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December 2025 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

November was a month filled with thoughts of peace, rest during our Fall Break and sharing successes during our Demonstration of Learning. Thank you to all who came to observe the learning and growing happening with your child. We are so thankful for the orders from our Scholastic Book Fair which we will use to purchase new books and resources for our classrooms!

As we move into December, we embark upon Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of Christ as well as a season for introspection and renewal. In December we will be lighting our Advent wreath candles each week, reading and learning to retell the Christmas Story, singing songs and celebrating the birth of Jesus through prayer. We will also gather with all our families for our Caroling to Christmas Evening on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm. Students have been busy practicing their songs and look forward to showcasing these for you. You might even get to join in on one or two!

As our social justice project this month we will be fundraising for the [Dreams for Kids](#), supported by Edmonton Catholic School Foundation. Once again, teachers will be raffling off mini-Christmas trees and front row seats for the Caroling to Christmas evening! Stay tuned for more details!

On behalf of St. Timothy staff, we wish you and your families a joyous and blessed Christmas season. May the gladness of Christmas bring you hope, the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the light of Christmas bring you joy, and the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

St. Timothy Administrative Team

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you for your support in purchasing gift cards as the School Council's first fundraiser and for any Healthy Hunger orders you make. They should all be listed for the rest of the year. A reminder that Kindergarten students are dismissed from school too early to order Healthy Hunger.



MAGIC SHOW

Thanks to your school fees, we have booked a magician who uses magic to teach learner skills in a fun and meaningful way. Owen Kingdon Magic will be here on December 1!

ADVENT LITURGY



Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Our Grade 5/6 class will be taking the lead, and we look forward to them building the Advent wreath and explaining the symbolism for us. We will gather on Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:45am. We would love it if families joined us but please do not arrive before 10:40AM.

DENTAL FLOURIDE and SEALANTS, K-3

From December 8 to 11, students with parent consent will receive fluoride varnish applications from Alberta Health Services.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our acts of social justice show what we believe as Catholics and inspire us to live responsibly while working to create a fair society. We thank you for your support towards both having raised money for our Canadian Veterans by donating money for the poppies.

This month we will raise money by auctioning off staff decorated mini-Christmas trees. The students really love looking at them all week and deciding where to place their tickets. Tickets are \$1 each and support Dreams for Kids, a fundraiser for Edmonton Catholic Foundation. Our school has been a recipient of grants each of the last few years! We will also be selling raffle tickets for front row seating for our Caroling to Christmas performance evening on December 17th. Letters will come home for this.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE: Caroling to Christmas

Please join us on Wednesday, December 17th for our St. Timothy School Caroling for Christmas performance. Doors will open at 6:20PM, and the performance will begin at 6:30PM.



Every family will receive 2 tickets for the evening performance. Tickets will be sent home with the youngest in every family on Friday, December 5th. Due to fire regulations only people with a ticket will be admitted to the evening performance. If you do not require one or both tickets, kindly return them to the school so another family may use them.

Any grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on December 17th at 1:30 in the afternoon. Kindergarten will also be present as they have a full day of school.

Students have been busy practicing their songs and are excited to share this special concert with you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FRONT ROW SEAT RAFFLE



If you would like a chance to win reserved seats for the front row at our Caroling to Christmas performance, you can purchase raffle tickets for \$2.00 each. The funds raised for this will be donated to ECS Foundation Dreams for Kids. Please fill out the form your child will be bringing home on Friday, December 5th and return it to the school with the money before December 15th.

The draw will take place on Monday, December 15th. If your ticket is drawn, we will inform you by telephone. You will not receive 2 more tickets.

When you arrive at the Caroling for Christmas performance your two front row seats will have your last name on them.

HOT LUNCH-THEME DAY



Our next Hot lunch will be on Thursday, December 18th and will be from Chick-fil-A and Kernels Popcorn. The last day to place your Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch orders online is Thursday, December 11th. A reminder is that this is for Grades 1-6 students as Kindergarten leave too early.

Our theme for the day is: Wear your PJ's.

DECEMBER 15 TO 18 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dec.15-18 - We will be holding a Mini Christmas Tree raffle for \$1.00 per ticket. All funds raised will be donated to ECS Foundation Dreams for Kids.

Dec.15 – Christmas Tree raffle ticket sales, Door Decorating

Dec.16 – Christmas Tree raffle ticket sales, Wear Christmas Head Gear

Dec.17 – Christmas Tree raffle ticket sales, Wear Christmas Themed Colored Clothing

Dec.18 – Full day of classes for Grades 1 to grade 6, ½ day of class for Kindergarten, Christmas Tree raffle draw, wear P. J's, movie & popcorn in the PM.

Dec. 19 – NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES, Grades 1-6 – early dismissal at 11:58AM.



TIMETABLE CHANGES OF CHRISTMAS DISMISSAL

As per the Edmonton Catholic School Division Calendar, we will be exchanging Friday's timetable for Thursdays on the following days for Christmas Vacation.



Thursday, December 18th Gr.1-6 dismissal at 3:05 pm.
Thursday, December 18th Kindergarten dismissal at 11:30am.
Friday, December 19th Gr.1-6 dismissal at 11:58 am.

Kindergarten class will be coming to school for ½ day on Thursday, December 18th
Kindergarten do not have classes on Friday, December 19th

Christmas Vacation is from December 22nd to January 2nd, 2026.
School resumes for the children at regular times on Monday, January 5, 2026.

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten

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

Grades 1-6

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

Thursday – 8:20-11:58AM

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

Arriving on time and attending school regularly creates the foundation for future education and provides valuable time to socialize and create a greater sense of belonging.

STUDENT ABSENCES-SCHOOL MESSENGER

Please use School Messenger to report your child's absences. You can do this through PowerSchool by logging into your account and click on SchoolMessenger or calling 1-833-788-7662. Reporting by email becomes staff dependent and can result in an absence not being recorded. All absences need to be entered by 9:00 am. We will no longer be taking absences through our school phone number.

Thank you.

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.

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.

- There is no parking in front of the school
- Do NOT enter the staff parking lot
- Walk on sidewalks at ALL times
- Do NOT make U-turns
- Use the crosswalk



Thank you for choosing safety over convenience.

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.**



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

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.