

Welcome from ECSD: A New School Year Begins

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Dear ECSD Families,

Edmonton Catholic Schools is grateful to welcome all students and families to the 2025-2026 school year. Whether your child is new to our Division or already part of our ECSD community, we look forward to walking together in faith, learning, and growth.

The first day of school for most students is September 2, 2025. Please check with your child's school, as some schools may have staggered starts.

To help you prepare, we invite you to read <u>Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's</u> <u>August/September Message</u>. It reflects on our Division Plan for Continuous Growth and this year's theme, "People of Hope." Each month, Chief Superintendent Anderson shares a message with our ECSD community that reflects on a quote from Pope Francis, "All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful brings us to God."

<u>The August/September Message</u> also includes information about the potential labour disruption. While Edmonton Catholic Schools is not directly involved in provincial bargaining, we are preparing for a range of possible scenarios and remain committed to keeping families informed through direct communication and our <u>Labour Update webpage</u>.

On behalf of Alberta's Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health, we are sharing health guidance for the start of the school year. This includes updates on measles and other back-to-school considerations. You can read both here:

- Message from Alberta's Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health: Measles and the Start of School
- Measles and Back to School: Information for Parents and Guardians

Your child's school will continue to share other school start-up information directly. You can also plan ahead for the new school year by downloading the Division calendar on ecsd.net/calendar.

We look forward to a year filled with faith, learning, and growth.

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