ÉCOLE ESCUELA **Holy Child** CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Information for the Week of November 2-6

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	Early Dismissal 11:50 am No Kindergarten programming 5	6

Día de los Muertos

This week, Holy Child will honour Día de los Muertos a meaningful Mexican cultural tradition. Rooted in Indigenous Mesoamerican traditions and shaped by Catholic influences, Día de los Muertos is a joyful celebration of remembrance, love, and connection. This celebration connects beautifully with our Catholic faith, as November 2 is also the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

Through colourful artwork, marigold flowers, and *ofrendas* (traditional altars created to honour loved ones), we are reminded of the importance of family, culture, and keeping memories alive. As part of our celebration, a traditional altar will be displayed in our school library, and students will have opportunities to learn about the cultural significance of this tradition

At Holy Child, we are proud to celebrate the many languages, cultures, and traditions that enrich our school community. These experiences help our students develop a deeper appreciation for different traditions while nurturing our Catholic faith and the connections that bring us together.

Picture Retakes – November 9

Picture retakes will take place on **Monday, November 9**. Students are welcome to come dressed in their chosen outfit and bring their best smiles!
If you would like your child to have their picture retaken, or if they were absent on October 14, please email your child's teacher so we can ensure they are included in the retake day.

Demonstration of Learning – November 26

We are pleased to invite you to our Demonstration of Learning on Thursday, November 26, 2026.
This time will follow a conference-style format, providing students with an opportunity to share their learning, celebrate their growth, reflect on their progress, and discuss next steps alongside their teacher and family. Each student and family will book a 10-minute conference time.

Conference Hours
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Booking Information
Booking will open Monday, November 9, at 9:00am and close on Wednesday, November 25, at 4:00pm

Important Information

- Conferences will take place **in person** in your child's classroom.
- A **conference time must be booked** in advance.
- Students will be dismissed at their regular time (11:50 a.m.) on this day.
- The school will be closed from 11:50 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. to allow teachers and staff time to prepare for conferences.

General Information

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.

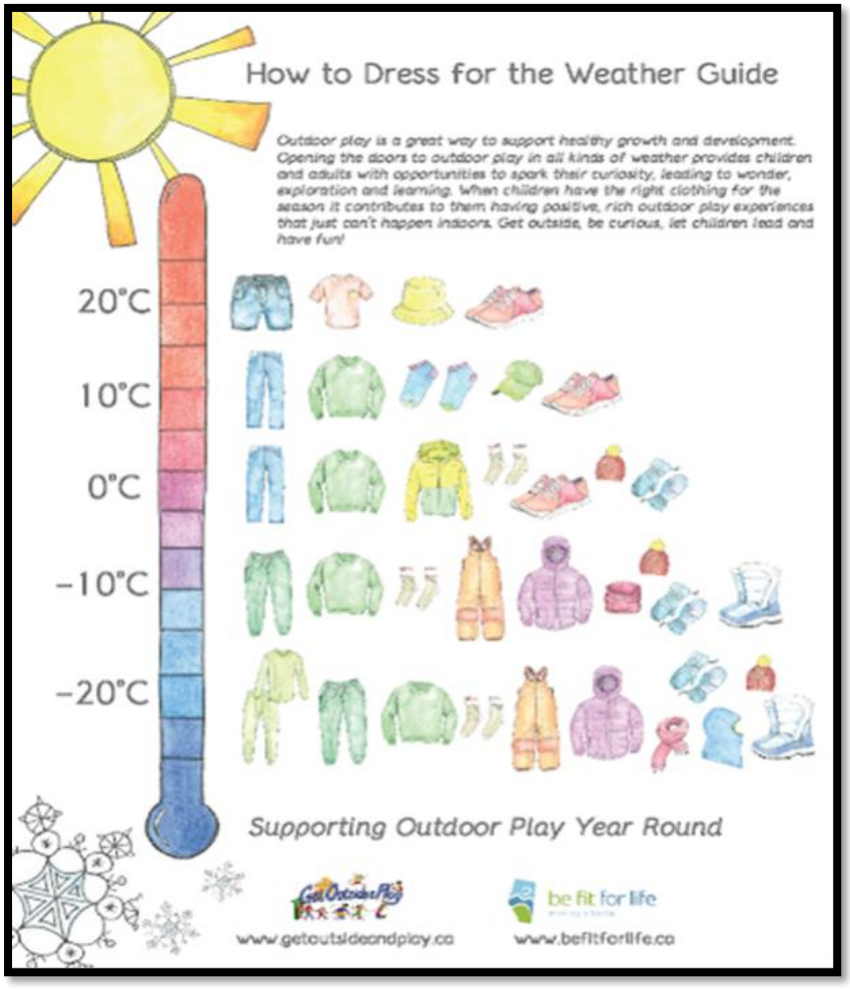
All school fee payments must be completed online through PowerSchool.
We understand that managing expenses can be challenging, so partial payments are available to help make payments more manageable for families.

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!



Mark Your Calendar

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