



Family Information for the Week of February 16-20

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Day NO SCHOOL 16	Shrove Tuesday  17	 18	Early dismissal at 11:43 am 19	Dia Cultural Full Day for Kindergarten students Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch for those who ordered 20

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday marks the final day before the season of Lent begins. Traditionally, it is a time to prepare our hearts and homes by using up rich foods before entering the more prayerful, reflective season that leads us to Easter.

On **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, students will recognize Shrove Tuesday in their classrooms.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful family volunteers who have generously offered their time and talents to make pancakes for the students at Holy Child. Your willingness to serve in this simple yet meaningful way brings so much joy to our school community. We are truly grateful for your support, your generosity, and the care you show our students. Thank you for helping create memorable experiences for our students!

Ash Wednesday

We observe the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18. Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent, a time to remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and resisting temptation. It is a time for spiritual fasting so we can renew our faith as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. This sacred day marks the beginning of a season of reflection, prayer, and acts of kindness.

Our Ash Wednesday liturgical celebration will take place at **9:00 AM in the gym**, and all are welcome to join us as we begin this holy season together.

Kindergarten Information – February 20

Friday, February 20 will be a special day for our Kindergarten students as they will be spending the full day at school.

The day will follow our regular schedule, beginning at **8:18 AM** and ending at **3:15 PM**. In addition to their regular learning activities, Kindergarten students will also participate in our Día Cultural celebration.

Students should:

- Arrive at their regular start time (8:18 AM)
- Bring their usual snack
- Pack a lunch

IMPORTANT:

Please note that there is no after school yellow bus service for kindergarten students on this day.

Families are required to make arrangements to pick up their Kindergarten child at **3:15 PM**.

Should you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Dia Cultural

Dia Cultural is taking place on Friday, February 20. This celebration is an opportunity to honour many of the rich cultures and diverse backgrounds that make our school community so special: one school, many cultures

On the day of the event, students are invited to wear their traditional cultural attire to help celebrate and highlight the beauty of our school's diversity.

Our Lenten Project - Loving Our Neighbours

As we journey through the Lenten season, our school community is putting Catholic Social Teaching into action—responding to the call to care for the vulnerable and to honour the dignity of every person. This year at Holy Child, our Lenten Social Justice Project will focus on supporting the Food Bank at St. Joseph's Basilica, living out our faith through service to those in need.

This important initiative not only strengthens our connection with our parish but also provides much-needed support to individuals and families in our community. Our school-wide goal is to collect 300 non-perishable food or hygiene items—approximately one item per student at Holy Child.

Examples of non-perishable food items include:

- Canned vegetables or fruit
- Pasta, rice, or dry beans
- Peanut butter
- Canned soup or stew
- Cereal or oatmeal
- Canned tuna, salmon, or chicken
- Pasta sauce or pasta sauce

Examples of personal hygiene items include:

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Soap and bodywash
- Shampoo

Collection will take place throughout Lent between February 18 and March 27. Through this project, students will learn that even small acts of generosity can make a big difference when we work together.

We encourage families to consider having their child purchase a non-perishable food or personal hygiene items with their own money during a grocery trip. This helps students experience the joy of giving in a personal and meaningful way.

Pre-Enrollment for 2026-2027 Continues

Pre-enrollment for current students is open and must be completed by Friday, March 13, 2026. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming.

How to Pre-Enroll:

Sign into your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending school for the 2026-2027 school year.

All students in the Division must complete the pre-enrolment process, whether they are staying at their current school or moving to a different school.

Please note: Once you submit your pre-enrolment, there is no automatic confirmation sent. Your child will remain enrolled at our school for next year unless you notify the school of any changes.

****If your plans change after submitting the form, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can update our records.****

To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment

2026-2027 Transportation Applications

Transportation application forms must be submitted by June 1, 2026, to ensure bus service is ready for the first day of school.

If a student already uses transportation services, **a new application is NOT needed** unless:

- Their address changes
- They transfer to a different school

Application forms for the 2026-2027 school year will be available on the transportation site: <https://www.ecsd.net/apply-for-transportation>

REMINDER: The "CAN I RIDE A BUS?" tool can be used by schools and families to check address eligibility: <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/TransportationEligibility>

PowerSchool Account

Please ensure you have access to **PowerSchool**. This platform allows parents to access information about **attendance, fees, payments, and reporting information**. Office staff will assist new families with creating PowerSchool accounts early in the school year.

Please contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing the parent portal.

The PowerSchool site is accessed at: <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

French Immersion

Supporting French Immersion learning at home is easier than you think. Every child can succeed in French Immersion, and every family can play a meaningful role in that success.

Oui Learn Together is #ECSD's new online resource hub created for French Immersion families. It offers practical tips, simple activities, and video resources to help with learning at home.

The first topic is Oui Build Readers, featuring five easy ways to support literacy at home.

New topics will be released throughout the year, each curated by #ECSD's French Immersion consultants to make learning at home easier and more enjoyable.

Learn more at ecsd.net/ouilearntogether

Mark Your Calendar

February 23 and 24 – Rocks and Rings Residency
February 24 – Pink Shirt Day at Holy Child
February 25 – Faith Development Day for all ECSD staff – NO SCHOOL
February 26 & 27 - Teacher's Convention – NO SCHOOL

March 4 – Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 PM
March 6 – Snow Valley Ski Club Field Trip – Grade 4-6
March 9 – Sangea Academy Drumming Residency
March 13 – Pre-enrollment ends
March 13 – UniThéâtre Play – all French Immersion
March 18 & 19 - Scholastic Bookfair
March 19 - Demonstration of Learning
March 20 – Proposed PD Day
March 24 – Folklofolie at JHP – French Immersion 4-6
March 25 – Edmonton Public Library Presentation - grades 4-6
March 26 – Full Day – dismissal at 3:15 PM
March 26 – Les Bucherons Dance Residency & Traditional Maple Sugar Shack
March 26 - Hot Lunch
March 27 – Early Dismissal at 11:43 AM
March 30-April 3 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

April 6 – Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
April 7 – Easter Celebration at St. Joseph's Basilica (1:15 PM)
April 13 – Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 PM

Holy Child Instagram

Please follow us and help spread the word about Holy Child School by resharing our social media posts. It's an easy way to showcase all that our school has to offer and to celebrate the wonderful community that makes Holy Child so special.

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School Website

Holy Child School Website: [click here](#)

Division Information

Chief Superintendent's Newsletter: [click here](#)

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