



Family Information for the Week of February 16-20

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rocks and Rings Residency	Rocks and Rings Residency Pink Shirt Day	Faith Development Day for all ECSD staff NO SCHOOL	Teachers' Convention NO SCHOOL	Teachers' Convention NO SCHOOL
23	24	25	26	27

Grade 4-6 Snow Valley Ski and Snowboard Field Trip

All students in Grades 4 to 6 will be going on a skiing/snowboarding field trip at Snow Valley. This activity is linked to the Physical Education Program of Studies; **all** students are expected to participate. No alternative activity is available on that day as all teachers will be at Snow Valley.

The date of the field trip is Friday, March 6, 2026

Permission forms have been sent home (both a paper copy as well as a digital copy).

Permission forms and payment will be due: Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

*****Payment and Ski Information MUST be submitted online in PowerSchool *****

When completing your payment on PowerSchool, you will also be directed to fill out a form. This form includes important information for the teachers and the staff at Snow Valley to gather regarding ski experience, required rental equipment, etc.

Some students will bring their own skis; we will need a few parent volunteers, with large vehicles, to transport ski gear. If you are available to transport gear – please call the office 780-482-3676.

Pink Shirt Day

We will be honouring Pink Shirt Day on Tuesday, February 24 as a way to stand together against bullying and to promote kindness, inclusion, and respect within our school community.

Students are encouraged to wear pink as a visible sign of our shared commitment to creating a safe and caring environment for all.

Our Lenten Project - Loving Our Neighbours

As we journey through the Lenten season, our school community is putting Catholic Social Teaching into action—responding to the call to care for the vulnerable and to honour the dignity of every person. This year at Holy Child, our Lenten Social Justice Project will focus on supporting the Food Bank at St. Joseph's Basilica, living out our faith through service to those in need. This important initiative not only strengthens our connection with our parish but also provides much-needed support to individuals and families in our community. Our school-wide goal is to collect 300 non-perishable food or hygiene items—approximately one item per student at Holy Child.

Examples of non-perishable food items include:

- Canned vegetables or fruit
- Pasta, rice, or dry beans
- Peanut butter
- Canned soup or stew
- Cereal or oatmeal
- Canned tuna, salmon, or chicken
- Pasta sauce or pasta sauce

Examples of personal hygiene items include:

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Soap and bodywash
- Shampoo

Collection will take place throughout Lent between February 18 and March 27. Through this project, students will learn that even small acts of generosity can make a big difference when we work together.

We encourage families to consider having their child purchase a non-perishable food or personal hygiene items with their own money during a grocery trip. This helps students experience the joy of giving in a personal and meaningful way.

Pre-Enrollment for 2026-2027 Continues

Pre-enrollment for current students is open and must be completed by Friday, March 13, 2026. The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming.

How to Pre-Enroll:

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 school for the 2026-2027 school year.

All students in the Division must complete the pre-enrolment process, whether they are staying at their current school or moving to a different school.

Please note: Once you submit your pre-enrolment, there is no automatic confirmation sent. Your child will remain enrolled at our school for next year unless you notify the school of any changes.

****If your plans change after submitting the form, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can update our records.****

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

2026-2027 Transportation Applications

Transportation application forms must be submitted by June 1, 2026, to ensure bus service is ready for the first day of school.

If a student already uses transportation services, **a new application is NOT needed** unless:

- Their address changes
- They transfer to a different school

Application forms for the 2026-2027 school year will be available on the transportation site: <https://www.ecsd.net/apply-for-transportation>

REMINDER: The "CAN I RIDE A BUS?" tool can be used by families to check address eligibility: <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/TransportationEligibility>

PowerSchool Account

Please ensure you have access to **PowerSchool**. This platform allows parents to access information about **attendance, fees, payments, and reporting information**. Office staff will assist new families with creating PowerSchool accounts early in the school year.

Please contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing the parent portal.

The PowerSchool site is accessed at: <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

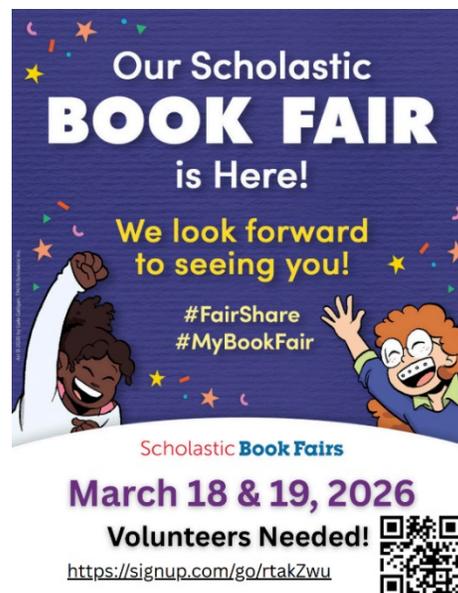
From the Parent Council

Thank you to everyone who helped make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday - What a fun morning together!

BOOK FAIR: Scholastic Book Fair is coming up March 18+19 in the school gym. Volunteers are needed for various shifts during the day and evenings. Please sign up today: <https://signup.com/go/rtakZwu>

CASINO: The most important fundraiser for the school is scheduled for April 11 +12, 2026 at the Pure Yellowhead Casino. Must be 18+ to volunteer and you receive a free meal on your shift as well. A really great way to meet other parents and all shifts are easy to learn. <https://signup.com/go/gnNypyv>

Next Council/Society meeting is March 11th at 6:30pm via Zoom. All are welcome to join! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81736592445>



Mark Your Calendar

March 4 – Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 PM
March 6 – Snow Valley Ski Club Field Trip – Grade 4-6
March 9 – Sangea Academy Drumming Residency
March 13 – Pre-enrollment ends
March 13 – UniThéâtre Play – all French Immersion
March 18 & 19 - Scholastic Bookfair
March 19 - Demonstration of Learning
March 20 – Proposed PD Day
March 24 – Folklofolie at JHP – French Immersion 4-6
March 25 – Edmonton Public Library Presentation - grades 4-6
March 26 – Full Day – dismissal at 3:15 PM
March 26 – Les Bucherons Dance Residency & Traditional Maple Sugar Shack
March 26 - Hot Lunch
March 27 – Early Dismissal at 11:43 AM
March 30-April 3 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

April 6 – Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
April 7 – Easter Celebration at St. Joseph's Basilica (1:15 PM)
April 13 – Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 PM

Holy Child Instagram

Please follow us and help spread the word about Holy Child School by resharing our social media posts. It's an easy way to showcase all that our school has to offer and to celebrate the wonderful community that makes Holy Child so special.

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School Website

Holy Child School Website: [click here](#)

Division Information

Chief Superintendent's Newsletter: [click here](#)

ECSD 2025-2026 Calendar: [click here](#)

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St Joseph Basilica Parish Information

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