



HOLY CHILD

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2024



Principal's Message

Alleluia! He is Risen! We pray that all of you had a wonderful spring and Easter break! During this holy season of Easter, we continue to experience the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and realize and appreciate the unconditional love God has for us.

Thank you to all of our Holy Child families for generously contributing so many hygiene items to provide support in meeting the needs of our community members at Boyle Community Services! When we care about one another in this way, we are living the Catholic social teachings, and are witnessing the Gospel teachings to one another. Thank you as well to the members of our parent council and volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to facilitate the recent hot lunch, candle sale and book fair!

We are excited to be looking forward to planning our classes for next year! If you haven't had the opportunity to pre-enroll yet, please take the time to indicate if your child (children) will be returning to Holy Child next year. These numbers are so helpful in being able for us to start staffing and creating the timetable for next year. We have welcomed so many new families lately, and we are excited to welcome many more new families to Holy Child next year. Please see this link for step by step instructions with this process: [ECSD Pre-Enrollment 2024/2025](#).

Please see some information below pertaining to precautionary measures to take regarding the partial solar eclipse that is taking place on April 8, 2024. Edmonton Catholic Schools is monitoring the situation and will make any necessary adjustments as required to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

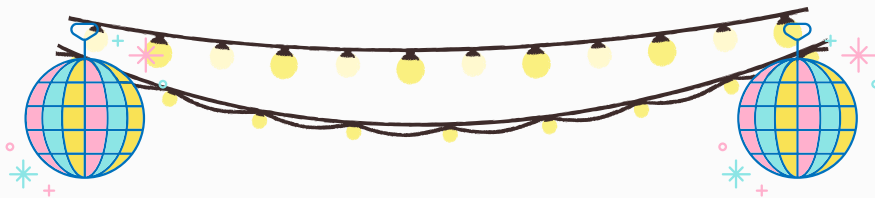
God bless, take care, and have a wonderful week ahead.

Madame Christine Samson,
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 2 – **Easter Mass** at the Basilica at 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 9 – **Class pictures**
 - Grade 1 & 2 –In school fieldtrip
- Apr. 10 – Grade 6 immunization
- Apr. 10 – **Parent Council** meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the school library
- Apr. 19 – Gr. 4, 5, & 6 Bird Observatory
In school presentation
 - Deadline to order EDO Hot Lunch at **Healthyhunger.ca**
- Apr. 26 – **EDO Hot Lunch**



SAVE THE DATE
FAMILY DANCE
Friday, April 19th
6 to 8 p.m.





BOOK FAIR



Thank you to Amanda P and all the parent volunteers who helped make our Book Fair so successful. The Scholastic Book fair sold \$5256.09 worth of books. The school got to take \$1572.75 worth of Scholastic books to be put in the classrooms... PLUS the school gained \$1397.23 in credit left to spend.

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair!



DEMO OF LEARNING

It was so wonderful to see so many families come out for our Demo of Learning. Students were so excited to show their parents all the exciting and engaging learning they've done so far.



CANDLE/HONEY SALE

Thank you to all the Grade 6 students and parents who volunteered their time selling candles and honey at the Demonstration of Learning event. In combination with the bottle drive, the Grade 6s raised over \$1300 towards their year end camping trip. Thank you to all the families who purchased and donated, we appreciate your support!





HOLY CHILD'S GOT TALENT



What an amazing group of students we have, sharing their gifts and talents with us at our Holy Child's Got Talent Show on Thursday March 21!

The afternoon was filled with singing, dancing, gymnastics, instruments and more.

Thank you to Mr Leibel and the Committee for organizing such a beautiful celebration of talent!





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.

THE JOY OF LANGUAGE LEARNING



Please check out the wonderful language myth buster videos that ECSD is sharing with parents and families who may already have a child (children) in a language program, or are considering a language program for their child.

Language learning is such a rich learning experience that provides each child with so many opportunities to study another language and culture! We are so blessed to offer the French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual program at Holy Child.

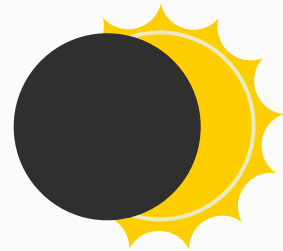


Partial Solar Eclipse

On Monday, April 8, the shadow of the moon will pass over Canada during a solar eclipse. People outside the path of totality, including here in Edmonton, will be able to observe a partial solar eclipse, during which the Sun is not hidden in totality. The partial solar eclipse will occur between approximately 11:45 AM and 12:46 PM, peaking around 1:39 PM ([ECSD link to information](#)).



Solar Eclipse Safety



While this event can be an exciting sight to witness, it's essential to prioritize your health and safety during this time. Here are a few reminders:

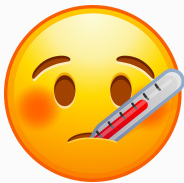
- Never look directly at the sun without proper protection.
- Use properly made solar viewers, as known as 'eclipse glasses'. They will be made with a special-purpose solar filter that allows you to safely view the sun through them.
- Be sure to inspect your solar filter before use; discard the item if you notice any scratches or damage.
- Make sure to supervise children using solar filters.
- Do not remove your solar filter while looking at the sun. Turn your face away, then remove the solar filter from your face.
- Do not view the sun through a camera, binoculars or any other device — the concentrated solar rays will damage your eyes and could cause serious injury.



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.





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Catholic Elementary School



**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council & Fundraising Society News



APRIL 2024

Upcoming Events

April 2nd-May - Honey sales!

April 10th - PAC meeting in
person at school library. All
are welcome to attend!

April 19th - Family school
dance & grade 6 fundraiser

Meeting Dates

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

Wednesday, April 10 (in-person)

Wednesday, May 8th (Virtual)

Wednesday June 5th (in-person)

Honey Fundraiser

Honey is back!!

Available on Powerschool
under school fees/view fees



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

Honey



Fundraiser

Support our classrooms, fieldtrips & school resources by purchasing local Gull Lake honey.



Spring floral or Creamed
500g \$10 | 1kg \$20

Cinnamon
Maple
Lemon Ginger
Lavender
\$12/\$22ea



Order all flavours on Powerschool!

Under school fees/view fees | Pick up at the May Art Showcase

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!

Thank you!

**GROW
YOUR HOME
LIBRARY**

& support our school!

Join us at the
book fair!

**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIRS**



To Amanda Proctor and
all the parents (& kids!)
who volunteered for the
spring Book Fair!

**Sold over
\$5200 worth
of books!!**

**Received
\$1572 Scholastic
credit to purchase
books &
supplies!**

**140 NEW
books for our
library &
classrooms!**



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 2024 Newsletter

The Home, School, and Parish

Dear Families,

During this Easter season, we are reminded of how Jesus fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, and healed the sick. Jesus lived and ministered alongside His disciples, welcoming, teaching, learning, healing, reconciling, serving, celebrating, and praying with each other and the larger community. Their relationship served as a marvellous example of collaboration and love.

As we approach Catholic Education Week in May, we recall their special relationship and consider for ourselves how this connection might translate today, particularly among the home, school and parish in the formation and education of our children.

The home is where values and beliefs begin. It is within the family that children learn about love, respect, and responsibility. As parents, you are the first and primary teachers in your children's lives. Your guidance, support, and example help shape their moral character and lay the foundation for their future.

At the same time, the school plays a crucial role in complementing the values taught at home and providing students with a holistic Catholic education. Teachers, administrators, and staff members not only impart knowledge through religious education programs and the permeation of faith in all subject areas, but also instill in students a sense of curiosity, critical thinking, and compassion.

Additionally, the parish community serves as a spiritual anchor, providing opportunities for worship, service, and fellowship. It is within the parish that children deepen their faith and develop a sense of belonging to the larger family of God. Through sacramental preparation and youth programs, the parish nurtures the spiritual growth of our children and strengthens their connection to their Catholic identity.

For over 30 years...

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2024



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summer
adventure!**



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weeks * all kids aged
5 to 13

* morning & full day sessions
* before & after care available

Morning sessions from \$139

Full day sessions from *

*limited time offer, see website for details

\$214

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For location & registration details, visit our website.