ÉCOLE ESCUELA **Holy Child** CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Information for the Week of October 25-31

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26	Grade 4 Bible Ceremony 1:15 PM 27	St Joseph's Basilica Weekly Clergy Visit 5C field trip to St Brendan School for Hispanic Heritage Day 28	Early Dismissal 11:50 am No Kindergarten programming 29	Grades 1 and 2 – field trip to Rosedale Senior Living Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch for those who ordered Halloween Parade 1:00 PM 30

Halloween Activities

We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween with our students on Friday, October 30! Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school for a fun day of celebration. However, there is no obligation to dress up.

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable day for everyone, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Costumes must be free of violence, gore, and frightening or graphic elements.
- Full-face coverings, such as masks, and large accessories are not permitted.
- Costumes must allow students to wash their hands, eat comfortably, and participate in regular classroom activities.

Classroom teachers will share any additional classroom-specific information with families.

Halloween Parade
Our Halloween Parade will take place in the gym at 1:00 p.m., followed by classroom activities.

Grades 1 and 2 Visit to Rosedale Senior Living
A reminder that our Grade 1 and 2 students will be visiting Rosedale Senior Living Facility, on the morning of October 30, to share a few Halloween songs and show off their costumes with the residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to spread joy and build connections with members of our community. Please ensure your child's yellow field trip permission form has been completed and returned to the school.

Día de los Muertos

Next week, Holy Child will honour Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on November 2 and 3. This meaningful cultural tradition brings families and communities together to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed away.

Rooted in Indigenous Mesoamerican traditions and Catholic influences, Día de los Muertos is a joyful celebration of remembrance, love, and connection. Through colourful art, marigold flowers, and *ofrendas* (altars that honour loved ones), we are reminded of the importance of family, culture, and keeping memories alive.

At Holy Child, we are proud to celebrate the many languages and cultures that enrich our school community. These experiences help our students develop a deeper appreciation for different traditions and the stories that connect us all.

General Information

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who contributed to our Fall Social Justice Project in support of Kids Kottage Edmonton.

As a Catholic school community, we are called to live out our faith through compassion, service, and care for others. Through this project, our students have an opportunity to put our Catholic values into action by recognizing the needs of others and responding with kindness and generosity.

Every item donated will help support those who turn to Kids Kottage during challenging times. Thank you for helping us show our students that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

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

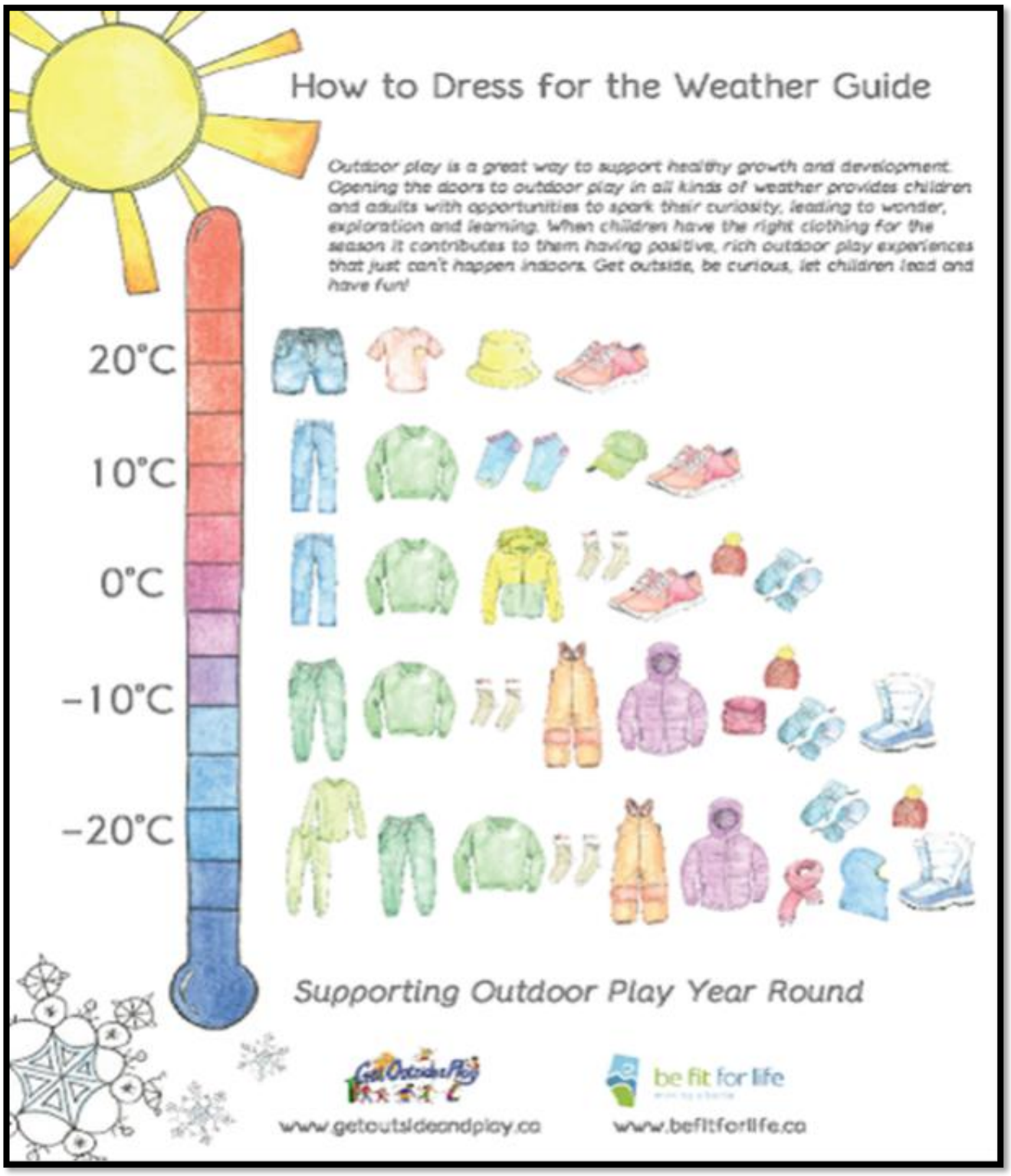
Additional fees may apply throughout the year for grade-specific learning opportunities and resources, such as bus passes, field trips, and other activities.
School fees are due by November 30, 2026.
All school fee payments must be completed online through PowerSchool.
We understand that managing expenses 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.

Dressing for the Cooler Temperatures

With chilly mornings and cooler temperatures upon us, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Dressing in layers helps students stay warm and comfortable while outdoors. Students will continue to head outside for recess, so warm jackets, hats, and gloves are encouraged.

As students bring extra layers to school, please remember to label all items with your child's name. This includes jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, and other personal belongings. Labelling items helps us return lost belongings to their owners.



ECSD's Inclement Weather Administrative Policy
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!



Mark Your Calendar

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 10 – Sounds of Christmas Evening
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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St Joseph Basilica Parish Information

St. Joseph Basilica