

November 2021



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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día

Dear parents,

October was a very eventful month. We would like to thank our grade ones for guiding us in prayer every morning this month! Your prayers were very thoughtful, and it was wonderful to see how well prepared you were. Excellent job grade ones!

The first week of October was READ IN week, it was full of activities for our students to promote reading and literacy. We concluded the week with a fun day where staff and students dressed up as their favourite book character! We saw so many book characters come to life in our school, such as Pete the Cat, Pinkalicious, Geronimo Stilton and the Paper Bag Princess.

Our school was also featured on Global news for the cards that our students wrote to front line workers at the Grey Nuns and University Hospitals, sending them messages of gratitude and hope. We are so proud of you St. Teresa students!

Our Thanksgiving Day celebration was led by our grade threes. We had the opportunity to come together online and give thanks for all of the gifts and blessings we receive daily. It was a beautiful celebration where we joined Fr. Glenn our Division Chaplain online.

On October 15th during our morning announcements, we commemorated our patron Saint, St. Teresa of Avila. We remembered her life and her many prayers and the importance of her example in our own lives.

We then finished our month by having some Halloween fun on the afternoon of Friday October 29th.

We are looking forward to having our grade six students lead us in prayer and announcements during the month of November.

Our online Christmas concert is also slowly coming to shape as Mrs. MacGregor is planning and organizing this exciting event! Stay tuned!

Many Blessing to everyone!

Señora 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!

LATE COMING TO SCHOOL?

Parents, if your child is late for school they need to come through the front door. (Only the student may enter the school.) The office staff will let them in and check them into attendance. They are to make their way to class, not to the office. We will not be signing agendas for late students.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (S.A.C.) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On **Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00pm** we will be having a Virtual School Advisory (S.A.C.) AGM Meeting. All parents are free to attend. Log in and hear what is happening at your child's school.



On **Wednesday, November 10th at 2:15pm** we will be having our Virtual Remembrance Day Celebration. We will be joining to recognize the many soldiers who have given their lives over time for our many rights and freedoms. For a donation, students may purchase a poppy, we will have them in the general office starting on October 29th.

On **Thursday, November 11th, 2020**
there will be **NO SCHOOL** for students.

FALL BREAK

Edmonton Catholic Schools will, for the first time, be having a Fall Break. Students will not be attending school from **Thursday, November 11th till Monday, November 15th**. They are back to school on **Tuesday, November 16th**.

Enjoy your Fall Break!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Our picture retake day is **Wednesday, November 17th**. Please ensure that the teacher is aware if the student was absent during the first picture day or if they will be needing retakes.

VIRTUAL DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING

Parents and students are invited to our Virtual Demonstration of Learning that will be held on **Thursday, November 25th**. Your child's teacher will inform you of how they will present it.

PURDYS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER



Can you help us reach our fundraising goals?

We get 25% back in fundraising profits from every sale—
and you get chocolates crafted in Canada with
premium-quality ingredients and 100% sustainable cocoa.

ORDER ONLINE:

1. Sign in or create a new supporter account either by clicking the link
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx>
2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number below on the registration page.
3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter the number below into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
4. Click on **JOIN CAMPAIGN**.
5. **CUSTOMER NUMBER 57163**

PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

Monday, November 22, 2021

PICK UP ORDERS ON:

Thursday, December 10th, 2021

AT:

St. Teresa School

SCHOLASTICS ON-LINE BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastics Book Fair will be held online over the dates of **Monday, November 22nd to Saturday, December 5th**. This is the individual link for our school's Book Fair: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166216>.

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It's Almost Time for our Virtual Book Fair!

Get ready!

Soon you will be able to explore exciting new books to enhance your home library and inspire the young readers in your life! Hundreds of books, carefully chosen to delight kids of all reading levels, will be waiting for you when our virtual doors open!

- REMEMBER! Every purchase earns valuable Book Fair Rewards that can be used to support our students.
 - Shop any time! Your fair is open 24 hours, beginning at midnight on your start date!
 - No shipping fees! Orders are sent directly to our school.
- *Free shipping where available, some restrictions may apply*

Your Virtual Book Fair Dates

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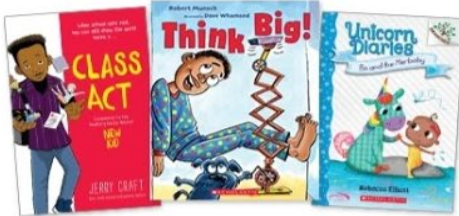
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Watch Book Highlights ▶

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GROWING SMILES CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS AND POINSETTAS FUNDRAISER

Order Deadline:

Wed, Nov 24 (12:00 AM)
(in 22 days)

Confirmed Pickup Dates:

City:

Friday, Dec 10 (in 5 weeks)
Edmonton



Welcome to Our

WINTER FUNDRAISER

Growing Smiles
FUNDRAISER

St. Teresa Elementary School

We are again having the Growing Smiles Christmas Poinsettias and Christmas Arrangements Fundraiser. Please follow this link to our fundraising page and thank you for helping your child's school.:<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstes.growingsmilesfundraising.com%2Fhome&data=04%7C01%7CMarian.MacArthur%40ecsd.net%7C05b997ffa7d14180b0d008d99d7343e7%7Cb18d9f6f0743460da19b0b3297eeeb89%7C0%7C0%7C637713940642616721%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTEl6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BWdxLtuaUbK12zxlvSVQXZPFZQGYQ%2BbgwzLVobKNwx4%3D&reserved=0>

TERRY FOX RUN

We raised over \$1200.00 within the school, and online donations for this worthy cause. **Way to go St. Teresa!**



BOOK CHARACTER DAY







ROYAL PIZZA NIGHT

ROYAL PIZZA

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Royal Pizza Fundraiser Night! All money raised will go towards the support of schoolwide activities.





November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Dia De los Muertos Presentation(AM)	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Ends Fall Back	8	9 SAC Annual General Meeting 7pm	10 Remembrance Day Celebration @ 2:15pm	11 NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day 	12 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL	13
Veteran's Week						
14	15 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL	16	17 Picture Retake Day	18	19	20
21	22 Last Day to Order for Purdy's Fundraiser	23	24	25 *Last Day to order Growing Smiles *Demonstration of Learning	26	27
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR						
28 *First Sunday of Advent *Holodomor Memorial Day	29 First Candle of Advent Lighting on morning Announcements Inline Skating Starts	30				
	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR					



December 1st-Grade 6 Immunization

December 5th-Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th-Last Day of the Book Fair

December 8th-Immaculate Conception

December 12th-Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th-Santas Workshop Dress up Day

December 14th-Red & Green Day

December 15th-Christmas Sweater Day

December 16th-Santa's Breakfast

December 16th-Pajama Day

December 16th-Switch Day Full Day

December 16th-Virtual Christmas Celebration

December 17th- Switch Day Half Day-11:30 am dismissal

December 18th to January 3rd-Christmas Break

January 4th-Back to School (Tuesday)

God Calls Us



EACH BY NAME

November 2021

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9***

The month of November is one which is permeated with solemnity and deep reflection. We begin the month with All Saints' and All Souls' Days and reflect upon humankind's journey to God's kingdom. On Remembrance Day, our thoughts turn to those who have made the greatest of sacrifices to bring peace to the world. We end the month by commemorating Holodomor, the Ukrainian genocide under the Stalin regime. This can be quite a heavy mindset for the month, but it provides us with good opportunities to reflect on our own lives. In 2018, Pope Francis released an apostolic exhortation, [Gaudete and Exsultate \(Rejoice and be Glad\)](#), which was a call to holiness in our lives. It is a call to us to use our unique and special gifts to live our lives with love and bear witness in everything we do. Our Religious Education Department created [summaries of each of the chapters](#) of this exhortation to help unpack its meaning. You can find them, and so many other wonderful faith resources in the [Faith Alive](#) section of our public website.

The call to serve in political office is a special vocation. On the heels of the municipal election, we are so pleased to have so many of our Board of Trustees back for another term. This Board has served as effective and thoughtful advocates and stewards of Edmonton Catholic Schools. I know that the next four years will continue to be highly collaborative, insightful, innovative, and respectful. Please join me in congratulating Terry Harris (Ward 71), Sandra Palazzo (Ward 72), Debbie Engel (Ward 74), Alene Mutala (Ward 75), Lisa Turchansky (Ward 76), and Laura Thibert (Ward 77). Ward 73 is without a trustee at this time. We will share more information regarding next steps to the vacancy as they unfold. In the interim, the schools in Ward 73 have all been assigned to other trustees as follows:

Terry Harris: St. Bernadette, St. Nicholas, St. Jerome

Sandra Palazzo: Father Leo Green, JJ Bowlen, St. Dominic

Debbie Engel: St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Maria Goretti

Alene Mutala: St. Alphonsus, Ben Calf Robe/St. Clare, St. Francis of Assisi

Lisa Turchansky: St. Gerard, St. Vladimir, St. Leo

Laura Thibert: Cardinal Collins Clareview, St. Bonaventure, Anne Fitzgerald

November 7 is Catholic Education Sunday. The theme for the year, which is established by the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, is *Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together*. In their letter for the day, they share that "(Catholic Education Sunday) provides us with an opportunity to recognize the vibrant faith that is the foundation of our Catholic schools and encourages us to reflect with gratitude on the countless blessings to be found within the Catholic educational community. You can read their full letter by [clicking here](#). ECSD is very excited to be piloting a Fall Break for the first time from November 11-15, 2021. We hope that this opportunity for a break in the hectic pace of everyone's busy lives will be restorative and rejuvenating for all.

I leave you with a final thought from Pope Francis that reflects our call to holiness: "The response of faith demands that we be active in our love for God and in our love of neighbour." (10/29/21)

Sincerely,

Robert Martin, Chief Superintendent



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ALL SAINTS' DAY IS OUR FEAST DAY



All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. All Saints' Day emphasizes the universality of the call to sanctity. If we isolate a given saint - Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Dominic Savio, Teresa of Calcutta, John Paul II - they can seem so far beyond us. But All Saints Day emphasizes not only canonized saints but also all the ordinary people, forgotten to history, who God has remembered as saintly. And it reminds us that being a saint is the ordinary goal of Christian life. Everything in the Church - preaching, teaching, scripture, sacraments, the Eucharist, everything - is meant to conduce to the place where we become saints.

All Saints' Day is dedicated to the Saints of the Church, that is, all those who are in heaven. The word saint means "holy one" and all of us are called to be holy. In that sense, this is also our Feast Day, because we are all joined, in and through Jesus Christ, in the communion of saints.

Some holy men and women who have died in the Lord, and lived exemplary lives of proven virtue, including martyrs and those who obviously loved the Lord with all of their hearts, have been canonized by the Church. They are the Saints, with a "capital S". They are our models, witnesses of faith. They are also intercessors, praying for us before our Heavenly Father. This feast honours all the saints of the Church, known and unknown.

Let us look at some interesting definitions of what a saint is. A saint is a person who begins each day with these words: "May the image of Jesus radiate through me this day in each life situation." A saint is a person who prays each day that she be used as an instrument of God's love to bear the burdens of God's children. A saint is a forgiven sinner. A saint is one who makes it easier for others to believe in God. A saint is a sinner who keeps trying.

In a family that was torn apart with hostility, the father, an elderly lawyer, asked a young artist for her advice. She replied, "Here is my prescription. Unless you want to end by killing each other, someone has to say the first gentle word. And you are the one who has the least time left." The true Christian, who is called to be a saint, is always the one who says the gentle word first - the word that breaks the ice and leads to reconciliation. After all, did not God in Christ take the first step in reaching out to us with forgiveness?

A saint is the one who says the gentle word first. A saint is a letter God writes with the Holy Spirit not on paper but on the hearts of people.

I invite you today to learn more about All Saints' Day. I invite you to choose a saint, learn about their life, their conversion, their prayer life, their love of God and the neighbour. Then, pray to that saint that they may intercede before God so that you and I may grow in holiness every day. Heaven is our final destination. Becoming a saint is our ultimate goal.

Fr. Julian Bilyj
ECSD Chaplain