ÉCOLE ESCUELA **Holy Child** CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Information for the Week of October 18-24

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Non-Operational Day NO SCHOOL 19	20	21	Hispanic Heritage Month: Learning and Celebrating Together Wear Blue to Celebrate Catholic Education Early Dismissal @11:50 am No Kindergarten programming 22	23

No School – Monday, October 19

A reminder to families that there is no school on Monday, October 19, as Alberta's Provincial Referendum takes place that day.

Angela Hall – Artist is Residence

We are excited to welcome Angela Hall as our Artist in Residence at Holy Child!
Through this meaningful, collaborative art experience, students in all grades will work together to create seven Indigenous-themed mandalas, or sacred circles, using acrylic paints and mixed media.

Throughout the project, students will explore the Seven Sacred Teachings, treaty relationships with the natural world, and Indigenous traditions and customs connected to the land. They will draw inspiration from Indigenous Ways of Knowing, animals, nature, and community while expressing their own ideas and creativity through art.

Students will develop their understanding of visual art elements, including line, shape, colour, and texture, while exploring patterns, repetition, and balance in their mandala designs. They will also have opportunities to reflect on their creations, share their thinking, and learn from one another through discussion and visual storytelling.

FINAL WEEK - Fall Social Justice Project

At Holy Child School, we believe that living our faith means caring for others and putting our faith into action. As part of our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and social justice, we are proud to support **Kids Kottage Edmonton**, which provides a safe and supportive place for children and families in our community experiencing a crisis.

This is our final week of collecting donations, with our school-wide collection wrapping up on October 23! A heartfelt thank you to all the families who have already contributed. Your generosity is helping us show compassion, kindness, and love to children and families who need our support.

Each class has been invited to collect specific items for donation:

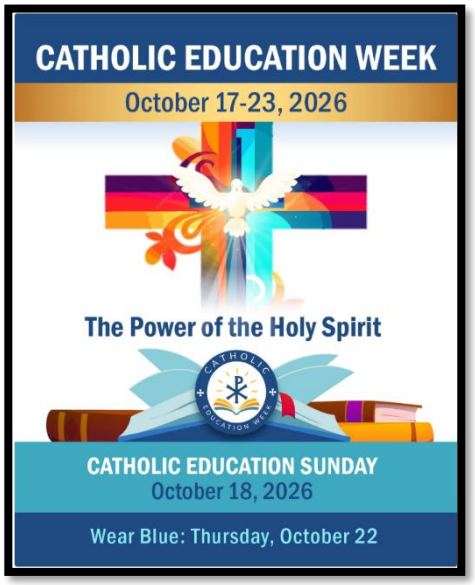
- **Kindergarten:** Dry pasta, rice, and pasta sauce
- **Grade 1:** Canned fruit and vegetables
- **Grade 2:** Cereal
- **Grade 3:** Applesauce, fruit pouches, and 1L juice boxes
- **Grade 4:** Crackers and granola bars
- **Grade 5:** Baby food
- **Grade 6:** Baby and children's toiletries, including children's toothpaste, toothbrushes, unscented baby wipes, children's body wash, and shampoo

We encourage families to participate in whatever way they are able. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. This project is also a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn that we are called to care for one another and be a light in our community.

Thank you for helping us put our faith into action and for showing our students the importance of compassion, generosity, and caring for others. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in our community!

Catholic Education Week

From October 17-23, we celebrate the gift of Catholic Education and the community it creates. Catholic Education Week is a time to root ourselves in Christ and to honour the sacred partnership that helps form the minds and hearts of our children.



This year's theme, The Power of the Holy Spirit, reminds us that God's presence is at work in our Catholic schools, guiding and strengthening us as we help our students grow in faith and discover their God-given talents.

Wear Blue on Thursday, October 22
You are also encouraged to wear blue on Thursday, October 22 to celebrate Catholic education. Blue is a powerful symbol of constancy, fidelity, genuineness, and aspiration. It also holds a special connection to the Blessed Virgin Mary, making it a fitting choice during October, the month of the rosary.

Thank you for your support of Catholic education and choosing Edmonton Catholic Schools. We are honoured that you have entrusted us with providing

General Information

Please continue to update the office about changes to after school transportation plans

To help us continue to ensure the safety of all students, it is very important that families please inform the school of any changes to their child's after-school transportation plans, particularly if they will not be taking the bus on a given day. Keeping an updated list of bus riders allows us to account for every student and ensure they get home safely.

School Fees

School fees are posted to your child's PowerSchool account.
The annual school fees are as follows:

- **Kindergarten:** $30.00
- **Grades 1 to 6:** $50.00

Additional fees may apply throughout the year for grade-specific learning opportunities and resources, such as bus passes, field trips, and other activities.

School fees are due by November 30, 2026.

All school fee payments must be completed online through PowerSchool.
We understand that managing expenses can be challenging, so partial payments are available to help make payments more manageable for families.

A heartfelt thank you to the families who have already paid their school fees! Your support helps us plan and provide meaningful presentations, resources, and learning opportunities that extend and enhance our students' learning experiences.

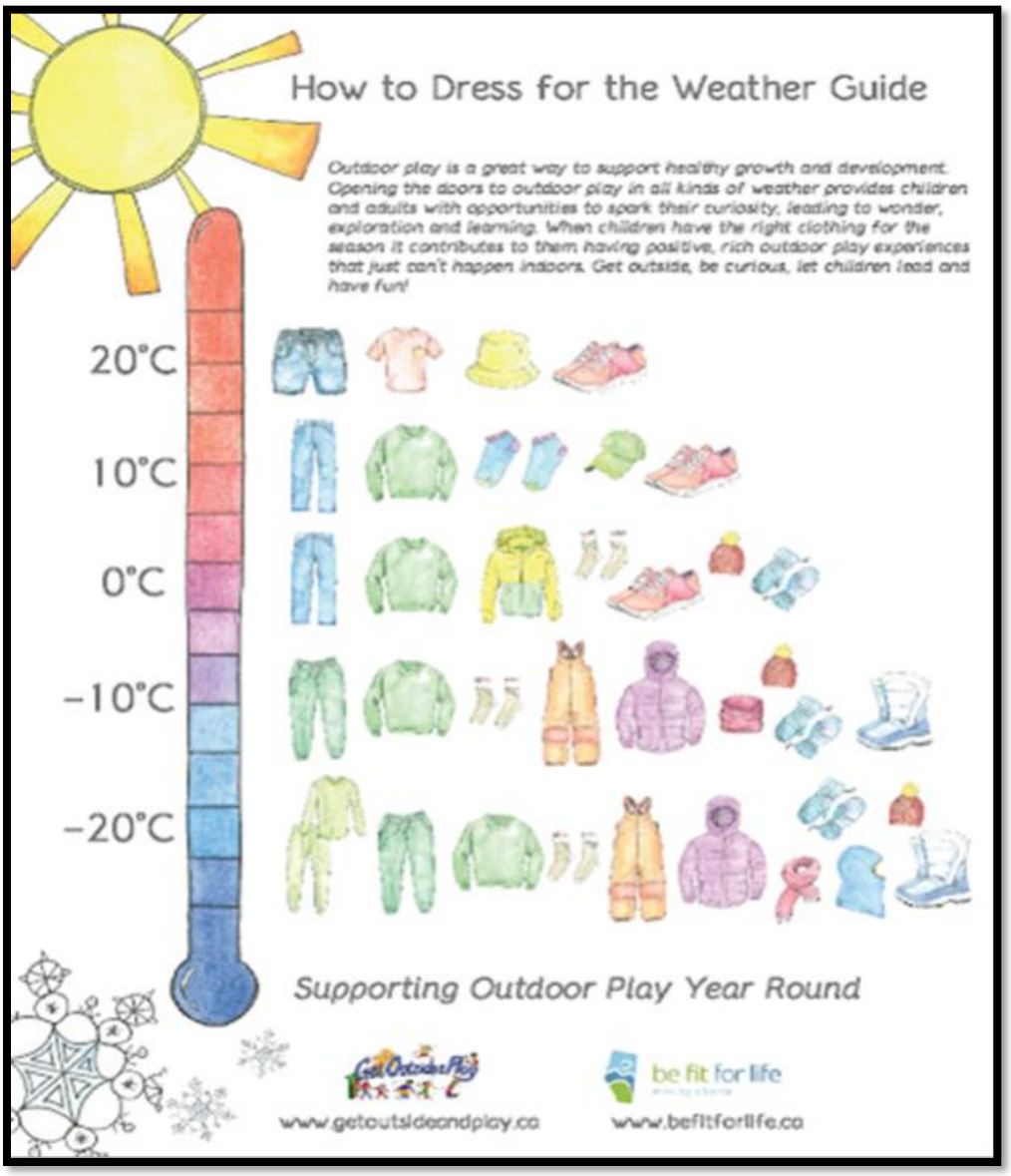
Inclement Weather – ECSD's Administrative Procedure

The health and safety of students is a paramount consideration in the organization of outdoor activities and recess.

1. Decisions regarding outdoor activities are to take into consideration inclement weather that may result from the following conditions or combination of conditions:
   1.1 Continuous rain,
   1.2 Extreme wind,
   1.3 Extreme cold and/or
   1.4 Air Quality
2. The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder.

• Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton can be consulted at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html
You may also choose to phone Environment Canada at (780) 468-4940 (English) or (780) 495-2145 (French).

• During inclement weather (e.g. temperatures below -20oC with windchill) students will be permitted in the school at 7:50 am. Indoor supervisors will be assigned to supervise areas inside the school. Outside supervision will still occur.
• Recess will occur indoors during inclement weather. Students will remain in their homeroom classes and schedules may be prepared for classes to access the gym during indoor recess breaks.
• Late arrivals: all students are asked to enter the main doors.
• Students are to re-enter the school at the end of the day if they miss their bus, parent pick up is late, etc.



Cold & Flu Season

As we head into cold and flu season, we kindly ask families to help us keep our school community healthy and safe.



If your child has a fever, an upset stomach/vomiting, or is experiencing an active, persistent cough or phlegm, please keep them home to rest and recover.

Sending children back to school when they are feeling better helps reduce the spread of illness and protects our students, staff, and families—especially those who may be more vulnerable to infection.

Thank you for helping us create a healthy, caring, and safe school community!

Holy Child School Council and Fundraising Society Information

Holy Child School Council and Fundraising Society are excited to invite all families to the upcoming Family Movie Night on Friday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m.!

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a fun evening together and connect with our school community.

Tickets can be purchased through PowerSchool. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the event.

We hope you can join us for a fun night filled with movie magic, laughter, and community spirit.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Organized by our School Council and Fundraising Society, hot lunches offer families a convenient option for lunch roughly once a month throughout the school year.

Ordering is easy through healthyhunger.ca. Families can choose to order for just one hot lunch, a few dates, or all available dates — whatever works best for your family!

Thank you for supporting our Hot Lunch Program and the efforts of our School Council and Fundraising Society. We appreciate your participation and look forward to sharing another great year of hot lunches with our school community!



Mark Your Calendar

October 30 – Halloween Parade (pm)
October 30 - Hot Lunch ***more information to follow***
November 3 – All Souls' Day - Day of the Dead/ Dia de Muertos
November 9 – Picture Retakes
November 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony – Holy Child @1:15 pm
November 11 - Remembrance Day – no school
November 12 - Fall Break – no school
November 13 - Fall Break – no school
November 14-20 - Métis Week / Rock Your Mocs
November 16 - Métis Day
November 24 –Parent Council Meeting
November 25 & 26 - Scholastic Bookfair
November 26 - Demonstration of Learning (1:30-5:30)
November 27 – Holy Child PD Day – no school
December 4 – Hot Lunch
December 8 – Second Year Principal Mentorship (AM)
December 15 – Advent Celebration - Holy Child @1:15 pm
December 16 & 17 - Christmas Market
December 17 – Full Day – dismissal at 3:00 pm
December 18 – Early Dismissal at 11:50 am
December 21 – January 3 - Christmas Break
January 4 - Welcome back
January 6 – Epiphany Celebration - Holy Child @1:15 pm

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Division Information

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St Joseph Basilica Parish Information

St. Joseph Basilica