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April 2026 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

Welcome back from what was hopefully and restful and restorative Spring Break!

As we begin the last part of the school year, we have much learning and many fun opportunities coming our way. This week we will be joining together with Katherine Therrien at St. Edmund Paish for our Easter Mass. Easter is a celebration which lasts for 50 days! Easter heralds the triumph of hope over despair, of light over darkness. It's a time to rejoice in the gift of new life, mirroring the transformative journey of Jesus Christ and the enduring message of love and compassion He imparted to the world. In our classrooms and homes, let us embrace the spirit of Easter by nurturing kindness, empathy, and understanding towards one another.

April also brings us Earth Day, a poignant reminder of our collective responsibility to cherish and take care of our earth. Just as we celebrate the miracle of life during Easter, let us recommit ourselves to preserving the beauty and abundance of our Earth for generations to come. Suggested ideas include picking up garbage, recycling items instead of putting them in the garbage, conserving energy in your home or planting a garden. You could even go on a family nature walk! Our school is embarking on a few activities as part of our Social Justice activity.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful April.

PEOPLE OF HOPE

This year as a school we have focused on supporting students in gaining skills that may be missing in Social Emotional Learning and Executive Functioning. This can include taking turns, personal organization, empathy or task initiation.

With all this being at the forefront of our work, we want you to know the importance of daily and punctual attendance. Going to school regularly in the early years is critical. Chronic absenteeism leads to low performance in reading and math.

Please support us in our teaching and send your children to school every day, unless they are visibly ill.

REGISTRATION 2026-2027 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!

Please help us increase our Kindergarten registration. If you know anyone born in 2021, send them our way!

EASTER MASS – APRIL 8th



Students and staff will celebrate Easter Mass at St. Edmund Parish on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00am. Katherine Therrien staff and students will also be there! Students will ride the bus and will leave the school by 9:40am. If you are late that day, you will need to meet us at the church. Field trip forms will need to be signed and returned. Please join us for Mass by meeting us there. 13120 116 Street.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT FAITH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Alhea Aguirre who is the recipient of this year’s award. This division award celebrates a student from each school who enhances the Catholic identity of the school community through their actions and service. Alhea has a joyful spirit and constant willingness to serve and enhances the Catholic identity in our school community by creating an immediate sense of belonging. Congratulations Ahlea!



FIREDRILLS

We will be practicing these important drills twice this month.



ALBERTA EDUCATION WEEK

From April 13 – 17, Education Week is a celebration of the power of learning and the people who make it possible! Every Child. Every Classroom. Every day.

HOT LUNCH-THEME DAY



Our next Hot lunch will be on Friday, April 24th and will be from Subway. The last day to place your Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch orders online is Friday, April 17th.
Our theme for the day is: Cultural Dress Day

SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION

*Thank
You*

Please join us in thanking all our support staff who ensure student needs are met and that the school runs smoothly! Thank you to Mrs. Ferbey, Mr. Kwiatkowski, Mrs. Miguel, Ms. Oliver, Ms. Nader, Ms. Frasz, Ms. Robertson Ms. Ngoie and Mrs. Walton for all you do for students and staff.

SPRING BRINGS....PUDDLES!

Please ensure that students come to school dressed for all weather. In the spring this often means splash pants and rubber boots to avoid getting wet. If that isn't available, please send an extra pair of pants and socks over the next little while. That will allow students to change into dry clothes when necessary. Thank you!



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 8:20AM.

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 stair. Thank you for your support of student safety.

STUDENT ABSENCES - SCHOOLMESSENGER

Please report your child's absence from school using SchoolMessenger by logging into your PowerSchool account, or phone 1-833-788-7662. All absences are entered by 9AM. Thank you.



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

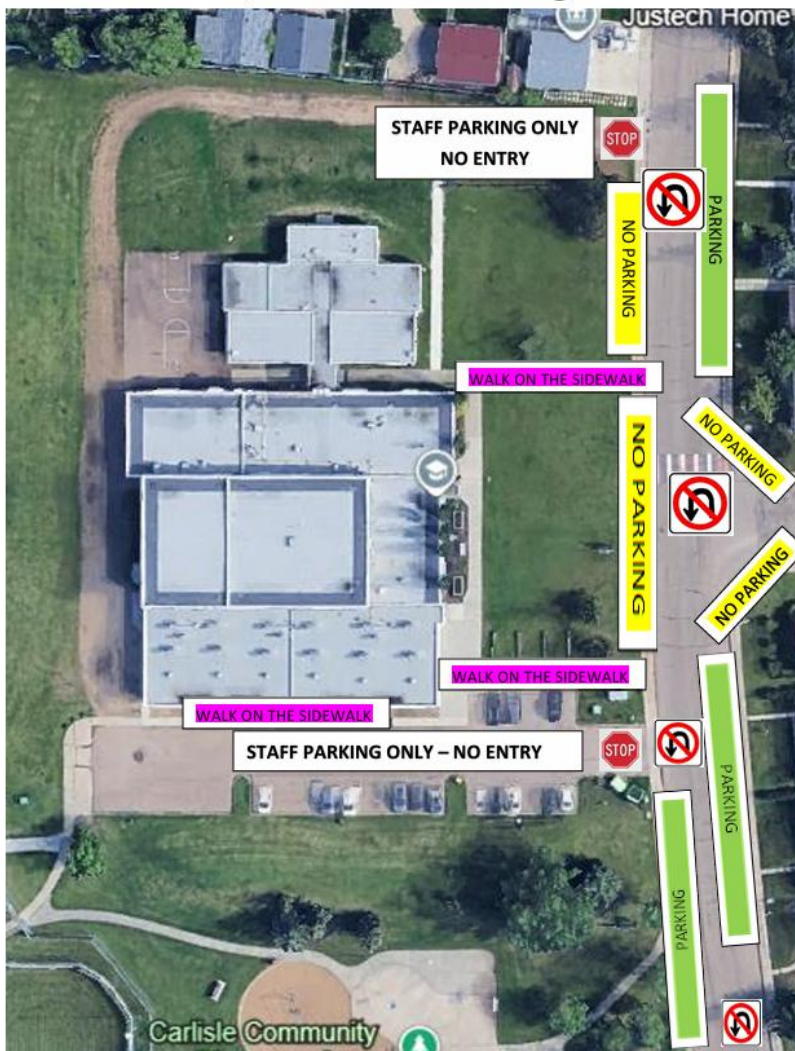
LEARNING WHILE ON VACATION

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

Please respect the directions given by our Crosswalk Supervisor.

Guide to 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.



Extra socks and pants in a baggie are great when it rains.

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.