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February 2026 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

As we welcome February, we look forward with joy and hope to the meaningful opportunities this month offers to grow in faith, love, and kindness. Rooted in our Catholic values and traditions, we embrace this month's special events, including Black History Month, St. Valentine's Day, Random Acts of Kindness Week and Pink Shirt Day.

Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Black communities in Canada, listen to their stories, and learn more about their history and contributions to Canadian society. This year's theme is "Black Resistance" and highlighting "Re-igniting Afro-Canadians History, Heritage & Legacies" for inclusive growth, connecting past struggles with future advancement.

Valentine's Day reminds us to celebrate the gift of love and cherish the connections we share. It is also a time to reflect on the ultimate love that unites us—the love of God. We will celebrate with curricular activities on Friday, February 13th. ***If you choose to send Valentines, please remember that we are practicing equity and asking that no extra trinkets or food are attached to the Valentine cards, respecting and supporting parents in their right to decide the foods their child will consume.***

Random Acts of Kindness Week inspires us to reflect on and practice Christ's message of love and service. Let us aim to make kindness and generosity not just a focus for the week but an enduring part of our daily lives.

Every four years we get the opportunity to experience the excitement of the Winter Olympics! This year it takes place in Milano Cortina, Italy. We look forward to cheering on teams from around the world! Who will you be rooting for? What is your favorite sport or event?

Pink Shirt Day is all about cultivating a community of kindness and nurturing a sense of belonging for ALL. By sprinkling seeds of empathy and compassion, we can work towards a world without bullying!

As we journey through February together, let our actions reflect the beauty of our faith and the strength of our community. May our shared commitment to compassion, kindness, and love serve as a light for all to see, guided always by the teachings of Christ.

Wishing you a February filled with blessings, love, and peace.

St. Timothy Administrative Team

REGISTRATION 2026-2027 NEW STUDENTS



On Monday, February 2, 2026, registration for new students to our division for the 2026-2027 school year will open at 9am. Registration is done online by clicking the "register now" button on either our school website <https://sttimothy.ecsd.net/> or the division's page <https://www.ecsd.net/register> We look forward to meeting our new students!

*If you already have students attending ECSD, go to PowerSchool and add a student to register.

PRE-ENROLLMENT 2026-2027

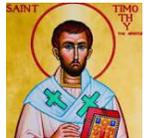


Pre-enrolment for current students is open February 2nd! This must be completed for all students. Sign into your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on the "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" icon in the left-hand menu to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where your child will be attending for the 2026-2027 school year (select what applies: Kindergarten, Junior High, or High School). The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.

For those students in Grade 6 transitioning to Grade 7, please consider attending Junior High Open Houses before filling out your form.

ST. TIMOTHY FEAST DAY

On Monday, January 26, we celebrated our Patron Saint, St. Timothy AND celebrated our 50th Anniversary! Students participated in different activities including creating Hope Stones, we will eventually create an installation in our outdoor garden.



School Council: Thank you again for providing some of the funds to pay for our whole school, receiving commemorative clothing for our 50th anniversary and providing Timbits for the students.

WINTER WALK DAY

Celebrate winter with a [walk](#) outside. Make it fun by adding in a scavenger hunt! Ask your child what they notice with their eyes and ears!

ALIEN INLINE SKATING

All classes will take part in this activity in the gym the week of February 9-13th. Thank you to the School Council for funding this great activity for our students. Students will each participate in multiple one-hour lessons delivered by a certified instructor. The program emphasizes skill development, safety and fun. Students are encouraged to bring their own helmets WITH safety stickers (CSA, CPSC, etc.) and to wear long socks to protect their shins from rubbing.

Thank you to our School Council for providing the funds to pay for our whole school Alien Inline field trip.



OPEN HOUSE

St. Timothy Open House is taking place on Monday, February 9th at 6:30pm. This is an opportunity for families registering for kindergarten as well as any families new to the community interested in Grades 1-6. We ask our current families to pass on our Open House information to all families who would like to attend St. Timothy School. Word of mouth is an excellent way to advertise our school! Check our Instagram to repost on Social Media!



HOT LUNCH-THEME DAY



Our next Hot lunch will be on Friday, February 13th and will be from Popeyes. The last day to place your Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch orders online is Friday, February 6th.

Our theme for the day is: Pink, Red or White Day

We would like to say a special thank you to the parents who volunteered to help hand out January's Hot Lunch to our students. Your gift of time is appreciated. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer for our next Hot Lunch.

VALENTINE'S DAY

If you choose to send Valentines on Friday, February 13, please remember that we are practicing equity and asking that no extra trinkets or food are attached to the Valentine cards, respecting and supporting parents in their right to decide the foods their child will consume. Thank you for your support in this matter. You may also choose to send a special snack that day, *for your child/children only*.



FAMILY DAY



A reminder that there is **no school on Monday, February 16th**. We wish our families a great day together! The City of Edmonton often has events happening around the city you may be interested in attending.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK – February 16th-20th

During the week of February 16 – 20th, students and staff will participate in random acts of kindness. Stay tuned and listen closely that week to hear what things happened at school!



LUNAR NEW YEAR

On Tuesday, February 17th the Lunar New Year will be celebrated, welcoming the Year of the Horse! This celebration, which can take place over many days, is a celebration of cultural traditions, spending time with loved ones and wishing good luck for the new year! If you would like to share your story, please reach out to us.

SHROVE TUESDAY



On Tuesday, February 17th, students will gather in the gym to enjoy a snack of pancakes. Each child will receive 2 pancakes, butter, and syrup. We ask that you send cutlery and a plastic/reusable plate for your child to eat from. These will be washed and returned. Thank you to School Council for providing this snack and to all our parent volunteers!

ASH WEDNESDAY

This day marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting. Please join us for our liturgy at 10:45 AM in the gymnasium on Wednesday, February 18th.

PINK SHIRT DAY



People, young and old, have the power to create change. On Tuesday, February 24th, we will advocate for kindness and inclusivity while continuing to learn about building positive relationships with one another. Please wear a pink shirt if available.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY

The school staff will take part in our annual Faith Development Day which will be held on Wednesday, February 25th. There will be **NO CLASSES for STUDENTS** on this day.

TEACHER'S CONVENTION

Teacher's Convention will take place on Thursday, February 26th and Friday, February 27th. There will be **NO CLASSES for STUDENTS** on these two days.

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-11:30AM

Grades 1-6

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-3:05PM

Thursday – 8:20-11:58AM

Students should be lined up at their outside door by 8:20 AM.

STUDENT ABSENCES

HOW TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

You can report your child's absence with SchoolMessenger using one of the following methods, available 24 hour a day, seven days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

To create your account, please use the same email address and phone number that you use for PowerSchool.

Using your existing PowerSchool Account

1. Log into the **PowerSchool** using your existing account
2. Click on the SchoolMessenger Icon in the left-hand menu to sign into the SchoolMessenger website.
3. Select the Attendance Menu, then Report an Absence.

On your mobile device:

1. On your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the **Apple App Store**, the **Google Play Store**.
2. When you open the app for the first time, select "Sign Up" to create your account.
3. Select Attendance, followed by "Report an Absence."

Using the SchoolMessenger website directly:

1. **Click on the SchoolMessenger website.** Upon your first visit, select "Sign Up" to create your account.
2. Select "Attendance," then Report an Absence."

By Telephone:

1. Call 1-833-788-7662 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

Please remember to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. As recommended by AHS.

LEARNING WHILE ON VACATION

St. Timothy School recognizes that a child's educational experience is not confined to the school building and that vacation trips can be enlightening and valuable to a child's intellectual growth. Please keep in mind that the learning and teaching that is missed cannot easily be replicated outside the classroom or in a worksheet and your child may miss parts of the curriculum. Teachers structure their classes for both instruction and assessment according to the regulations established by the provincial government. Teachers are not required to provide assignments for vacations but could share topics being covered so you include them in your daily discussions. Google classrooms may allow for completion of assignments but opportunities for interaction and questions will be impacted as well as feedback for assessment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

While we are a dog loving community, there are some safety considerations during drop off and pick up at school. If you are bringing your dog during these times, please ensure that you are in control of the dog and maintaining a safe distance from the students. Please click here to see the Edmonton City Bylaw regarding No dogs allowed on school grounds and some other public locations.

<https://www.edmonton.ca>owning-a-pet-in-edmonton>. Consider determining a meeting spot with your child/children if you will be bringing your dog to pick up or drop off. Although we know you may have a friendly dog, sometimes a situation can cause an unpredictable response from the pet. Please pass this message along to anyone who may be picking up students.

PARKING DROP OFF and PICK UP

Parents/guardians who drop off or pick up students at school are asked to **respect the signs on the street and at the entrance of the staff parking lot** with regards to drop off, bus zones, parking, and handicapped access.

When crossing the street with your children, **please choose safety over convenience and use the crosswalk.**

We ask that you adhere to the following rules to keep all our students safe:

- You are not allowed to drop off your child in the bus zone.
- No drop offs or pick-ups are to happen in the crosswalk.
- No drop off or pick-ups are to happen in the staff parking lot.
- Please help your child understand the rules and walk with them to the supervised crosswalk.
- Do not jay walk or encourage your child to jay walk.
- No U-turns in front of the school
- The staff parking lot is for the exclusive use of St. Timothy staff.
- Please respect the directions given by our Crosswalk Supervisor.



Please follow the link <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/523a4e2e251e4a8ba2604cc2dce87cbb>

or use the QR code to view the map explaining which zones are for parking.



COLD/WINTER WEATHER and APPROPRIATE DRESS



All students are expected to go outside for morning and lunch recess unless the weather is inclement, meaning rain or -20 degrees or colder with the wind chill. If it is inclement weather, the school will keep the students indoors. It is very important that all children dress appropriately for 15 to 20 minutes of outside activity, two times a day. Please label all items.

Morning teacher supervision starts at 8:10 AM. Please do not drop off or allow your children to come to school before that time as there is no outdoor supervision.