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March 2025 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

As we transition into the month of March, we hope this message finds you well and filled with a sense of anticipation for the season ahead. March brings with it a time of reflection, renewal, and spiritual growth as we begin our Lenten Journey while switching into the season of Spring.

We will enjoy a pancake snack on Shrove Tuesday to “use up fats and eggs” in a tasty way before beginning the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. Lent is experienced as a season of fasting. We look forward to the Grade 4s presenting the liturgy at 10:45am on Wednesday, March 5. Families are encouraged to attend.

During this sacred period, we are called to deepen our connection with our faith, to reflect on our blessings, and to consider how we can better serve others in our community. Students and staff will make Lenten promises as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Students and staff continue to work with Division consultants to further engage with the new curriculum. Students are continuing self-reflection on their learning journey and are preparing for the second round of Demonstration of Learning on Thursday, March 13th. Families will join their children who will show all they have learned since November.

We will end the month with a week of Spring Break from March 24-28th. As the days lengthen and the weather slowly warms and we begin to see the first signs of Spring, we wish you renewal, hope and blessings.

St. Timothy Administrative Team

REGISTRATION 2025-2026 NEW STUDENTS

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW



Best of luck to our Grade 4-6 students who are participating in this event being held at St. Cecilia Junior High on Sunday, March 2nd at 1pm. Remember to bring your registration form!

SHROVE TUESDAY-MARCH 4TH



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.

REPLACEMENT STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

We are so thankful for all the replacement staff who come when any staff member is unable to come to work. We often have replacement staff for our teachers, support staff and custodians and without them, it is much more difficult to accomplish the tasks. Ask your child which replacement staff they have seen lately! Although we are always thankful for them, we will honour them the week of March 10-14th.

DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING

Our school's Demonstration of Learning for the children will be scheduled on **Thursday, March 13th from 1:30 - 5:00 pm and 5:45 – 7:15 pm.** Watch for more information on this event from your child's teacher.



PRE-ENROLLMENT 2025-2026

Pre-enrolment for current students is open! Sign into your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending as you move into (select what applies: Kindergarten, Junior High, or High School). The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2025 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment. **The deadline is March 14, 2025.**

HOT LUNCH-THEME DAY

Our next Hot lunch will be on Friday, March 14th and will be from Rice Bowl Deluxe. The last day to place your Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch orders online is Friday, March 7th. Our theme for the day is: Sports Day.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is on Monday, March 17th. Remember to wear [Green](#) today!

SPRING BREAK – March 24 to March 28, 2025

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



Thursday, March 20 th	Kindergarten dismissal at 11:28 am.
Thursday, March 20 th	Grades 1-6 dismissal at 3:04 pm.
Friday, March 21 st	NO KINDERGARTEN CLASS TODAY
Friday, March 21 st	Grades 1-6 dismissal at 12:00 noon

Spring Break is from March 24th to March 28th, 2025.

School resumes for the children at regular times on Monday, March 31st, 2025.

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-11:28

Grades 1-6

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-3:04

Thursday – 8:20-12:00 noon

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

STUDENT PICK UP

At the end of the school day, we ask parents/guardians to wait on the sidewalk in front of doors for students to leave the school. Staff need to see out the windows and children need space to go down the stairs. Thank you for your support of student safety.

STUDENT ABSENCES - CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

Please call the office at **780-456-7375** and leave a message on the answering machine if your child will be absent. Reporting by email becomes staff dependent and can result in an absence not being recorded. All absences are entered by 9 a.m. 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. 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

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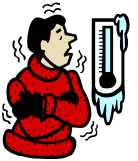
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or use the QR code to view the map explaining which zones are for parking.



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. 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.