



Holy Child

October 2024

Principal's Message

Hola! Bonjour!

Dear Holy Child Families:

A big thank you to all the students, parents, and staff who attended our Meet the teacher and welcome event! We would also like to provide a special thank you to our Holy Child parent council and Goodfellow & Schuett Law for sponsoring the pizza and ice cream for this community welcome event! Community sponsorship such as this is amazing and truly appreciated. This week we are also celebrating "Read-In-Week" and we would like to extend a thank you in advance to all the guest readers we are having in our school this week.

We also are looking forward to celebrating the gift of Catholic education from October 19th to 25th. We are so blessed to be able to provide students with a Catholic faith based excellent education.

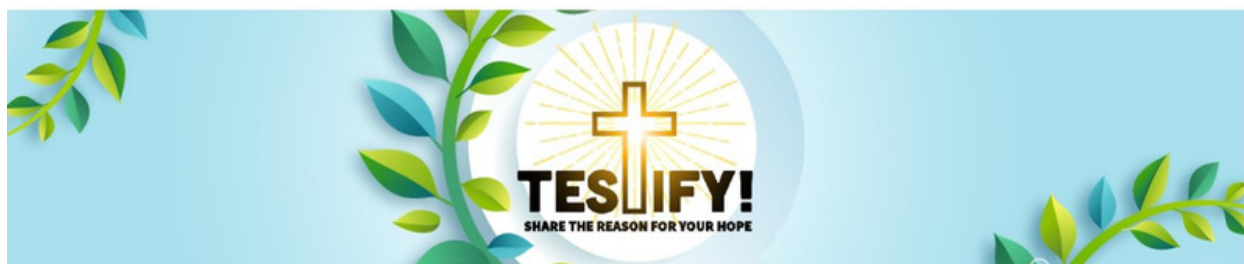
"But in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:15)



Thank you for partnering with us in providing your child (children) with a wonderful faith based educational experience.

Take care and God bless.

Madame Christine Samson,
Principal



We are pleased to also share letters from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories:

[English Letter](#)

[French Letter](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks
giving

- Oct. 2 – **Custodian Appreciation Day**
 - PAC meeting virtual 6 to 7:30 pm
- Oct. 3 – Apple Orders Due on PowerSchool
- Oct. 24 – Gr. 2 In School Fieldtrip – Sound and Light
- Oct. 7 – Oct. 11 – Read In Week
- Oct. 7 – **PICTURE DAY**
- Oct 11 – Thanksgiving Celebration at the Basilica – 1:15 pm
- Oct. 14 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 17 – Apple Fundraiser Pickup
- Oct. 18 – Gr. 4 Bible Celebration – 2:00 pm
- Oct. 25 – **Hot Lunch – ORDER AT HEALTHYHUNGER.CA**
- Oct. 31 – Halloween Parade 11:00 am

Did you know that October is...

Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month?



Stay tuned for some upcoming events!

CUSTODIAL STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

On Tuesday, October 2, Edmonton Catholic Schools celebrated Custodial and Facilities Staff Appreciation Day. This day holds special significance as we take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the custodial and facilities staff who work tirelessly to maintain safe, clean, and welcoming environments in our schools and sites. We truly appreciate how they contribute to our school community, and we are blessed to work with them each day.

THANK YOU MR. BRUCE, MR. ROD & MS. ETALAM
for all you do for us at Holy Child School!!



READ IN WEEK

Theme for 2024 – Reading is for Everyone!

Reading isn't just about storybooks. READ IN is not only for children. It's for everyone! What does reading look like to you? Following instructions? Reading a recipe? Enjoying a graphic novel or comic book? Reading the news? Looking at the weather forecast? Research? Reading for pleasure? Reading a storybook to a loved one?

Children who grow up reading become adults who continue to read.



LIVING OUR FAITH

FOCUS ON TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

All Division schools and sites observed Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27. The Government of Canada has proclaimed September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honors the survivors, their families, and their communities. Thank you to Senorita Eve Molina for her leadership in organizing a thoughtful classroom activity for this special day.



WORLD TEACHER DAY

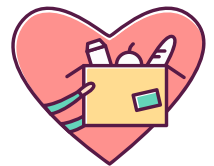
On October 5th we celebrate World Teachers' Day, giving thanks to our Holy Child teachers for all the love, support and guidance they provide to our students.



Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of our teachers. They work hard to help elevate our knowledge, and with this prayer, we hope our appreciation for them reaches their hearts. Thank You for blessing us with teachers who are not only selfless, but motivators who help us find purpose and meaning in school. Amen.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT: OCTOBER

Catholic Social Teaching #4- helping those in need



During the month of October, we are inviting all students and staff to bring one non-perishable item for the Food Bank. For example: Kraft Dinner, can of soup, bag of pasta.

We are grateful to have full meals and full tummies, so we are hoping to help others who may go without.

We will collect all the items and donate them to the Edmonton Food Bank!



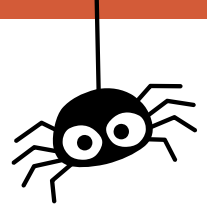
TERRY FOX RUN



On Wednesday, September 25th, all of our Holy Child students ran the Terry Fox Run at school. Whether they ran to the river valley, around the block, or around the school field, students were excited to participate in this important run. Thanks to your generous donations, we have sent OVER \$200 to the Terry Fox Foundation. A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers, who contribute to making this day possible.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



Our traditional Halloween parade will take place in the gym at 11 a.m. All other celebrations will take place in your child's classroom. Please watch for information from your child's teacher for details. Please help your child select a costume that is appropriate for a Catholic School – weapons, blood, grim reapers and zombies can scare our younger students. Please note that no violent props such as weapons, swords, etc., are permitted. Kindergarten students will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday October 30th as they do not have classes on the 31st.



Visit ecsd.net/October-2024-Message to read the Chief Superintendent's October Message.

Important bus Information for parents/guardians: Pick up & Drop off

Thank you to all of our families for a wonderful school start up! A kind reminder regarding bus pick up and drop off times. Please see some important information from our administrative policy:

AP 560 – Student Transportation AP 560.PDF

4.4 It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that a parent/guardian is available to receive a Kindergarten or Grade 1 student at the scheduled stop and at the scheduled time. A parent may delegate this responsibility to an older sibling, provided the older sibling is in grade 6 or higher. Parents are responsible for notifying the Principal of the school that this responsibility has been delegated. If a parent or delegate is not at the drop-off location, the bus driver will notify their Dispatch and continue with the route. The child will be returned to the school at the end of the route.

RECESS AND ACTIVITIES: WEATHER

With the colder weather approaching, this is a kind reminder that students are to dress appropriately for the weather, as we have several recesses during the day where students are able to spend time outside. 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. Air quality is to be monitored similar to extreme cold temperatures. The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside when air quality reaches an index of 7 or more.

Please see Administrative Policy 131 for more information on the guidelines for outdoor activities.

Please note that there are guidelines in place as to when students would have an indoor recess: https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-50_metric_e.html. Environment Canada at (780) 468-4940 (English) or (780) 495- 2145 (French).

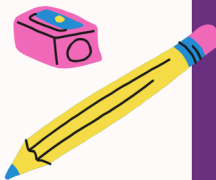


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**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council & Fundraising Society News



OCTOBER 2024

Upcoming Events

Oct 2 6:00pm-7:30pm

Virtual AGM via Zoom

Everyone Welcome!

Apple orders DUE

Thursday, Oct 3rd

Meeting Dates

All Welcome | 6:00-7:30pm

Virtually via Zoom

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/
85755829458](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85755829458)

Wednesday, October 2nd - AGM

Wednesday, December 4th

Wednesday, February 5th

Wednesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, June 4th

***Meetings will be held every second
month this year. PAC members will
meet each month for planning. Same
link for all meetings.*



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**DAVISON
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COUNTRY VILLAGE

Vernon B.C.

Last chance to order

15lb Box Hand Picked Apples = 40 Apples!

Order by October 3rd on Powerschool

Pick up October 17th

Over 160 boxes
were SOLD
last year raising
over \$1700
for Holy Child!

Reminders

- Join the Council or Society for 2024/2025!
Email us to find out more details
- HOT LUNCH now available to order online
- Order APPLES on Powerschool today!
- Follow us on Instagram for school
information @HolyChildECSD



HolyChildParentCouncil@gmail.com | @HolyChildecsd on Instagram

APPLE FUNDRAISER ON NOW!

ORDER HANDPICKED APPLES FROM
DAVISON ORCHARDS IN VERNON,
BC ON **POWERSCHOOL** UNTIL
OCTOBER 3RD, 2024

FUNDS GO TOWARDS
SUPPORTING CLASSROOM
SUPPLIES, RESOURCES &
FIELDTRIPS!

Last chance to order



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ORCHARDS**
COUNTRY VILLAGE




Vernon B.C.

ORDER ON POWERSCHOOL!

GALA, HONEYCRISP, AMBROSIA & BLEND
AVAILABLE IN 15LB BOXES (40APPLES!)
ORDERS DUE OCT 3 | PICK UP OCT 17

Healthy Hunger

Date	↑↓	VENDOR
2024-10-25		
2024-11-29		
2025-01-31		
2025-02-21		

2025-03-20	
2025-04-25	
2025-05-30	

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!

More details to come!
Last Friday of the month



Fun Lunch Fundraising

PARENTS

FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click **"REGISTER YOUR STUDENT"**. After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.



HOW IT WORKS

Create an account

STEP 1.

Click **"REGISTER YOUR STUDENT"** and create Your account.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT

Add Student

STEP 2.

Login, and add your children to the account.

ADD STUDENT

View upcoming fun lunches

LUNCH DATE	TIME	MEAL NAME	ORDER STATUS
May 01, 2013	12:00 PM	Healthy Lunch	ORDER NOW
May 01, 2013	1:00 PM	Healthy Lunch	ORDER NOW
May 01, 2013	2:00 PM	Healthy Lunch	ORDER NOW
May 01, 2013	3:00 PM	Healthy Lunch	ORDER NOW
May 01, 2013	4:00 PM	Healthy Lunch	ORDER NOW

STEP 3.

View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.

ORDER NOW

Place your orders and make payment online

STEP 4.

Place your orders and make payment Online.

PAY NOW



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www.healthyhunger.ca

THANK YOU!



**For generously
sponsoring our
welcome event!**

WOW! We had over 550 family members & staff attend which is a record!

*Do you own or work for a company who would be
interested in sponsoring a school event?
Contact us at HolyChildParentCouncil@gmail.com*