



Family Information for the Week of November 3-7, 2025

From the Staff

Being away from our students and school community over the past while has not been easy. We have missed the energy, laughter, and smiling faces that fill our classrooms and hallways each day. Last week, it was wonderful to reconnect and to see your children's excitement as we continue the school year together.

Our priority and focus is and will continue to be teaching and learning. As we shared last week, activities and events such as performances, field trips, extracurricular programs, and other school-based events may be delayed, rescheduled, or cancelled. It will take some time for our school to return to normal operations.

We will continue to share regular updates and more details in the coming days and weeks.

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day of the Dead/Día de Muertos PICTURE DAY!! 3	 4	 5	Dismissal at 11:43 AM 6	Remembrance Day ceremony (at school) 9:00 am 7

Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER

November 10 - Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

November 11 – Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

November 12 - Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

November 17 – Parent Council Meeting

November 19 and 20 – ~~Scholastic Book Fair~~ – RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 2026

November 21 – PD Day **Cancelled** – regular classes

November 28 – Picture Retakes

November 28 - Proposed Hot Lunch

DECEMBER

December 1-16 - 12 Days of Christmas

December 2 – Advent Celebration (at school) at 9:00 AM

December 3 – Parent Council Meeting

December 17 & 18 - Christmas Market

December 18 – Full Day – dismissal at 3:15 PM

December 18 - Proposed Hot Lunch

December 19 – Early Dismissal at 11:43 AM

December 19 – January 4 - Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL

January 5 – Welcome back!

General Reminders



Updating the Office about Changes to After School Transportation Plans

To help us 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.**

(Para ayudarnos a garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes, **es muy importante que las familias informen a la escuela sobre cualquier cambio en los planes de transporte de sus hijos después de clases, especialmente si en un día determinado no van a tomar el autobús.**)

Keeping an updated list of bus riders allows us to account for every student and ensure they get home safely

At Holy Child, our staff are dedicated to supporting students throughout the school day by focusing on their learning, safety, and well-being. We deeply value our partnerships with parents and welcome opportunities to connect. To ensure we can give you our full attention, we kindly ask that all meetings with teachers or the admin team be scheduled in advance. This helps us make sure we can dedicate the necessary time to your questions and concerns while continuing to prioritize the needs of our students during instructional time.

(En la escuela Holy Child, nuestro personal está dedicado a apoyar a los estudiantes durante todo el día escolar, enfocándose en su aprendizaje, seguridad y bienestar. Valoramos profundamente nuestra colaboración con las familias y siempre damos la bienvenida. Sin embargo, para poder brindarles toda nuestra atención, le pedimos amablemente que todas las reuniones con los maestros o directores se programen con anticipación. Esto nos permitirá dedicar el tiempo necesario a sus preguntas y preocupaciones, mientras seguimos priorizando las necesidades de los estudiantes durante el horario de clases.)

School Fees

School Fees are now posted on PowerSchool.

The annual school fees are \$30.00 for Kindergarten students and \$50.00 for students in Grades 1 to 6.

School fees are due November 30, 2025.

You may have additional fees to pay for additional grade specific learning resources such as bus passes, field trip etc. We kindly ask that these fees be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention and support.

(La cuota escolar ya está indicada en Power School. La cuota anual es de \$30.00 para Kindergarten y \$50.00 para los estudiantes de Grado 1 a 6 y les pedimos que se paguen antes del 30 de noviembre, 2025.

También podrán surgir costos adicionales por materiales específicos como Pases para el bus escolar, excursiones escolares, etc. Les pedimos amablemente que estos pagos sean realizados lo antes posible. Muchas gracias.)

Busing and Transportation Inquiries and Matters

Please direct any questions and concerns regarding bussing and transportation (stops, routes, delays) to ECSD Transportation Services. They can be reached by phone: 780-441-6078 or by email: transportationservices@ecsd.net.

(Les pedimos, por favor, que dirija cualquier pregunta o inquietud relacionada con el transporte escolar (paradas, rutas, retrasos) a los Servicios de Transporte de ECSD. Puede comunicarse con ellos por teléfono al 780-441-6078 o por correo electrónico escribiendo a transportationservices@ecsd.net)

Closed Campus

Please note that we are a closed campus. For security, all exterior doors remain locked throughout the day, and **all visitors must enter using the main entrances (Door 5 or Door 8) and sign in at the office upon arrival.**

(Por motivos de seguridad, todas las puertas exteriores de la escuela permanecen cerradas durante el día, y **todos los visitantes deben ingresar por las entradas principales (Puerta 5 o Puerta 8) y registrarse en la oficina al llegar.**)

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming, and focused learning environment for all students.

También les pedimos amablemente su apoyo para reconocer que nuestros maestros están completamente dedicados a sus estudiantes y a la enseñanza durante el día escolar, de 8:18 a.m. a 3:15 p.m. Si Ud. desea comunicarse con el maestro de su hijo, por favor coordine una reunión por correo electrónico para hacer una cita.)

Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos

The *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is an ancient celebration originating in Mexico and Central America that takes place on November 1 and 2. This vibrant festivity—filled with color, aroma, music, and tradition—has captivated people around the world and was recognized by UNESCO in 2008 as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

At its heart, *Día de los Muertos* is **not** a somber or frightening occasion, but rather a joyful celebration of life. It invites us to honor and remember loved ones who have passed, while reminding us that life continues through memory, love, and connection.

Tied to the Spanish Bilingual Program's cultural outcomes, this celebration provides a meaningful opportunity for all students at Holy Child to participate in and learn from this rich cultural tradition. Students will engage in hands-on learning experiences that foster appreciation and respect for the diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

We will celebrate *Día de los Muertos* at Holy Child on Monday, November 3. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about this meaningful tradition and take part in a special presentation in the gym. This celebration will offer a memorable experience that highlights the beauty, significance, and values at the heart of this vibrant cultural event.

Christmas Concert - RESCHEDULED

Planning a Christmas Concert is always a joyful part of our year. It takes many hands, hearts, and hours of preparation. Traditionally, students and staff begin rehearsing early in the fall, learning songs, choreography, and speaking parts that bring the season to life.

Unfortunately, with the recent labour disruption, time was missed to practice and prepare. After much thought and discussion, we have made the difficult decision to reschedule this year's Christmas Concert.

The **SPRING CONCERT** will now take place on Thursday, May 21. It will be part of our Art Walk celebration. This format will allow us to showcase not only our students' amazing visual arts, but also their musical and performing talents.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We know how special these events are for our families, and we look forward to sharing a beautiful celebration with you in the spring.

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