



# ST. TIMOTHY

## Catholic Elementary School

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## September 2026 Newsletter



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear St. Timothy Families,

As we begin the 2026 – 2027 school year together, we want to thank you for trusting us with your children and joining with us as we instill important, life-long skills. Our dedicated staff have been working diligently to prepare for a year full of learning, growth and discovery. How can you help us best? By supporting our staff and continuing the learning and growth at home.

This year the division theme is “Rooted in Joy” and we look forward to finding out what brings people joy! The Bible passage is: “The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and faithfulness.” – Galatians 5.22. We will continue to work together to stay rooted in joy, to laugh and learn and to use our hearts, our minds and our hands to guide us, in God’s name, in all that we do.

We look forward to all the memories and learning we will do this year!

Mrs. Schipper

## **2026-2027 STAFF LIST**

### **Admin Team**

Principal – J. Schipper  
Assistant Principal – C. Sankey

### **Staff List**

100 Voices – C. Verduci  
Stepping Stones – K. Quaye  
Kindergarten – A. Lysak  
Grade 1 – O. Ohirchak  
Grade 2 – L. Unger  
Grade 3 – S. O'Toole & K. Linaker  
Grade 4 – C. McCulloch & C. Sankey  
Grade 5 – E. Scott  
Grade 6 – W. Somogyvari  
GIST – A. Penny  
French – A. Roppo  
Music – C. Letourneau

### **Support Staff**

Administrative Support – M. Ferbey  
Educational Assistant – B. Oliver  
Educational Assistant – N. Frasz  
Educational Assistant 100V – L. Londono  
Educational Assistant SS – T. Thornton  
ELLE – C. Hernandez de Herrera  
ECE – M. Doroshenko  
TABT – M. Walton  
TASL – A. Robertson  
TAOT – J. Tamaray

### **Division Programs**

EBS – L. Nixdorf  
SLP EL – J. Beaudry  
OT-EL – A. Espino

TABT EL – L. Ghebremiceal  
TASL-EL and GIST – M. Gawryliuk  
TAOT-GIST – C. Lefurgey

### **Custodial**

Head Custodian – K. Kwiatkowski

Light Duty – C. Miguel

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

### **100 Voices/Stepping Stones**

AM class - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (No Thursdays) – 8:15 AM-11:26 AM  
PM class – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (No Thursday) – 12:00 noon-3:11 PM

### **Kindergarten**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (No Thursdays) – 8:20 AM-11:30 AM

### **Grades 1-6**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20 AM-3:04 PM  
Thursday – 8:20-12:00 noon

### **GIST 1-6**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:50 AM-2:26 PM  
Thursday – 8:50AM -12:00 noon

Supervision for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 starts at **8:10 AM**. For the safety of the children, please do not bring your child to school before 8:10 AM.



Student entry into the school, from the first day on, **is through their grade doors**. Please see the attached door map.

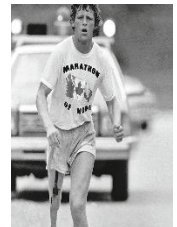
**Students should be lined up at their outside door by 8:20 AM.**

### **SCHOOL OPENING LITURGY/CELEBRATION**

Please join us on Wednesday, September 16th as we welcome in the new school year together. It will begin at 10:45am so please arrive no earlier than 10:40am. We look forward to you joining us!

### **TERRY FOX RUN - Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. St. Timothy will participate on Monday, September 21 at 2:30 in the afternoon. We are asking every student to bring in a Toonie for Terry. Opportunities to donate online will also be available. Please watch for this information.



### **TRUTH and RECONCILIATION WEEK**

This year Truth and Reconciliation Week runs from September 21 to 25. It is an opportunity for all communities to engage with the history and enduring spirit of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

### **TRUTH and RECONCILIATION/ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We do not have school on this day and will grow awareness of intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools by observing Orange Shirt Day on Tuesday, September 29th. We are all treaty people and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families. Please wear an orange shirt or item of clothing on Tuesday, September 29th. Every Child Matters. Students have created an art installation which will be displayed near the front entrance.

### **NATIONAL TRUTH and RECONCILIATION DAY – September 30 - NO SCHOOL**



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM**



School Councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. This is where you are provided with an opportunity to consult with and offer advice or ideas to the school. You do not need to be on the executive to attend meetings.

Elections will take place on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Positions include chair, treasurer and secretary.

## **FIRE DRILLS and LOCKDOWNS**

Every year students and staff practice these drills so that we are prepared in case of emergency. Staff go over the procedures often during class and then we practice throughout the year to be ready. We will be practicing both of these in the month of September.

## **LABELLING STUDENT BELONGINGS**

We ask that all clothing and footwear have your child's name on it. This allows us to reunite lost clothing and avoids an overflowing lost and found. Please label shoes, jackets, mittens, etc. as this saves us time and you money!

## **HOT LUNCH AND HEALTHY HUNGER**

This will begin in October; please stay tuned for more information.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

School fees go live in PowerSchool on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please log into your account and pay your child(ren) fees by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Kindergarten - \$30.00

Grades 1-6 - \$50.00

No fees for 100 Voices, Stepping Stones or GIST.

## **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. We are unable to take calls in the office.

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.

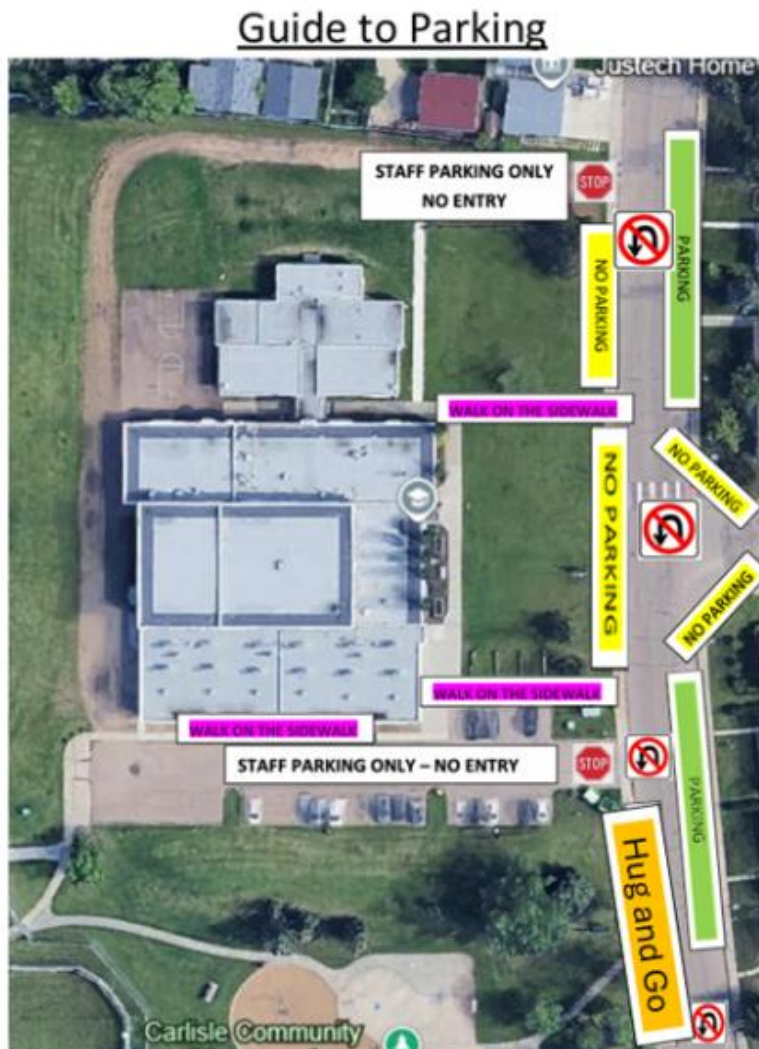
### **LEARNING WHILE ON VACATION**

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.

## **PARKING, DROP OFF and PICK UP**

There is no parking alongside the school or park. If you want to park, please park on the other side of the road and use the crosswalk.

We will have 3 buses this year, in addition to our daycare vans. Please DO NOT park ANYWHERE you see pilons.



## **HUG AND GO ZONE**

This is a designated curbside drop-off and pick-up zone where the driver DOES NOT exit the vehicle. A supervisor will support your child in getting to school. If you come here at the end of the day, prepare your child and their teacher that you will be waiting for them there. This allows for quick turnaround, an increase in traffic flow and improvement in getting to school on time each morning.



## **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.