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Family Information for the Week of November 23-27

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23	School Advisory Council and Fundraiser Society Meeting 6:00 pm 24	Scholastic Bookfair 25	Early Dismissal 11:50 am No Kindergarten programming Scholastic Bookfair Grade 6 Bake Sale 1:30 pm -5:30 pm Demonstration of Learning 1:30 pm -5:30 pm 26	Holy Child School PD Day **NO SCHOOL** 27

Office News

We are pleased to welcome Sra. Maria Moreno, who will be joining our school and supporting our office during Mme Colleen's absence.
As a reminder, if you have any questions or need to communicate with the school regarding attendance or other matters, please direct your emails to your child's teacher or **holychild@ecsd.net** to ensure your message is received and addressed in a timely manner.

Arriving on Time

We would like to take a moment to remind families of the importance of arriving at school on time each morning.
The morning bell rings at 8:10 a.m., and classroom instruction begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Arriving on time allows students to settle into their classrooms, unpack, greet their classmates and teachers, and be ready to begin the day alongside their peers.
When students arrive late, they can miss important morning routines, announcements, instructions, and valuable learning time. Late arrivals can also interrupt classroom instruction and make it more challenging for students to transition into their learning.
We recognize that mornings can be busy, and we appreciate the effort families make to ensure their children arrive at school on time as it helps students begin each day feeling prepared, confident, and ready to learn.

Art Cards

Our School Fundraising Society is excited to present this year's Art Cards Fundraiser!
Students have spent time creating and preparing their own special artwork, which has been transformed into personalized art cards. These make wonderful keepsakes and thoughtful gifts for family and friends.
A sample of your child's artwork was sent home on Friday, along with instructions on how to place an order. We encourage you to take a look and consider supporting this fundraising initiative.
Please note that the deadline to place orders is November 28, 2026.



Demonstration of Learning

We are pleased to invite you to our Demonstration of Learning on Thursday, November 26, 2026. This conference-style event provides each student and family with an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher for a scheduled 10-minute meeting. Together, students, families, and teachers will establish meaningful goals to support continued growth leading up to the mid-year summary report at the end of January.

Important Information

- Conferences will take place in your child's classroom.
- A conference time must be booked in advance.
- Students will be dismissed at the regular time of 11:50 a.m.

Booking Information

Online booking is open and will close on Wednesday, November 25, at 4:00 p.m.
Please use the following link to book your conference: https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/y2mqr

Conference Hours

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
We recognize that the Demonstration of Learning is just one opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their learning and progress. We also understand that each family has its own unique set of schedules, commitments, and obligations. If you are unable to attend during the scheduled conference hours, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange an alternate time to connect. Our teachers remain responsive and available to families throughout the school year, and we encourage you to reach out whenever questions, concerns, or celebrations arise.

Grade 6 Bake Sale

Our Grade 6 students will be hosting a Bake Sale just outside the school office during Demonstration of Learning on Thursday, November 26.
All proceeds will go toward supporting their year-end field trip.
Be sure to stop by, support our Grade 6 students, and treat yourself to something sweet!
Cash only, please.
Thank you for your support!

Scholastic Bookfair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place on Wednesday, November 25, during school hours, and Thursday November 26, during school hours and in during our Demonstration of Learning from 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

Be sure to stop by and browse the wonderful selection of books! It's a great opportunity to pick up a few new reads for your children or get a head start on Christmas shopping.

Best of all, purchases help support our school library, with proceeds going toward new books and resources for our students. Thank you for supporting literacy at Holy Child!



Lost & Found Items



Our Lost and Found items will be on display next week, November 24–30, outside the school library.

As you join us for our Demonstration of Learning, please take a few moments to stop by and look through the items. You may just find something your child has been missing!

Partnership Appreciation



It's Partnership Appreciation Week!

We're grateful for the many community partners who support our students and school community.
A special thank you to (insert partner name) for (brief description of support or partnership). Your partnership helps (insert details about the impact in your school). Thank you for being part of our Catholic school community!

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.

Sounds of Christmas at Holy Child

Save the Date – Thursday, December 10, 2026 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Join us at Holy Child for a magical evening as we celebrate the joy and wonder of the Christmas season! Sounds of Christmas will be an opportunity for our school community to come together, share in the spirit of the season, and enjoy a festive evening as a community.

The evening will feature special grade level performances in the gym, along with a variety of festive stations for families to explore and enjoy together. From music and celebration to seasonal activities, there will be something to make the evening special for everyone!
We look forward to filling Holy Child with the sounds, joy and magic of Christmas as we celebrate this beautiful season together.
More details will be shared in the coming weeks, but for now, be sure to mark your calendars!

Oil Kings - Hockey Hooky

Get ready, Holy Child families! We are excited to announce that our entire school will be heading to Rogers Place on Wednesday, March 3rd, for a special Hockey Hooky field trip to cheer on our very own Edmonton Oil Kings!

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together as a school community, experience the excitement of live hockey, and cheer on the Oil Kings!
This experience connects to Alberta Education's Physical Education and Wellness (PEW) Program of Studies. Through this shared experience, students will have opportunities to explore the value of active living, develop an appreciation for sport and physical activity, and recognize the importance of teamwork, cooperation, fair play and positive sportsmanship. Watching a live hockey game also provides an opportunity to observe movement skills, game strategies and the roles individuals play as part of a team.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of school spirit, excitement, and a little hockey magic! More details regarding transportation, timing, and the day's arrangements will be shared closer to the event. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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.

- 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!

From the Holy Child School Council and Fundraiser Society



Next **council/society meeting** is this Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00pm at the school library or via zoom (https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89771397519)

Hot lunch can be ordered from healthyhunger.ca and the next one is Friday, December 4, 2026.

Mark Your Calendar

December 1 – **Grinch Green & Candy Cane Day** wear green, red &/or white
December 1 – Advent Celebration - Holy Child @1:15 pm ***NEW DATE***
December 4 - Holiday Spirit Day - wear a (ugly) Christmas sweater
December 4 – Hot Lunch
December 8 – **Christmas Cheer – wear a jersey**
December 10 – Sounds of Christmas Evening
December 16 & 17 - Christmas Market
December 17 – Full Day – dismissal at 3:00 pm
December 17 – Pajama Day
December 18 – Early Dismissal at 11:50 am
December 18 – Christmas Celebration at 9:00 am
December 18 – **Wear red and green**
December 21 – January 3 - Christmas Break - **no school**
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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