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January 2026 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas filled with joy and new memories with your family and friends. Happy New Year to you and yours! As we embark upon a new calendar year, we recognize that the year of Jubilee has come to a close for Catholics around the world, yet we remain "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be another 25 years before another one is celebrated, but we will not forget the message of grace, forgiveness and restoration.

A new year can be a fresh start, and we look forward to setting goals and working towards doing our best this month and all year. At the end of this month, the January Summary Report of your child's learning will go live on Friday, January 30th at 4pm. Here you will see a summary of your child's progress and achievement so far this year, an idea of their learner skills development and the opportunity to see what can be worked on through the rest of the year. Combined with ongoing updates in Spaces EDU, you get an understanding of exactly what your child is doing and where they are achieving.

All students will be bringing home a copy of the ECSD Annual Parent/Guardian Survey. We ask you to fill it out for EACH child you have that attends our school. Return the surveys between January 5-23 and your child will be entered into a draw for lunch with the principal!

We will also celebrate our St. Timothy Feast Day on Monday, January 26th, including a liturgy and some fun activities. We are combining this with our 50th anniversary...stay tuned for more information as we acknowledge this incredible milestone!

This month we will have a Staff PD Day on Thursday, January 29th – this means NO SCHOOL for our students.

Wishing you all the best in 2026

St. Timothy Administrative Team

LABELLING STUDENT CLOTHING and BELONGINGS

Please write your child's name on ALL outdoor clothing. They are often left behind outside, on the floor and in the hallways and end up in the lost and found INSTEAD of back with your child. It saves A LOT of time and energy when items are labeled.



ECSD ANNUAL SURVEY

If you haven't already returned it, please fill out the paper survey sent home in December for EACH child you have registered in an Edmonton Catholic School. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and you can either return it by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope or send it back to school in the sealed envelope and we will send it using our interoffice mail. The last day to return it via the school is Friday, January 23rd. Any envelopes returned to school will be entered into a draw for lunch with the principal.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us on Monday, January 12th at 6:30pm as we gather to discuss the present and future of St. Timothy School. All are welcome to join us; you do not have to be on the executive! Help plan events, volunteer for Healthy Hunger days. The more voices there are, the better we can set school goals!

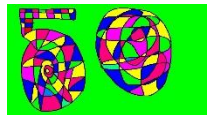


HEALTHY HUNGER HOT LUNCH

Little Caesars Healthy Hunger lunch will be served on Friday, January 24th. Our theme will be Creative Hair or Hat Day.

ST. TIMOTHY FEAST DAY/50th ANNIVERSARY

On Monday, January 26th, student and staff will celebrate the feast day of our school's patron saint, St. Timothy. There will be a liturgy at 10:30am with special guests in attendance, a gift for each student, and special activities to honor this milestone anniversary! Stay tuned for more information.



ZOO SCHOOL ADVENTURE for GRADE 1

Our Grade 1 explorers are heading off to Zoo School for a whole week (January 19-23, 2026) of wild learning! Zoo School offers a unique week-long immersion into the zoo's inner workings, fostering writing and observational skills through nature journals. A typical day will include animal observations, journaling, behind-the-scenes visits, and interactive sessions with animal experts. We're excited for this enriching learning experience at the Edmonton Valley Zoo! We are so lucky to offer you this opportunity at no cost, due to a successful grant application through Edmonton Catholic Foundation, Dreams for Kids!

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thursday, January 29th there will be NO SCHOOL for students as staff continue their journey as lifelong learners.

REGISTRATION for the 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Students new to the division may apply online for the upcoming school year on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9am. This includes new Kindergarten students who are eligible to register as long as they turn 5 on or before December 31, 2026. Parents new to the Division (no children currently registered in ECSD) will need to create a School Engage account prior to filling out the online application. Parents with children currently registered in ECSD can go directly to their parent portal and click on SchoolEngage to add a student and then fill out the application online.

JUNIOR HIGH OPEN HOUSE

St. Timothy Elementary is a feeder school for Sir John Thompson Junior High. They will be having their open house on Thursday, February 19th at 6:30pm. The admin team will visit our school before then to inform students of the programs and options available. Please plan to attend the open house!



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 8:20 AM.

STUDENT ABSENCES - CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE



Please enter all student absences with School Messenger using your PowerSchool account or call 1-833-788-7662. Please enter absences 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:

- 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.

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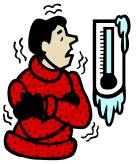
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or use the QR code to view the map explaining which zones are for parking.



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.