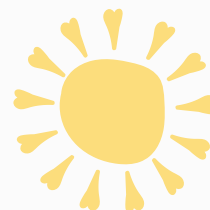




HOLY CHILD

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY 2024



Dear Holy Child Parents/Guardians:

Spring is here! A season of new hope and new beginnings! As we hear in John 15:5 we experience growth when we live in faith in God and in communion with one another. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit...". A time of renewal, we encourage our students to live each day with faith in Jesus Christ, hope and joy.

This is the time of year when we take a look at our results from our Edmonton Catholic commitment to excellence surveys so that we are able to celebrate what we are achieving, and enhance areas that we see need a bit more support. Our staff will be engaging in this process during the month of May, and we will be sharing the school results with our parent council during our meeting next week, on May 8th. As of May 31st, we will have our school improvement plan for next year posted on our Holy Child website, so all parents may be able to read through this information as well! A big thank you to all of the parents and guardians who participated in our school surveys, as we appreciate the time, effort and care you took out of your day to share your thoughts.



Our Edmonton Catholic French Immersion families also recently received a post card from the school recently which provided you with information pertaining to a spring engagement survey which is available online for you to participate in. We are excited to hear from families, as ECSD values the program, and the input from parents and guardians. Thank you in advance for your participation, and if you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact the school.

Our staff and students are looking forward to engaging in our upcoming student Art Show and Faith Day later in May! More opportunities for us to celebrate the faith and learning that is taking place at Holy Child. Thank you to the staff members who are volunteering their time to organize these amazing events for the students!

Finally, if you haven't had the opportunity to pre-enroll your child or children for next year, please do so. Based upon these enrollment projections, we are currently working on staffing and classes during the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support! We are blessed to have wonderful students, parents, and staff at Holy Child.

Blessings,

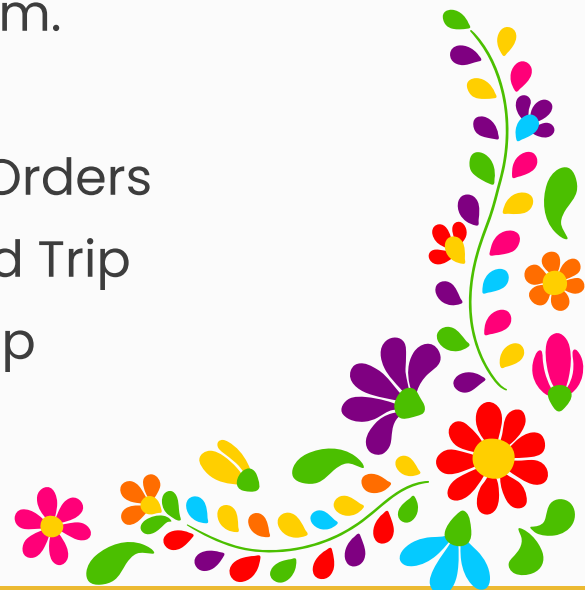
Madame Christine Samson
Principal,
Holy Child Catholic Elementary School

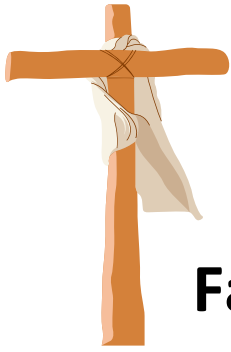


UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 5 – Happy Cinco de Mayo
- May 8 – **Hats on for Mental Health** – Wear your favorite hat!
 - **Parent Council** meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom
- May 9 – Bear Witness Day
- May 10 – Gr. 1A John Walter Museum – AM
 - Gr. 1C John Walter Museum – PM
- May 13 – Gr. 6 FILAL Pilot PAT– AM
 - Gr. 2B, 4A, 4C Basilica Tour – PM
- May 15 – Gr. 6 ELAL Field test – AM
 - Gr. 2A, 1/2C, 2/3C Basilica Tour – PM
- **May 17 to 20 – Victoria Day Weekend**
 - **NO SCHOOL**
- May 21 – Gr. 4 Elk Island Field Trip
- May 23 – Art Walk – 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- May 24 – Student Faith Day
- May 24 – Deadline for Hot Lunch Orders
- May 28 – Gr. 2 Fort Edmonton Field Trip
- May 30 – 31 – Gr. 6 Birch Bay Camp
- May 31 – Hot Lunch





FAITH DAY **VOLUNTEERS NEED**

Faith Day- Still seeking volunteers!

Our annual Student Faith Day will be held on Friday May 24. A KSwift went out last week asking for volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, please email amanda.hammermeister@ecsd.net to let her know if you can volunteer in the morning, afternoon, or for the full day. Thank you so much!



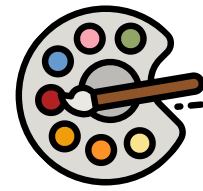
STUDENT PICKUP

Please notify the Office if your child is not taking the Yellow Bus. The busses are delayed leaving the school if we have to look for students that have been picked up, resulting in arriving at the designated stops later than scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation.





ART WALK

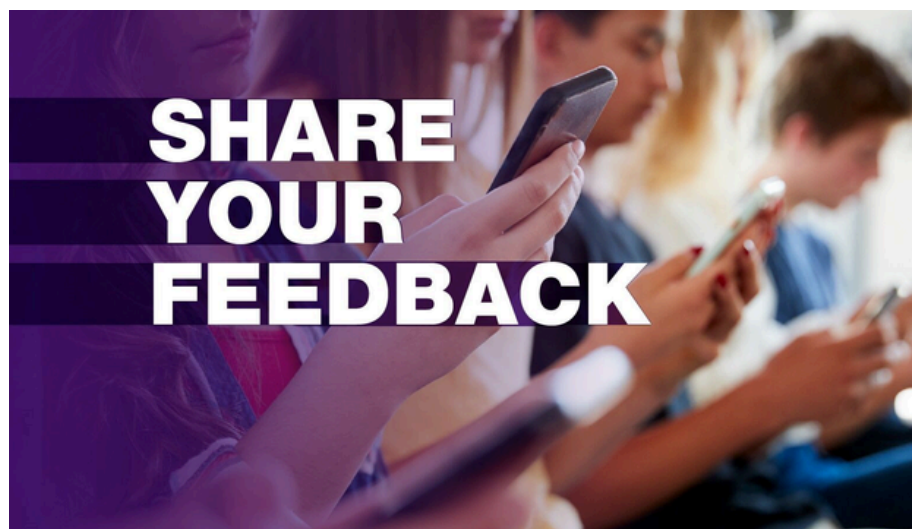


Holy Child will be hosting their **2nd Annual Spring Art Walk** on Thursday May 23rd from 6-8pm. Each student will choose a special art project to be on display. A formal invite with a scavenger hunt activity will be distributed in the coming weeks!



CELLPHONE SURVEY

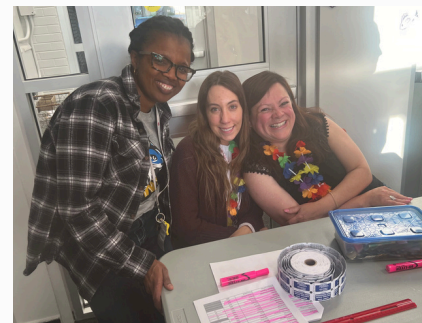
The Government of Alberta has launched a new survey to hear from Albertans about how students should use cellphones in schools. Click on the above link to share your feedback.





TROPICAL FAMILY DANCE

We were so thrilled to see so many families come out to enjoy the Family Dance on Friday April 19. We would like to thank all the Grade 6 families who donated baked goods, as well as everyone who volunteered their time to work at the ticket, concession and bake sale stations.



A special thank you to the families who donated special tropical items for the event, we are so grateful! Through all the fundraising efforts of the parents and students, a large portion for the cost for their year end retreat has been covered!



LENTEN PROJECT PICKUP



At our monthly Assembly,
we were so thankful to
welcome Kayla and Dan
from Boyle Street
Community Services.
They created a wonderful
presentation to show
students how, and who,
the hygiene donations
were helping. It was so
nice to fill their car with
all the items that were
donated throughout Lent.

Thank you Holy Child
families!



GRACE FOR THE HEART AND SOUL

On April 25th, our staff participated in ECSD's campaign "Grace for the Heart and Soul". Teachers gathered to share a blessed afternoon of prayer, reflection and community service. With a very generous spirit and disposition, staff members took time to put their hands to work and efficiently manage a sandwich assembly line to make 1000 sandwiches for those living in the streets. Not only did teachers reach the goal established for the afternoon, but also joined SMILE-Edmonton the following day to serve warm meals and deliver the sandwiches in person to those in need. It was a very rewarding and humbling experience for all those involved. A heart felt thank you to SMILE-Edmonton for collaborating with Holy Child School and help us accomplish this kind gesture and genuine attempt to follow Jesus' teachings and acts of love.

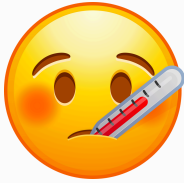


"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " Acts 20:35

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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**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council & Fundraising Society News



May 2024

Upcoming Events

April 2-May 16 - Honey sales
through Powerschool

May 8 @6:00pm - PAC
Virtually via zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84054255111>

May 23 - Art Walk & Honey
Pick up! 6:00pm-8:00pm at
the School Gym

Meeting Dates

All Welcome | 6-7:30pm
School Library or via Zoom
Wednesday, May 8th (Virtual)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84054255111>
Wednesday June 5th (in-person)



Honey Fundraiser

Honey is back!!

Available on Powerschool
under school fees/view fees
Order by May 16th.



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!