ÉCOLE ESCUELA **Holy Child** CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Information for the Week of November 9-13

This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Picture Retakes 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 am All welcome! 10	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL 11	Fall Break NO SCHOOL 12	Fall Break NO SCHOOL 13

Picture Retakes – November 9

Picture retakes will take place tomorrow, **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.

Poppy Campaign - Honouring Remembrance Day

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11, we invite our Holy Child students and families to join us in supporting the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign.
Each year across Canada, the Legion's Poppy Campaign raises funds to support Veterans and their families. The poppy has become a powerful symbol of remembrance, honouring the courage and sacrifices of the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, our country in times of war, conflict and peace.

We encourage students to participate by making a voluntary donation and wearing a poppy as a visible symbol of remembrance. Through this simple act, we can help our students understand the importance of gratitude, service, sacrifice and remembering those who have helped protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

As a Catholic school community, may we take this opportunity to pause, reflect and pray for all those who have served, those who continue to serve, and the families who stand alongside them.

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!

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!



From the Holy Child School Council and Fundraiser Society

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Halloween Movie night last Friday - what a fun night and successful fundraiser for our school!

Hot lunch can be ordered from healthyhunger.ca and next one will be Dec. 4.

Scholastics Bookfair will be November 25 + 26 in the school library. Volunteers are needed to help run the bookfair (parents, grandparents or older kids!). Sign up today: https://shorturl.at/987D2

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

Look out for our **Holiday Art Card** fundraiser coming soon!



Mark Your Calendar

November 14-20 - Métis Week
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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Division Information

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St. Joseph Basilica