



Holy Child

October 2023



Principal's Message

Hola! Bonjour!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A big thank you to all the students, parents, and staff who attended our "Meet the Teacher" event on Wednesday, September 27, 2023! We would also like to extend special thanks to our Holy Child parent council and Goodfellow & Schuett Law for sponsoring the food trucks for this event as well. Community sponsorship such as this is amazing and truly appreciated. We are looking forward to engaging with you during other opportunities we have during this school year!

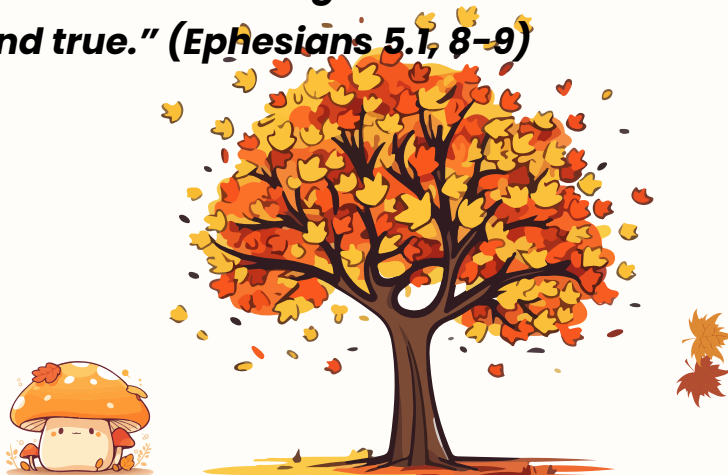
This week we are also celebrating "Read-In-Week" and we would like to extend a warm thanks to all the guest readers we are having in our school. Please note that our Grade 5/6 book sale is also taking place and classes are having the opportunity to purchase books for a loonie or a toonie! Proceeds support the Grade 6 year end field trip to Birch Bay Ranch. Thank you in advance for supporting this student-centered activity.

"Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true." (Ephesians 5:1, 8-9)



Take care and God bless.

Madame Christine Samson,
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 2 – Truth and Reconciliation observed – **NO SCHOOL**
– Custodian Appreciation Day

- Oct. 3 – Oct. 6 – Read In Week
- Oct. 4 – Apple Orders Due on PowerSchool
- Oct. 6 – Dress as your favorite book character
- Oct. 9 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL**

Thanksgiving



- Oct 10 – Gr. 6 Immunization – AM
– Thanksgiving Celebration at the Basilica – 1:15 pm
– PAC meeting in the library 6 to 7:30 pm

- Oct. 16 – **PICTURE DAY**
- Oct. 19 – Apple Fundraiser Pickup
- Oct. 24 – Gr. 2 In School Fieldtrip – Sound and Light
- Oct. 27 – **Hot Lunch – ORDER AT HEALTHYHUNGER.CA**
– Gr. 4 Bible Celebration – 2:00 pm
- Oct. 31 – Halloween Parade 11:00 am
– Gr. 1 to 3 visiting Rosedale Manor Seniors



Did you know that October is...

Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month?



Stay tuned for some upcoming events!

LIVING OUR FAITH



FOCUS ON TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

All Division schools and sites observed Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29. The Government of Canada has proclaimed September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day will honor survivors, their families, and their communities. Our school will be donating to the Coyote Club, which is an Indigenous after school club for Indigenous students where they learn cultural games. Thank you for all of your support in making this happen. Thank you to Ms. Eve Molina for her leadership in organizing this and a classroom reflection activity for this special day.



TERRY FOX RUN



On Friday, September 22, all Holy Child students ran the Terry Fox Run at school. Whether they ran to the river valley, around the block, or around the school field, there were so many smiles all around! Thanks to your generous donations, we have sent OVER \$200 to the Terry Fox Foundation. A huge thanks to the dozens of parents and family members who came to cheer on the students, and help out on the course!



WORLD TEACHER DAY



Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of our teachers. They work hard to help elevate our knowledge, and with this prayer, we hope our appreciation for them reaches their hearts. Thank You for blessing us with teachers who are not only selfless, but motivators who help us



find purpose and meaning in school.

On October 5th we celebrate World Teachers' Day, giving thanks to our Holy Child teachers for all the love, support and guidance they provide to our students.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

On Monday September 25th, 15 students from grades 4-6 participated in the ECSD cross-country run! All students put their best effort into the run and made our school proud! Here are the students who received placement ribbons:

Scarlett C – First Place for the 9 year old girls

Norah O – Fifth place for the 9 year old girls

Esmé G – 9th place for the 11 year old girls



Congratulations to all our cross-country runners!



123, 321 Holy Child Lynx!

CUSTODIAL STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

On Monday, October 2, Edmonton Catholic Schools will celebrate **Custodial and Facilities Staff Appreciation Day**. This day holds special significance as we take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the custodial and facilities staff who work tirelessly to maintain safe, clean, and welcoming environments in our schools and sites. Our students and staff acknowledged their contributions through writing many thank you cards to the custodial staff! We truly appreciate how they contribute to our school community, and we are blessed to work with them each day.



**THANK YOU MR. BRUCE, MR. ROD & MS. ETALAM
for all you do for us at Holy Child School!!**



READ IN WEEK

Holy Child will be celebrating Read In Week 2023 from October 3rd to October 6th. The theme for Read In Week this year is: **READ IN Reimagined!** This week marks a special time of the year, where we take the opportunity every day to explore new and different books. During this exciting event, our hope is to continue nurturing a passion for reading in our students.

Please contact your child's teacher directly if you would like to read to your their class.



NEWS FROM 3A

The month of September was a busy month for the grade 3A class! Some highlights were writing, drawing and reading kind messages to our Star Students in French and then compiling our kind messages into booklets that Star Students brought home. Students also practiced writing resumes and dressing up in professional attire for their very realistic classroom job interviews. Mostly, students are looking forward to next month, where they get paid to go to school (with pretend money) and learn about the value of money by paying for "rent, bills, groceries, taxes, vacations, etc.) Students also began working on their yearlong Social Studies project that they will present to the school community and parents at the end of the year. Through project-based learning, student will apply what they have learned about India, Peru, Ukraine and Tunisia and work in groups to create their own invented countries. Each group will build their country from ground up. This will involve students applying what they have learned and creating their own governments, geographical and topographical maps, flags, national anthems, cultural foods and clothing, climate, trade economies, currencies and much more. We invite everyone to come view our presentations at the end of the year and decide for yourselves which country you would prefer to live in.



COMMITMENT TO LEARNING

Alberta Education is asking for your thoughts on what you think students should be learning in the new social studies curriculum. A survey is now open, and the results will be used to inform a draft curriculum before it's released for further engagement. **The survey closes on October 16.**

Learn more here: [ecsd.net/news/have-your-say-on-the-draft-k-6-social-studies-curriculum-1695308192875](https://www.ecsd.net/news/have-your-say-on-the-draft-k-6-social-studies-curriculum-1695308192875).

The following letter is being shared with students and families on behalf of Alberta's Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides.

- Read the [English Social Studies Curriculum Letter](#) ↓ (PDF)
- Read the [French Social Studies Curriculum Back to School Letter](#) ↓ (PDF)

RECESS AND ACTIVITIES: WEATHER

Dear Parents/Guardians: Please see Administrative Policy 131 for more information on the guidelines for outdoor activities. Policies are found on our ECSD website at: <https://www.ecsd.net/administrative-procedures-manual>. With the cold weather approaching, this is a kind reminder that students are to dress appropriately for the weather, as we have two recesses during the day: Morning and lunch recess, where students are able to spend time outside. Please note that there are guidelines in place as to when students would have an indoor recess:

- **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.**
- **Air quality is to be monitored similar to extreme cold temperatures. The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside when air quality reaches an index of 7 or more.**
- **Environment Canada's weather for Edmonton can be consulted at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html. Environment Canada at (780) 468-4940 (English) or (780) 495- 2145 (French).**

Environment Canada's Air Quality Health Index is available at https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/abaq-001_e.html



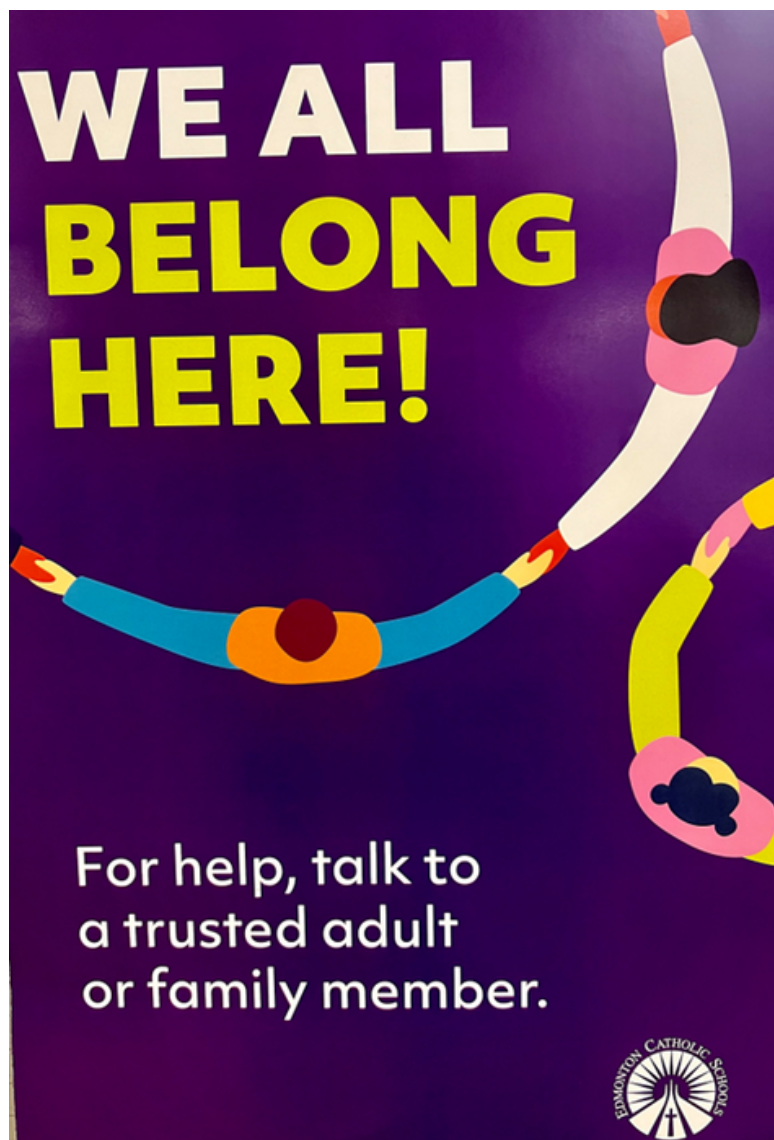
EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism are values that call on all of us to commit to working together, working together, learning together, and praying together. The Division provides a Catholic, Christ-centered learning and working environment that is inclusive, welcoming, caring, respectful and safe. Racism and discrimination violate the essential dignity of the human person and are contrary to Gospel values.

If you would like to read more information about our

Administrative Policy, please see AP 172:

<https://www.ecsd.net/reporting-discrimination-and-racism>.



HOLY CHILD HOT LUNCH



CHECK OUT
HEALTHYHUNGER.CA
TO ORDER HOT LUNCH!!



OCTOBER 27 – LOVE PIZZA – JERSEY DAY
NOVEMBER 24 – QUESADA –
JANUARY 26 – OPA – PYJAMA DAY
FEBRUARY 23 – TIM HORTONS –
APRIL 26 – EDO –
MAY 31 – PITA PIT – BEACH DAY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE LUNCHES

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS ONE WEEK BEFORE EACH HOT LUNCH DATE

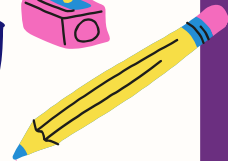


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**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council & Fundraising Society News



OCTOBER 2023

Upcoming Events

October 4th

Apple orders due on
Powerschool.

Meeting Dates

All Welcome | 6-7:30pm
School Library or via Zoom

Tuesday, Oct 10 AGM (in-person)

Wednesday, Nov 15 (in-person)

Tuesday, Dec 12th (Virtual)

Wednesday, Jan 10th (Virtual)

Wednesday, Feb 7th (Virtual)

Wednesday, March 6 (in-person)

Wednesday, April 10 (in-person)

Wednesday, May 8th (Virtual)

Wednesday June 5th (in-person)



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**DAVISON
ORCHARDS**
COUNTRY VILLAGE

Vernon B.C.

Over 160 boxes
were SOLD
last year raising
over \$1700
for Holy Child!

15lb Box Hand Picked Apples = 40 Apples!
Order by October 4th on Powerschool
Pick up October 19th

Reminders

- Join the Council or Society for 2023/2024! Email us to find out more
- details
- HOT LUNCH Details coming soon!
- Order APPLES on Powerschool today!

Follow us on Facebook for school

information @GrandinSchoolSociety



GrandinParents@gmail.com | @GrandinSchoolSociety

APPLE FUNDRAISER ON NOW!

ORDER HANDPICKED APPLES FROM
DAVISON ORCHARDS IN VERNON,
BC ON **POWERSCHOOL** UNTIL
OCTOBER 4TH, 2023

FUNDS GO TOWARDS
SUPPORTING CLASSROOM
SUPPLIES, RESOURCES &
FIELDTRIPS!



**DAVISON
ORCHARDS**
COUNTRY VILLAGE

Vernon B.C.

ORDER ON POWERSCHOOL!

GALA, HONEYCRISP & AMBROSIA

AVAILABLE IN 15LB BOXES (40 APPLES!)

ORDERS DUE OCT 4 | PICK UP OCT 19

THANK YOU!



**For generously
sponsoring our
welcome event!**

WOW! We had over 550 family members & staff attend which is a record!

*Do you own or work for a company who would be interested in sponsoring a school event?
Contact us at grandinparents@gmail.com*

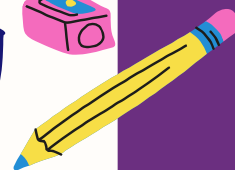


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Who we are and what we do

Parent Council

Is a volunteer parent committee who works together with the Principal & Fundraising Society to create unique, fun and inclusive opportunities for children at Holy Child to participate in throughout the year. Open to all parents/guardians. Coordinates social justice opportunities, along with the students to support other ECSD schools and charities

School Dance | Grade 6 Graduation | Bake Sales | School BBQs | Book Fair | Christmas Market | Hot Lunch | Social Justice Work | And so much more!

Fundraising Society

The Fundraising Society meets monthly with Holy Child parents, guardians and Principal to find ways to best support and enrich our children's education at Holy Child School. Open to all parents, the Fundraising Society must follow all Association bylaws by electing members to the board each year, as well as, manage all funds raised and take official minutes & motions at each meeting. We are fortunate at Holy Child to have a casino to support our school every 2 years as well. The Fundraising Society aims for \$10,000 to the school each year for programs such as: *New Playground, Subscriptions to online learning tools, classroom activities & equipment requested by teachers, Field Trips, new/updated technology (Chrome Books) for students & staff, outdoor recess equipment, New school kitchen, Gym upgrades, Dia Grandin, Mundialito, Student Bibles, Artist in Residence, teacher & staff appreciation and more!*

COME OUT TO OUR
AGM!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
6:00PM - 8:00PM
IN-PERSON AT THE SCHOOL!



Join our incredible
parent team!
Email us today!



GrandinParents@gmail.com | @GrandinSchoolSociety

Healthy Hunger

2023-10-27



2023-11-24



2024-01-26



2024-02-23



2024-04-26



2024-05-31



Hot Lunch is BACK!!

Last Friday of the month.

Register & pay for your child online at
www.healthyhunger.com

Volunteers needed each month to help deliver lunches to classrooms from 11:30am-12:15pm.
Sign up online!



Fun Lunch Fundraising

PARENTS

FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click "**REGISTER YOUR STUDENT**". After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.



HOW IT WORKS

Create an account

STEP 1.

Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create Your account.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

Add Student

STEP 2.

Login, and add your children to the account.

ADD STUDENT

View upcoming fun lunches

STEP 3.

View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.

ORDER NOW

Place your orders and make payment online

STEP 4.

Place your orders and make payment Online.

PAY NOW



Healthy Hunger Inc.

1935 27 Ave NE, Suite 107, Calgary, AB, T2E 7E4



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support@healthyhunger.com



www.healthyhunger.ca

Upcoming Fundraising Event

By Grade 6s

Pre-loved Book Sale

OCTOBER 3RD - 6TH

Grade 5/6A is hosting a used book sale during Reading week.

Proceeds benefit the Grade 6 year end Birch Bay field trip.

Students need your help to collect used books, especially younger literature for ages 4 to 8. If you have books to donate for this great event, please send them to school with your child during the month of September.

DONATIONS NEEDED



HOLY CHILD AFTER SCHOOL CARE



JOIN OUR CENTRE TODAY!

Phone : 780-920-5813

Website : www.HolyChildasc.ca

Email: anu.rawat@holychildasc.ca

" Holy Child is so lucky to have such quality after school care for our children right in the building "



ABOUT US

Holy Child After School Care Program Society is a non-profit, parent-run organization that was formed in 1979. All the fees collected are put directly back into the program to provide qualified staff, engaging programming, and supplies for the children.

Holy Child After School Care is a licensed and accredited childcare facility located inside Holy Child Catholic Elementary School. We provide before and after school care (6:30am-6:00pm) for children attending Holy Child Elementary, a Preschool program, and summer programming during July and August. We are also open on PD days and Thursday's when children get out early.

We provide full time and part time care for children from Preschool to Grade 6. Virtual and in-person tours are available. Please contact us today to set up a tour!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The following subsidy's are available to qualifying parents or guardians:

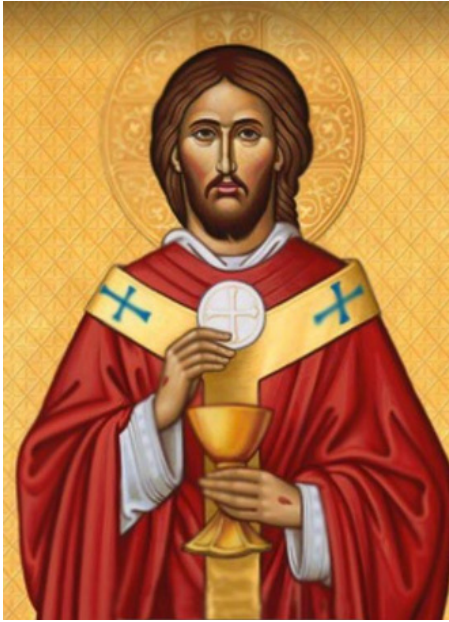
1. Affordability Grant for Preschool and Kindergarten families
2. Subsidy for qualifying parents or guardians for all age groups

FULL DAY PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CARE

We offer before and after school care options for full-day kindergarten students and full-day pre-school programming & care for 3 and 4yr olds. The Centre is open from 6:30am-6:00pm daily, including PD days, Spring Break, Christmas Break and Thursday's when there is no school scheduled.



THANKSGIVING – EUCHARIST – IN CHRIST WE MEET GOD



The second Monday in the month of October, every year, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and blessings in the past year. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let us not forget God. Let us pause this Thanksgiving weekend and take time to pray, reflect on our lives, and give thanks. Each Catholic Christian should make a real effort to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy and come to the Banquet of our Lord to lift up our hearts in Thanksgiving and to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Yes, we give thanks for the gifts of faith, Church, Sacraments and the Catholic Education in our province. We give thanks for the loved ones who are entrusted to our care and those who care for us. We give thanks for our country which has provided such great opportunities, security, and peace. In all, we give thanks and rejoice in the Lord who has blessed each of us with so much and in so many ways.

The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek language and it means *thanksgiving*. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers a brief definition of the word. The inexhaustible richness of the sacrament of the Eucharist, i.e. the "Mass/Divine Liturgy" is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim — especially during a meal — God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification (CCC 1328). As we come to the Eucharistic Banquet this Thanksgiving weekend let us pause and reflect on *Whom do we meet in Christ?* In Christ

we meet God. We meet also our true selves as God wants us to be. "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect," said Jesus (Mt. 5:48). The most important decision one has to make in life is the decision for or against Jesus Christ. Say "yes" to Jesus as Lord and you gain light, life, forgiveness, joy and eternity. Say "no" to Jesus and you throw all these away. Father Raymond L. Bruckberger, a French Dominican priest, pictures God the Father saying of Jesus: "Since I have told you everything in My Word, Who is My Son, I have no other words that can at present say anything or reveal anything to you beyond this. Fix your eyes on him alone, for in him I have told you all, revealed all, and in him you will find more even than you desire or ask. ... If you fix your eyes on him, you will find everything, for he is My whole word and my reply, he is My whole vision and My whole revelation." ... "From the day when I descended upon him with My Spirit on Mount Tabor saying, 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him!' (Mk. 9:7) I have put aside the old forms of teaching and response and I have given all to him: listen to him, because I have no further faith to reveal ... If I spoke, it was in order to promise the Christ ... in whom all good was to be found."

Who is this Jesus? He is indeed "the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, Light of Light, true God of true God ... Through Him all things were made." (Nicene Creed)

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Julian Bilyj, ECS D Chaplain