



HOLY CHILD

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2024

Dear Holy Child Families:

As we continue to journey together during this Lenten season, we reflect on how blessed we are, and the many gifts that God has given us. We have started our social justice initiative in collaborating with the Boyle Street Community Services in collecting hygiene products for local community members that are in need. We know that when we reach out to help others in need, we are practicing the Catholic Social Teachings such as caring for the poor and vulnerable, and promoting the common good. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support as we know this makes a difference in the lives of so many people.

We are excited to share that in our commitment to learning excellence we are holding our second "Demonstration of Learning" on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Save the date! Demonstration of Learning, which is taking place on Thursday, March 14th, from 1:00-4:30 and 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Please note that all classrooms will be closed and not accessible from 4:30-5:30 as teachers take their supper break at this time. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share their progress and success with you. All students and parents are welcome as no booking is required. We hope to see you there!

Parents and guardians, our February review, which pertains to our school improvement goals has now been posted on our school website, so please feel free to read this information in more detail. Staff and students have been working hard on engaging in our faith, learning excellence, embracing diversity, and being committed to collaborating and learning together. All of our priorities are aligned with the Edmonton Catholic Schools priorities, and we are excited to continue learning and improving throughout the next half of this school year. Thank you for your continued support!

Madame Christine Samson,
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Mar. 4 – Grade 6 Candle making
- Mar. 5 – Parent Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on zoom
(link will be shared through PAC email)
- Mar. 8 – Grade 6C & 5/6A EPL Digital Literacy
- Mar. 13 – Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Mar. 14 – Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Mar. 14 – Demonstration of Learning
1:00 – 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15 – Deadline to order Subway Hot Lunch at
Healthyhunger.ca
- Mar. 21 – Subway Hot Lunch
 - **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL** – dismissal at 3:15 p.m.
 - Holy Child's Got Talent Show – 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 22 – Way of the Cross – 11:00 a.m.
 - **HALF DAY OF SCHOOL** – dismissal at 11:30 p.m.

SPRING BREAK MARCH 25th TO APRIL 1st

Classes resume Tuesday, April 2, 2024





REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR NEW & RETURNING FAMILIES

We are now accepting new registrations for our half day Kindergarten Program and pre-enrolment for current students.

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. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2024 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming.

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



GRADE 6 CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Our Grade 6s are thrilled to invite you to stop by the table outside the library during our Demo of Learning event to check out their hand-poured beeswax candles. We are so thankful to Mme Nadia and Mr Mark who brought all the supplies and showed the students how to make their own candles. Candles will be on sale on Thursday March 14th. Cash only please.

The pricing is as follows:

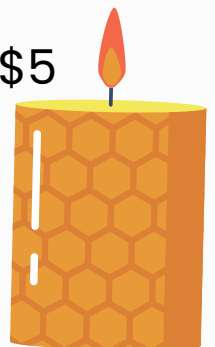
Hedgehog, moose, bear, owl and small beehive \$5

Two tapers, honey comb cube or bee \$10

Ten tea lights \$15

Large pillars \$20

Regular honey will also be available for sale.



Thank you for supporting our student's fundraising efforts for their Grade 6 Birch Bay camping trip.

Attention Parents of students in Grade 6 French and Spanish!

As we prepare to send our Grade 6's on to new beginnings next school year, Holy Child has a wonderful tradition of celebrating their time together at our incredible school. The Grade 6 classes are able to take part in a Retreat at Birch Bay Ranch where they experience one last adventure together, connecting in unique and memorable ways.

The Farewell trip is a large financial undertaking and the more we are able to fundraise, the less the trip will cost parents/guardians out of pocket.

If you are interested in joining our parent group to help guide and support our Grade 6's in their fundraising efforts, it would be greatly appreciated!

Grade 6 Holy Child Fundraising

WhatsApp group



**Exciting
News!!**

**Supporting
Grade 6
Birch Bay
Camping
Trip**

Candle fundraiser!!

**Available Thursday,
March 14th
at
Demo of Learning!**

**Several sizes
prices between
\$5 & \$20
cash only**





HOLY CHILD'S GOT TALENT

Thursday March 21 at 1pm in the school gymnasium

A variety of students from Grades 1-6 have been practicing hard to prepare for our upcoming Talent Show. Parents are invited to join us in the gym to watch. We are excited to celebrate our many gifts and talents!



**THANK YOU TO OUR HOLY CHILD
COMMUNITY!**



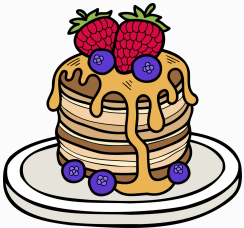
Thank you to all of our staff, student volunteers, parents and volunteers who took time at Holy Child to organize and participate in our Cultural Day, Open House, and Casino fundraising! Our student volunteers during the open house were excellent and such kind ambassadors of our school. Our cultural day and open house showcased so much of the learning, language, arts, and culture that is celebrated at Holy Child. The time devoted to fundraising for our students directly impacts the classroom as through this funding the school is able to purchase extra equipment or resources the school may need such as computers, physical education equipment, musical instruments, to only name a few things. We are so blessed and thankful!



ECSD Division-wide Community of School Councils Meeting

March 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Lumen Christi!

ECSD parents and guardians are invited to join your Edmonton Catholic Schools Board of Trustees, Chief Superintendent, Division Leaders, and Division staff for an in-person evening with a variety of pre-registered sessions designed to help you explore various aspects of your child's educational experiences and opportunities. Read more information about the sessions offered as well as the registration informations below.



Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

Thank you so much to all our parent volunteers who came out to make pancakes for all our students. We were thrilled to also welcome Father Julian, district chaplain, who served up some pancakes. Father Julian reminded us all that "shrove" comes from the word "shrive" which means to confess, pardon and forgive. Shrove Tuesday is an opportunity to ask for forgiveness, and forgive others, to begin our lenten journey with a clean heart.

We began our Lenten Journey together as a faith community celebrating in our gymnasium. We welcomed Father Josephvin from St. Joseph's Basilica and we were marked with ashes on our forehead, as a reminder of the faith journey we are about to embark on, filled with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Lenten Social Justice Project

Thank you to all families who have already donated hygiene items in support of Boyle Street Community Services. All sizes of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and soap are most welcome, but travel sized items would be the most convenient.

We will be collecting items until after Spring Break.



PINK Shirt Day at Holy Child!

Students and staff acknowledged Pink Shirt Day, a day devoted to anti-bullying and spreading kindness through wearing pink, and participating in several activities in the classroom.



DIA CULTURAL DAY



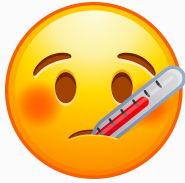
CANDLE MAKING BY THE GRADE 6'S



YELLOW BUS DELAYS



Transportation Services sends late bus notifications via the BusPlanner Delays App. The App is available for both Android and iPhone. There will no longer be email notifications regarding late busses. If you have any questions, please contact Transportation Services at 780-441-6078 or transportationservices@ecsd.net.



STUDENT ILLNESS

The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority.

Please do not send your child to school if they have a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss or altered sense of taste/smell, runny nose/nasal congestion, fever, fatigue (significant and unusual), muscle ache/joint pain, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms daily before coming to school. Thank you.

CHECK US OUT ON INSTAGRAM!!

Holy Child is now on Instagram!

Follow us @holychildecsd.



We are excited to say we recently posted a short video that shares a few moments from our recent Christmas concert at the Basilica. Special thank you to Dana Prefontaine, from ECSD Communications, who has provided us with training and support in this transition into social media!



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**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council & Fundraising Society News



MARCH 2024

Upcoming Events

March 5th - PAC Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87040917444)

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March 13 + 14

Scholastic Book Fair and
Demo of Learning

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

March 21 - FULL Day

March 22 - HALF Day

March 25-1 Spring Break &
Easter

Meetin g Dates

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

Tuesday, March 5 (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 10 (in-person)

Wednesday, May 8th (Virtual)

Wednesday June 5th (in-person)



Honey Fundraiser

Honey is back!!

Look out for more details
coming for this popular
fundraiser next month!



Reminders

- Join the Council or Society for 2023/2024! Email us to find out more details
- Read meeting minutes at www.holychild.ecsd.net under StudentLife
- Follow us on Facebook for school information @GrandinSchoolSociety



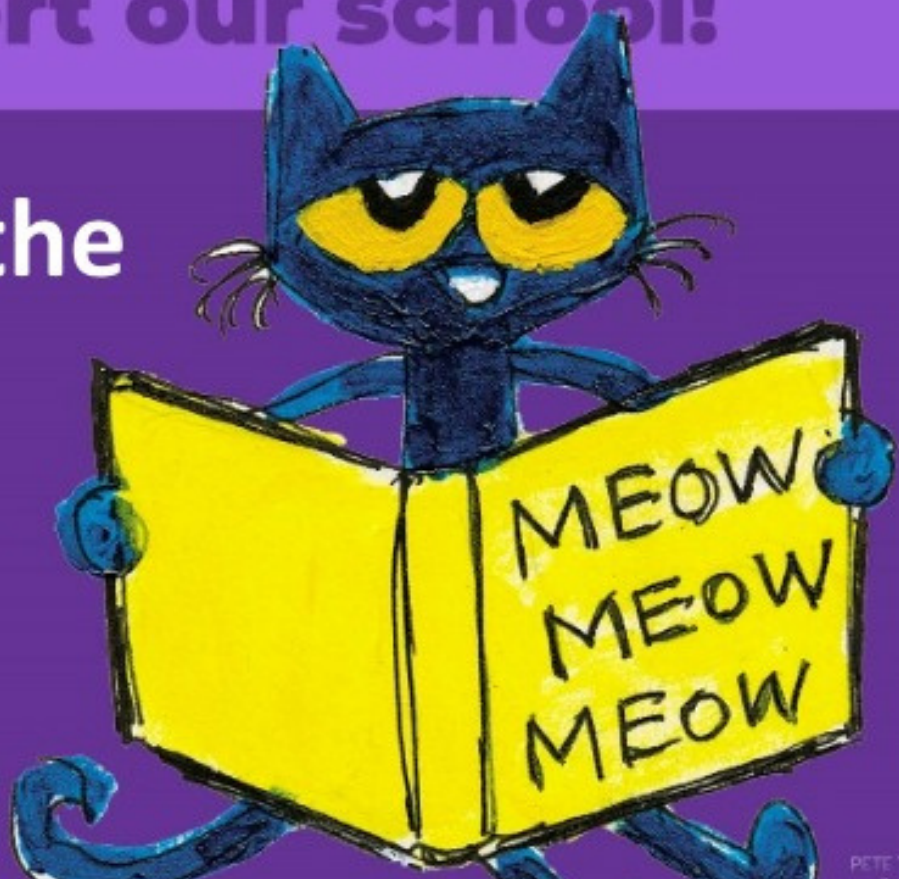
GrandinParents@gmail.com | @GrandinSchoolSociety

GROW YOUR HOME LIBRARY

& support our school!

**Join us at the
book fair!**

**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIRS®**



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ANNUAL SPRING SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR & DEMO OF LEARNING!

Percentage of all Book Fair sales go back to the school with new library & classroom books and online credits to purchase additional school resources. Every book helps!



Wednesday, March 13th | 8:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday, March 14th (Demo of Learning) | 8:00am – 7:00pm

Language books available as well!

Volunteers Needed – Sign up today: <https://signup.com/go/tHHWUBQ>

Healthy Hunger

Date	↑↓	VENDOR
2024-02-23		
2024-03-21		
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!

Presentación gratuita en directo



En inglés con traducción al español
Free webinar with Spanish interpretation

Niños que aprenden más de un idioma

Los cuidadores aprenderán lo que sucede cuando los niños aprenden más de un idioma y recibirán respuestas a las preguntas frecuentes.

4 de marzo de 2024 de 12:00—1:30 p.m.



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to register

Children learning more than one language

Caregivers will learn what happens when children learn more than one language and get answers to frequently asked questions.

Monday march 4, 2024, 12:00—1:30 p.m.

Pediatric
Rehabilitation

AHSweb.ca/mha/PRwebinars

