PLAN YELLOW BUS PASS...\$32.00

Transportation Information for Families

Transportation Services:

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:15 AM – 5:00 PM Thursday 7:15 AM – 4:00 PM

Phone: 780 441 6078

Email: transportationservices@ecsd.net

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Students

May be dropped off with a sibling in grade 6 or older or shall be returned to their school (if a parent or guardian is not at the stop) .

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 from your pick-up/drop off time and if the bus has not arrived, please call our office at 780 441 6078.

Bus Notifications

Bus delays or cancellations will be posted on the BusPlanner App. Changes only occur on Wednesdays and could take 2 – 3 weeks.

How will I be notified about transportation changes?

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

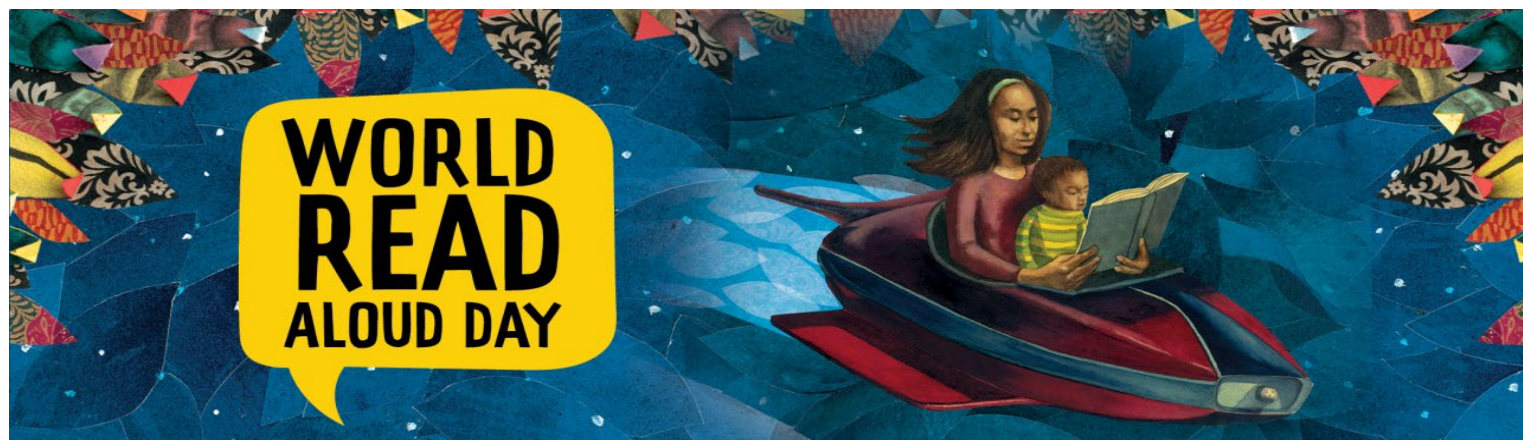
Address or contact changes.

Use the Transportation Change Form for changes (cancellation, new home address, daycare, phone, and/or email information). This form is available on our District website at www.ecsd.net

Cancelling Transportation

Email transportationservices@ecsd.net to cancel bussing.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY 2022 FEBRUARY 2nd, 2022



For 13 years, World Read Aloud Day has called attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience, and read-aloud! The global effort is now celebrated in over 173 countries and counting. World Read Aloud Day, created by the nonprofit organization [LitWorld](#) is all about bringing people together through stories and that will be more important than ever this year when the shared experience and connection of reading aloud is so needed in all of our communities.

WINTER WALK DAY



Wednesday February 2, 2022

***Open the
Door and
Go For
It!***



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady

of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Random Acts of Kindness Week, **February 13-19th**, is a week dedicated to kindness and taking that extra, conscious step to brighten somebody's day. It was created with the intention of encouraging more harmony and kindness between people by offering thoughtful gestures of kindness, no matter how big or small.

ST. HILDA'S GRADE 7 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

St. Hilda's Junior High will be hosting their virtual open house on **Wednesday, February 16th at 6: 30pm**. St Hilda's offers Accelerated Math and Accelerated Science Programs to incoming grade 7 students in September and will continue to expand by a grade each year as the students' progress through grade 8 and 9. Students have the opportunity to enroll in both programs, or simply one of the two. After graduating our 3-year program, successful students will have completed the junior high curriculum and have completed the equivalent of Math 10C and/or Science 10. Successful students will receive high school credit upon completion of their designated program. Completing high school courses sooner will give the students the ability to pursue other courses, free up another spare or two in high school, or to retake Math 10C and Science 10 with a comprehensive understanding and curricular confidence to achieve even higher grades.

LOUIS ST LAURENT GRADE 7 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Louis St. Laurent will be having their Junior High Virtual Open House at **6:00pm on Wednesday, February 16th**. At LSL, students receive outstanding academic instruction, a wealth of athletic opportunities and the opportunity to benefit from and participate in a Fine Arts program that will allow them to develop their talents and gifts.

FAMILY DAY

Just a reminder that **Monday, February 21st** is Family Day so there will be no school.

PINK SHIRT DAY

On **Wednesday, February 23rd** St. Teresa will be honouring Pink Shirt Day. Now a movement celebrated across the globe, Pink Shirt Day has humble beginnings. Inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia was inspired to raise funds to support anti-bullying programs. As the Pink Shirt Day movement grows each year, we not only see more and more people practicing kindness – both online and off.

JEAN FOREST ACADEMY GRADE 7 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Jean Forest Academy will be having their open house at **6:30pm on Wednesday, February 23rd**. The Jean Forest All-Girls Leadership Academy is a junior high that empowers young women to achieve academically and grow spiritually by developing their gifts and talents. By identifying female roles in society and understanding women's issues in learning, students enrolled in this program will receive a Christ-centred education which inspires young women to develop spirit, leadership, intellect, self-discovery, and service.

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION

On the morning of **Friday, February 25th** the Grade 6s will be having the second of their three rounds of immunizations.

THANK YOU!

To our staff for getting over 400 bags labelled, over 8000 masks counted, and over 400 kits put in bags. They arrived at 1:30 pm on a Friday and we had them all organized before the bell at 2:50pm. Thank you to all that helped, we could not have completed it without all the teamwork!



♥February 2022♥

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 *World Read Aloud Day *Winter Walk Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 *LSL Visits Grade 6s for Grade 7 Presentation	10 Virtual Open House @ 6:30pm	11 World Day of the Sick	12
13	14 ♥ Valentine's Day	15	16 St. Hilda's and LSL Grade 7 Online Open House	17	18	19
Random Acts of Kindness Week						
20	21 Family Day NO SCHOOL	22	23 Pink Shirt Day 	24	25 Grade 6 Immunization	26
27	28					

COMING UP IN MARCH

March 1st- Shrove Tuesday

March 2nd-Ash Wednesday

March 3rd& 4th-Teachers Convention-NO SCHOOL

March 8th- International Women's Day

March 13th-Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward

March 13th-19th-Numeracy Week

March 14th- Pi Day

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day

March 17th- Father Mike Mireau Youth Faith Day

March 20th- First Day of Spring

March 21st-World Poetry Day

March 24th- Demonstration of Learning

March 24th- Switch Day Thursday (Friday Schedule)

March 25th-Switch Day Friday (Thursday Schedule)

March 28th-April 1st-Spring Break-NO SCHOOL

April 4th-Back to School



YMCA BLUE QUILL



7am – 6pm

Qualified Educators

Interest Based Programming

Playing to Learn Curriculum

Physical Activity

Community Involvement

Family Support Worker

ELCC Centre

\$29.00/Day OSC

(Therefore monthly fees will vary)

\$35.25 /Day Kinder

(Therefore monthly fees will vary)

Now Accepting Registrations for Kinder to Grade 6 children

**Contact us today to secure
your child's attendance.**

Robin.McCulloch@northernalberta.ymca.ca

780-399-1536 | 780-437-1131



ECSD SCHOOL NIGHT

Bring your family and friends to an Edmonton Oilers game at Rogers Place and take advantage of special group-rate pricing! \$2 from every ticket purchased is donated back to the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation.



VS.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

PUCK DROP - 6:00 PM

STARTING
AT **\$70** +FEES

SEATING AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED

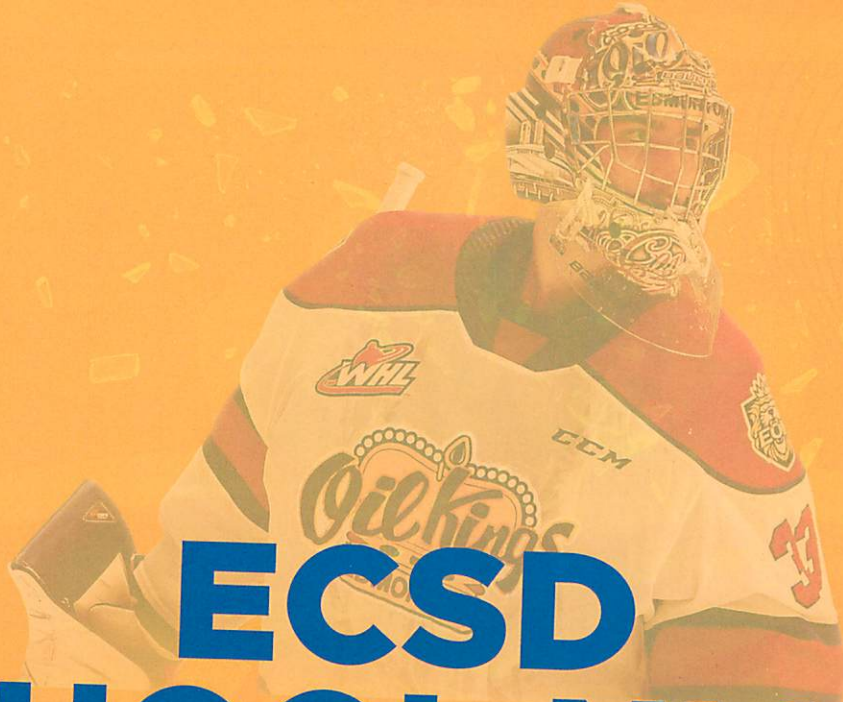
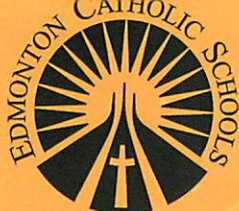
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Please review the Rogers Place Health & Safety Requirements and Bag Policy at [RogersPlace.com/Reopening-Guide](https://www.rogersplace.com/Reopening-Guide)



2021-22
GROUP SEATS



ECSD SCHOOL NIGHT



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022
2:00 PM

\$20 PER
TICKET
PURCHASE TODAY!

JOIN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ALONG WITH FAMILY AND
FRIENDS FOR A SCHOOL NIGHT AT ROGERS PLACE WITH THE
EDMONTON OIL KINGS!

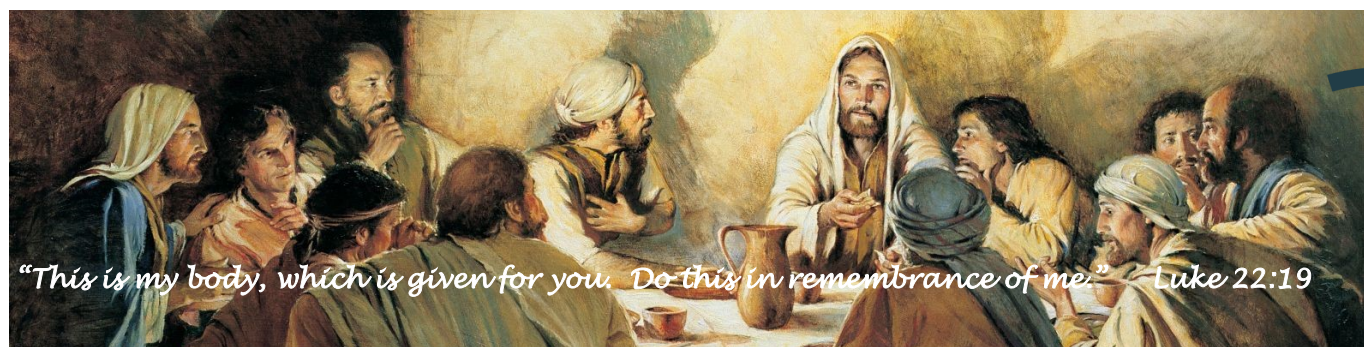
\$2 FROM EVERY TICKET PURCHASED IS DONATED BACK TO THE
EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION.

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PROMO CODE:
ECSDNIGHT

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AND BAG POLICY AT [ROGERSPLACE.COM/REOPENING-GUIDE](https://rogersplace.com/reopening-guide)



"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Preparation for The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Dear Parents,

The Church requires children to celebrate their First Reconciliation before receiving First Communion.



"The First Communion of children must always be preceded by Sacramental Confession and absolution."

(p. 39 Redemptions Sacramentum)

Both Sacraments may be celebrated in Grade 2

From the day of your baptism, the Church prepared a place for you at the table of the Lord.

Every Sunday the baptized people gather around this table. And now you are called to come to that table, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



**Jesus said to his disciples.
"Do this in remembrance of me."**



Drop in registration for Grades 2/3/4
Visit the parish to register your child for
Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Anytime during regular office hours:

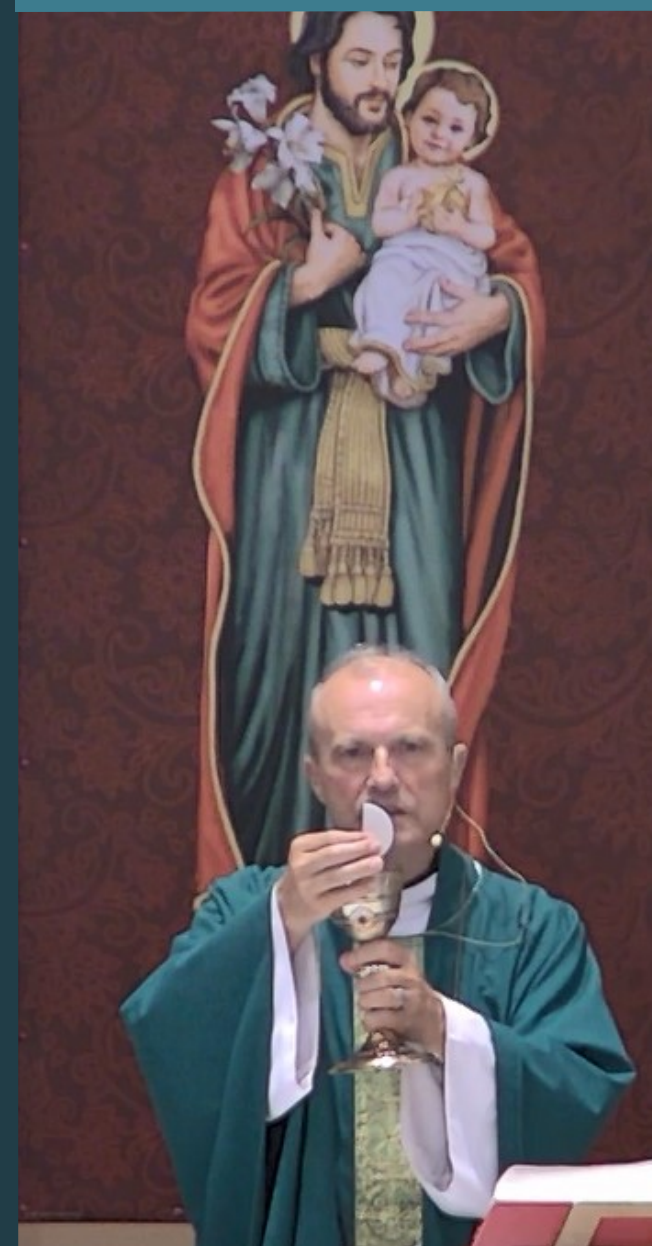
**Monday - Friday.
9am - 2pm**

Please bring:

- completed, signed registration form
- child's Baptism certificate (copy)
- \$20 for resource materials

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
210 Haddow Close
Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3
780-434-6313**

**Please register by:
Friday, January 14, 2022**





WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST

When is my child ready to share in Sacramental Communion?

Usually by the age of 7 a child can distinguish between ordinary bread and wine and the Eucharist. It is the parent's role, as primary faith educators of their children, to discern whether their child is ready at an earlier or later age to share in Sacramental Communion.

Sharing faith with children is a real joy, and takes time and commitment. Regular participation in Sunday Mass with your family is a critical part of the preparation process.

Attend Sunday Mass weekly!

Mass Times at St. Thomas More

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm

for
**Mass Times within the Edmonton
Archdiocese**
visit
www.caedm.ca

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2022

Children's Reconciliation Workbooks

Workbooks can be picked up from the office upon submitting completed registration. Video lesson plans/sessions (YouTube videos) from St. Thomas More Parish to help parents work through the workbooks with their children are found online at the STM website:

<https://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION

All children will celebrate their First Reconciliation the week before their scheduled First Holy Communion Mass

Reconciliation (Confession)

Reconciliation is scheduled for:
Saturday, June 4 from 10 am to 12pm



Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for all my sins
because they displease you.
You, who are all good
and deserving of all my love.
With your help I will sin no more.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Children's Holy Eucharist Workbooks

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All children will celebrate their First Holy Communion by school groupings, on two Sundays in June,, on the

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

(Sunday, June 12, 2022)

2:00 pm First Communion Eucharist

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Sunday, June 19, 2022)

2:00 pm First Communion Eucharist

Children will be grouped according to their school cohorts. First Communion is a special celebration. Girls typically wear white dresses and boys wear a white shirt and dress pants.

We always come to church in our Sunday best!