

Quick Calendar:

October 3-9

- National Catholic Health Care Week

Oct 3-11

- Mental Illness Awareness Week

Oct 4-8

- Read-In Week

Oct 10

- World Mental Health Day

Oct 11:

- Thanksgiving

Oct 18

- Civic Election Day

Oct 18

- Faith Development Day

SOMETHING TO ADD?

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters with events, features, memories, poetry, photos or have content suggestions, please email submissions before the first of the month to:

STAFFALUMNI@ECSD.NET

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NEWSLETTER

Holy Child Catholic Elementary School

- Kihci Awasis - École Saint-Enfant -
- Escuela Santo Niño -

The Board of Trustees of Edmonton Catholic Schools is pleased to announce the new name of the former Grandin School. Effective September 29th the school will be called **Holy Child Catholic Elementary School**. At a Special Public Meeting of the Board, Board Chair Sandra Palazzo shared the following:

“On June 28, 2021, this Board voted unanimously to remove the name ‘Grandin’ from our school because of Bishop Vital Grandin’s role in residential schools. A committee was struck to undertake a search for a new name for the school. The committee included members from the ECSD Elders’ Advisory Council, Indigenous Learning Services, Administration from the school, the Department of Religious Education, and senior leadership.



In addition to the parameters set forth in our administrative procedures, the committee also used the following guiding principles: that the name honour the children whose lives were lost in residential schools, and that the name be one that would be meaningful and positive for the students of the school. I am pleased to share the recommendation that the school be given the name Holy Child Catholic Elementary School.

Holy Child is one of several titles that are used to refer to Jesus from his birth until he reached the age of 13. The name calls to mind this formative time in his life. Further, Jesus often referred to the sacredness of children in his teaching. In the gospel of Matthew, he says: “Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Mt 18: 4-5) Additionally, calling to mind the children who were tragically lost in residential schools, this name counsels us that we, as a society, must always remember and honour that every child is holy.”

The school is the oldest continuously operating school in the division, having opened in 1914.

Our Common Home

Exciting Things Are Happening...

Work has begun on the renovations of our new administration building! Teams of contractors, movers and designers are hard at work bringing the vision of our planning department to life!

Division Planning recently shared the schematics with division staff, giving everyone a idea of the layout of administrative offices, departments and gathering spaces in the new Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre.

We have also been working on something very special for our Staff Alumni – more news to come!

Want to see a virtual tour of the new spaces?

<https://app.cloudpano.com/tours/FgdTbeUmYe?scenelId=Rd7ojJVZL-6>



NOTICES:

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE: OCTOBER, 2021

Read this month's message here:

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/36146/chief-superintendent-s-message-october-2021>

FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY

Faith Development Day, scheduled for **Monday, October the 18th** from 8:30 – 1:00 PM, will be presented virtually this year and is open to all staff and staff alumni. It will feature a Liturgy celebrated by Father Glenn McDonald & Father Julian Bilyj, and keynote addresses from acclaimed speakers Steve Angrisano, Father Richard Leonard, and Father Leo Patalinghug.

Should you wish to participate, we will share a link to the live feed to our subscribers the night of Sunday, September 17th.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

Show a little love to our health care workers on the front lines! October 3-9 is National Catholic Health Care Week, and we are looking to celebrate the important work of Catholic health care organizations in our city.

Journey of Truth and Reconciliation

Who are the Métis?

Métis identity is very complex. Recently, various organizations have popped up claiming to represent Métis people. However, many of these organizations are not actually valid or recognized by Métis people and communities. This video explores one such organization, as well as the perspective of the Manitoba Métis Federation on false claims to Indigenous identity.

[CBC News: WHO ARE THE METIS?](#)

University of Alberta's Indigenous Canada MOOC

Have you always wanted to learn more about the history of Indigenous Peoples of this land? Now's your chance! The University of Alberta's Indigenous Canada MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) is a free, in-depth resource that covers topics such as Indigenous languages, Treaties, and Indigenous art. You can sign up here:

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada/home/welcome>

NOTICES CONTD. :**RECRUITING
EDUCATIONAL
ASSISTANTS**

Our Staffing team is actively recruiting to fill both our Educational Assistant sub roster and vacant positions in light of the increased need for Educational Assistants. We are also experiencing a shortage of LPNs, Early Childhood Educators, and Therapeutic Assistants. If you know of any suitable candidates, please direct them to our posting on the ECSD Careers site. Please note, once candidates are hired to our sub roster they will have the opportunity to apply to any internal postings or be placed immediately into vacant unfilled contract positions.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES
BOOK CLUB**

Any ECSD staff alumni who enjoy reading books while growing in faith, and are interested in joining a faith-filled division-wide book club? Susanna Kaup is looking for book club members to join her in exploring various books. Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month (October 13th - February 9th) from 4pm - 5pm (TBD virtually or in person depending on Covid). Our first book will be Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*.

For more information or to register, please send Susanna an email at Susanna.Kaup@ecsd.net

Building For The Future

Projects On the Horizon

Our School Division is delighted to showcase the following new developments and schools on the horizon:

- Joan Carr Elementary School (Keswick)
OPENING SEPTEMBER 2022
- Ben Calf Robe- St Clare Elementary/Jr High School
OPENING SEPTEMBER 2022
- Father Michael McCaffery High School (Heritage Valley)
OPENING SEPTEMBER 2025

View a video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cc0-4aSc1BM>

Civic Election Day

Monday, October 18th

Election day is coming up soon, and the races for Mayor, City Councillors and School Trustees are in full swing. Catholic School trustees have been acclaimed in all wards, except for Ward 77 (Southeast Edmonton) [WARD 77](#)

The candidates running in ward 77 are:

- Laura Thibert (incumbent) <https://www.laurathibert.com/>
- Kara Pelech <https://karapelech.ca/>

For more information, and to find the candidates and voting stations in your area, visit:

https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/municipal_elections/for-voters

If you are unsure of candidates' platforms, or where they align with your own political, social and fiscal standpoints, Taproot Edmonton has created a 'voting compass' here, including responses from candidates all over the city:

<https://edmonton.taproot.vote/2021/surveys/peoples-agenda/match>

Health & Wellbeing

OCT 3 - 9: MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) takes place from October 3 - 9, 2021 and is a campaign designed to educate and encourage Canadians to learn about mental illness and share their experiences with it.

The theme for this year is:

“ There Is No Health Without Mental Health.”

For more information and resources, visit:

- THE CANADIAN ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH:
<https://www.camimh.ca/miaw>
- CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION:
<https://mentalhealthcommission.ca/>
<https://mentalhealthcommission.ca/what-we-do/seniors/>
- CANADIAN COALITION FOR SENIORS' MENTAL HEALTH:
<https://ccsmh.ca/>

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EVERYDAY HEROES CAMPAIGN - ECSD AND THE ARCHDIOCESE

His Grace would like to acknowledge, celebrate and recognize as many of those amazing quiet heroes of our everyday lives as possible. The Archdiocese is planning an appreciation social media campaign that will run from the **November 1, 2021 until November 21, 2021** when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

On that day, His Grace will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph's Basilica followed by pre-recorded videos which will honour those everyday heroes in our Archdiocese. The Mass will be open to the public.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF EDMONTON: THE WINDOW

The Archdiocese of Edmonton has a new newsletter - 'The Window' for more information, and to subscribe, visit:

<https://caedm.ca/window>

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Save the Date...



EVERYDAY HEROES CAMPAIGN

November 1, 2021 until November 21, 2021 during the Feast of Christ the King.



THE ART OF ADVENT

November 28th – December 24th The Learning Services Fine Arts team is once again hosting, a virtual arts Advent Calendar! More details to come...



In Memoriam



Full Memorial messages and information regarding funeral arrangements may be found on our In Memoriam page here:

[IN MEMORIAM](#)

It is our hope that these memorials convey the gifts and vitality of these individuals and serve as fitting tributes to them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

EILEEN RACZYNSKI - August 9

HECTOR POIRIER - September 24