



Family Information for the Week of October 4 -10

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
READ IN WEEK World Educator Day 5	READ IN WEEK Grade 6 Immunizations 6	READ IN WEEK 7	READ IN WEEK Early Dismissal at 11:50 am No Kindergarten programming 8	READ IN WEEK Thanksgiving Mass at St Joseph's Basilica 1:15 pm 9

Thanksgiving

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings in our lives and the importance of gratitude, family, and community.

A friendly reminder that **there will be no school on Monday, October 12, in recognition of Thanksgiving.** We hope our Holy Child families enjoy a wonderful long weekend filled with time together, good food, and moments to be thankful for.

Read In Week

This week are excited to celebrate **READ IN Week 2026** at Holy Child! This special week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading, encourage a love of books, and remind our students that reading opens the door to new ideas, adventures, and possibilities.

Throughout the week, our students will have opportunities to enjoy stories, explore new books, and share their love of reading with others. We encourage families to join in the fun by making time for reading together at home.

Whether it is a favourite story, a new adventure, or a book shared with someone special, every read is an opportunity to learn, imagine, and grow!

World Educator Day

World Teachers' Day is held annually on 5 October to celebrate all teachers around the globe. It commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the [1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers](#), which sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions.

At Holy Child, our educators do so much more than teach. They inspire curiosity, nurture faith, build relationships, encourage perseverance, and help our students discover their gifts and potential.

To our amazing educators, thank you for your dedication, patience, creativity, and the joy you bring to our school each day. Your impact reaches far beyond the classroom, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

Fall Social Justice Project

At Holy Child School, we believe that living our faith means caring for others and putting our faith into action. As part of our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and social justice, we are excited to begin a school-wide project to support **Kids Kottage Edmonton**.

<https://kidskottage.org/>

Kids Kottage provides a safe and supportive place for children and families in our community who are experiencing a crisis. Through this project, we have an opportunity to show compassion, generosity, and love to children who need our support.

Each class will be invited to collect specific items that can be donated to *Kids Kottage*. Every contribution, big or small, can make a difference. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn that we are called to care for one another and to be a light in our community.

Our donation collection will take place from **October 9 to October 23**.

Items to collect:

Kindergarten: Dry pasta and rice, pasta sauce

Grade 1: Canned fruit and vegetables

Grade 2: Cereal

Grade 3: Applesauce, Fruit pouches and 1L juice boxes

Grade 4: Crackers and Granola bars

Grade 5: Baby food

Grade 6: Baby and Children's toiletries: children's toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, baby wipes (unscented), children's body wash & shampoo.

We encourage families to participate in whatever way they are able. Most importantly, we hope this project helps our students understand that social justice begins with compassion, kindness, and a willingness to help others.

Thank you for helping us put our faith into action and for showing our students the importance of caring for others in our community.

General Information

Updating 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 now posted to your child's PowerSchool account.

The annual school fees are:

- **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.

Partial payments are available to help make payment more manageable for families.

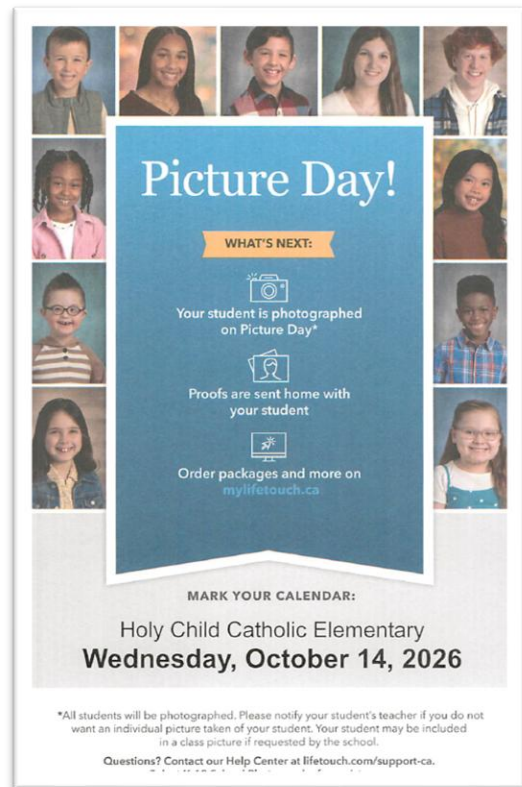
All school fee payments must be completed online through PowerSchool.

Picture Day – Wednesday, October 14

Picture Day is just around the corner.

Students are invited to come dressed in their outfit of their choice.

Don't forget to bring your biggest smile. We can't wait to capture some special memories of our Holy Child students.



Mark Your Calendar

October 12 – Thanksgiving Monday – **no school**
October 14 – Picture Day
October 19 – Non-Operational Day – **no school**
October 19 - November 6 – Artist in Residence - Angela Hall
October 30 – Halloween Parade (pm)
October 30 - Hot Lunch ***more information to follow**
November 3 – All Souls' Day - Day of the Dead/ Día 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 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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School Website

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Division Information

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