ÉCOLE ESCUELA **Holy Child** CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Information for the Week of October 11-17

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL 12	13	Picture Day 14	Early Dismissal @11:50 am No Kindergarten programming 15	16

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for the harvest, the good things in our lives, and the people who make our lives special. It is celebrated each year on the second Monday in October.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and spending time with the people who matter most. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the many things we are thankful for, whether it be family, friends, good health, or the wonderful community we share.

From all of us, we wish our students and families a very happy Thanksgiving! We hope you enjoy the long weekend, take time to relax and make special memories with loved ones, and find plenty of reasons to be thankful.

Picture Day – Wednesday, October 14

Picture Day is just around the corner.
Students are invited to come dressed in their outfit of their choice.
Don't forget to bring your biggest smile. We can't wait to capture some special memories of our Holy Child students.

No School – Monday, October 19

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

We hope all of our families enjoy the long weekend and have a safe and relaxing day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday, October 20.

Optimal Learning and School Education Plan in Action at Holy Child

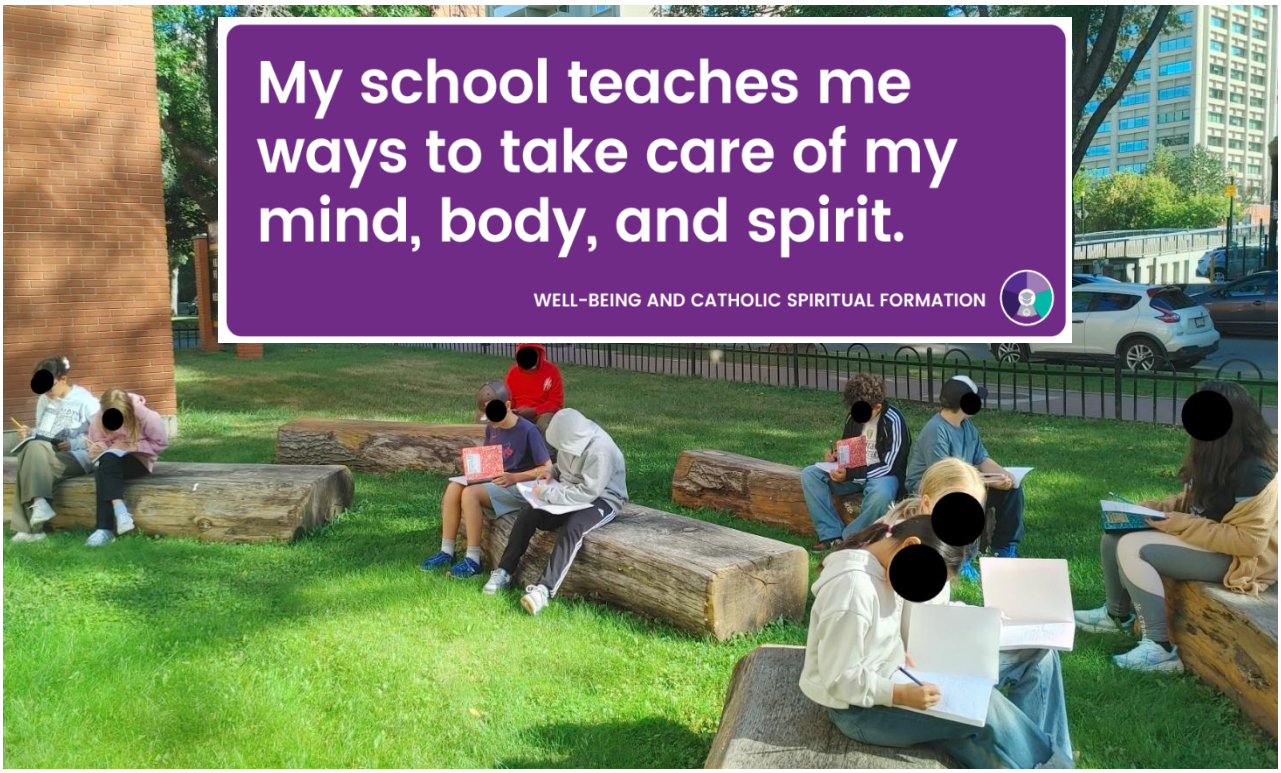
We began the school year focusing on our goal of ensuring that students experience the Catholic faith as a living presence in all aspects of school life.

Goal: Students will experience the Catholic faith as a living presence, woven into learning, relationships, and daily experiences across all aspects of school life. ▼

At Holy Child, we are bringing this goal to life by helping students grow in their Catholic faith through learning activities, conversations about faith and values, and exploring what we can learn from Jesus. We also encourage students to put their faith into action by helping others, showing kindness, and caring for God's creation through social justice activities.
Together, we are nurturing a community where faith is lived each day through our learning, relationships, and actions. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to grow in faith and learning at Holy Child!


My school helps me grow in my Catholic faith through learning activities.
CATHOLIC FAITH PERMEATING


At my school, we talk about faith, values, and what we can learn from Jesus.
CATHOLIC FAITH PERMEATING


My school teaches me ways to take care of my mind, body, and spirit.
WELL-BEING AND CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL FORMATION


At my school, I learn to help others and care for the world through social justice activities.
CATHOLIC FAITH PERMEATING
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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 excited to begin a school-wide project to support **Kids Kottage Edmonton**.

Kids Kottage provides a safe and supportive place for children and families in our community who are experiencing a crisis. Through this project, we have an opportunity to show compassion, generosity, and love to children who need our support.
Each class will be invited to collect specific items that can be donated to *Kids Kottage*. Every contribution, big or small, can make a difference. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn that we are called to care for one another and to be a light in our community.

Our donation collection will take place from **October 9 to October 23**.
Items to collect:

- **Kindergarten:** Dry pasta and rice, 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: children's toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, baby wipes (unscented), children's body wash & shampoo.

We encourage families to participate in whatever way they are able. Most importantly, we hope this project helps our students understand that social justice begins with compassion, kindness, and a willingness to help others.

Thank you for helping us put our faith into action and for showing our students the importance of caring for others in our community.

General Information

Updating 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 now posted to your child's PowerSchool account.

The annual school fees are:

- **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.
Partial payments are available to help make payment more manageable for families.
All school fee payments must be completed online through PowerSchool.

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.

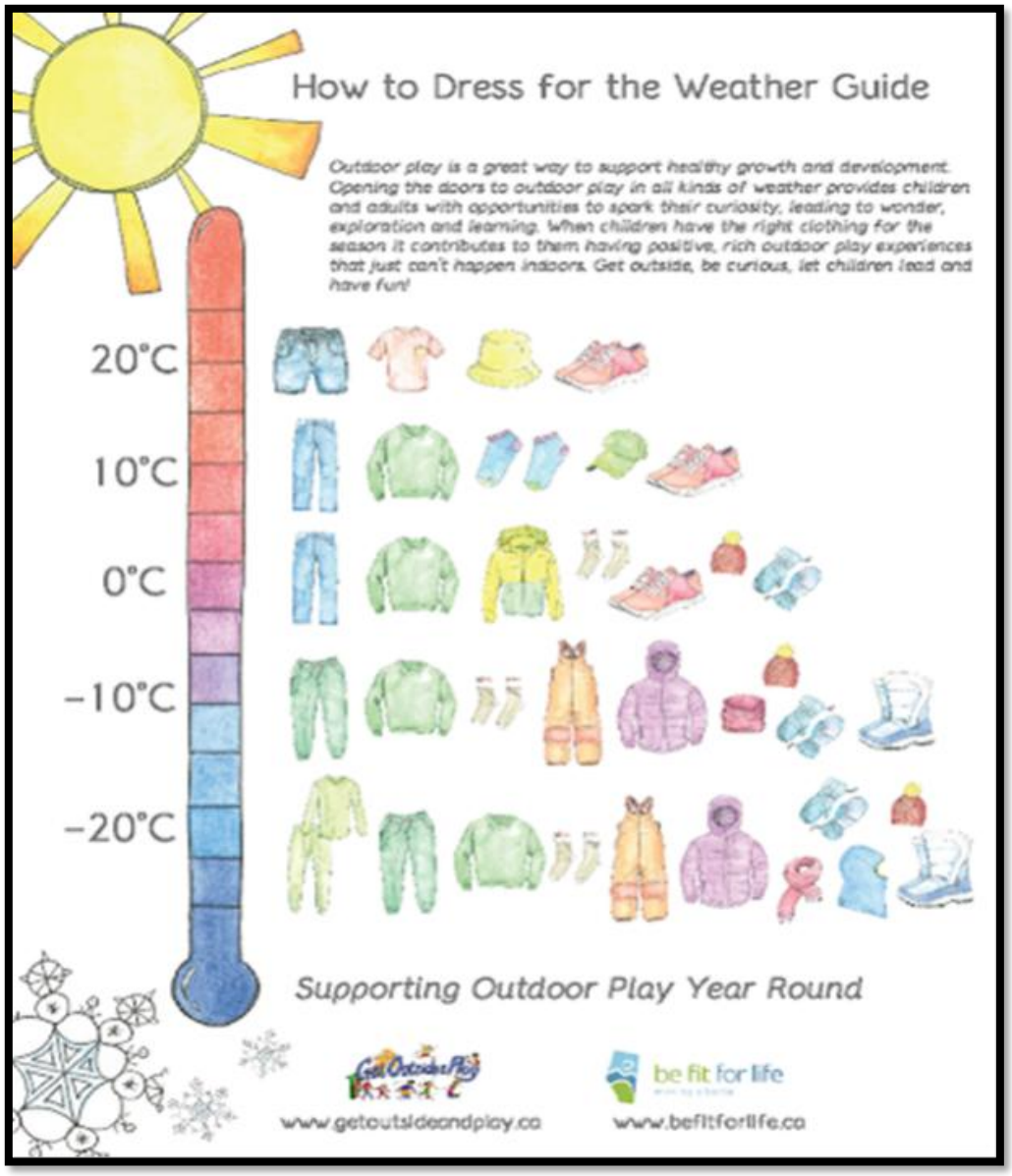
• Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton can be consulted at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html
You may also choose to phone Environment Canada at (780) 468-4940 (English) or (780) 495-2145 (French).

• 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 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!



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.

Catholic Education Sunday on October 18
This special day brings together home, school, and parish, reminding us that we share in the sacred responsibility of nurturing our children in mind, body, and spirit.

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

Mark Your Calendar

October 19 – Non-Operational Day – no school
October 20 - November 6 – Artist in Residence - Angela Hall
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