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October 2024 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

As we welcome the month of October, we reflect on the blessings in our lives and the importance of gratitude. This month, we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks for our families, friends, and community. Let us take a moment to appreciate the gifts God has given us and to share our blessings with those in need.

In our classrooms, students are engaging in meaningful lessons and activities that deepen their faith and understanding of our Catholic values. We encourage families to participate in our upcoming Thanksgiving Liturgy celebration in the gym at 9am on Friday, October 11, where we will come together to express our gratitude and support those less fortunate. As a social justice project this month we will be collecting boxes of cereal to be donated to a school breakfast program.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.
Wishing you all a joyful and blessed October!

Mrs. Schipper

HISPANIC CANADIAN/LATIN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



The Government of Canada proclaimed October as Latin American Heritage Month in 2018. This recognition of Latin American community's tremendous contribution to Canadian society. Hailing from 20 countries, Canadians of Latin American origin make up a large and growing community in Canada. They enrich our national fabric with their diverse and vibrant cultures, cuisine, music, dance and more! They also play an important role in Canada's growth and prosperity, thanks to their entrepreneurial spirit!

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY

Please join us on October 2, and every day, in acknowledging and valuing the work that takes place behind the scenes to keep our school building safe and clean. Thank you to all custodians, especially Mr. Chris and Ms. Mina for your extra efforts you make daily to ensure St. Timothy School is a great place for learning!

WORLD TEACHER DAY

Celebrated globally, October 5th is a special occasion to recognize the vital role teachers play in shaping the future. Teachers are the heartbeat of public education, nurturing and empowering the next generation. Please share a special thank you to any teacher(s) in your life!

READ IN WEEK – October 7 to 11th

We are excited to celebrate our annual Read In Week, October 7-11th. This special week is dedicated to fostering a love of reading among our students through a variety of engaging activities. We have many guests coming to share their love of reading with our students, teachers will switch classes to read, and classes will join for student "reading buddies". As always, we encourage you to support your child by discussing their reading goals, helping them select books, and setting aside time for reading at home. Your involvement plays a crucial role in nurturing their love for literature. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a week filled with exciting literary adventures!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and class photos will take place on Wednesday, October 9th in the gym. Retakes will take place on Friday, November 15th in the morning. Any students who were absent from school on the original photo day may also have their photo taken on this day.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

School staff will take part in a Professional Development Day which will be held on Thursday, October 10th. There will be **NO CLASSES for STUDENTS** on this day.

THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Our Thanksgiving Liturgy will take place on Friday, October 11th at 9am. We invite families to join us as we give thanks to the many blessings we have in our lives. This celebration will take place in the gym and is being put on by our Grade 5/6 classroom.



CEREAL DRIVE

This Thanksgiving season we are collecting boxes of cereal to be donated to a breakfast program at one of our schools. Please send your cereal donation to school no later than October 30th.



HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCH/THEME DAY



Our next Hot Lunch will be on Friday, October 18th and will be from Pizza Hut. The last day to place your Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch order online is Friday, October 11th. Our theme will be-Wear Polka Dots.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK/CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

This year is taking place in a new month! Come celebrate the gift of Catholic Education from October 19 – 25. Catholic Education is on Sunday, October 20th and will be highlighted at each mass at parishes around the province. During this week we reflect on the importance of faith, learning, community and being people of hope!



GRADE 4 BIBLE CELEBRATION

Each year Grade 4s are gifted a Bible as they receive the Good News and continue to grow in faith and the love of Christ. As a parish community, the students of St. Timothy, Katherine Therrien, St. Edmund and St. Angela will gather together on Wednesday, October 30th to celebrate this event.

HALLOWEEN

Kindergarten classes will be held on Thursday, October 31st. dismissal for Kindergarten will be at 11:28.

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be in a Halloween Parade in the school gym at 11:00am.



SCHOOL FEES

Your child(ren)s School Fees are now due. Please log into your PowerSchool account and make your payment as soon as possible.

Kindergarten - \$30.00

Grades 1-6 - \$50.00

Any questions or concerns please contact the school office at 780-456-7375.



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION VERIFICATION

Please review and submit your child's Registration Verification form in School Engage as soon as possible. Alberta Learning requires this to be completed for every student every year. If you are unable to access your account from home, please come to the school and do it on a Chromebook.

HAVE YOU LABELLED ALL STUDENT BELONGINGS YET?

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.

THANK YOU TO:

- Families who came out to our Meet the Staff evening and attended the School Council AGM
- Staff who organized our September events including, but not limited to, the first days of school, the Terry Fox Run and fundraiser, our School Opening Mass, the 34th annual ECSD cross-country run, Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day.

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten

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

Grades 1-6

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



Supervision begins at 8:10 am. No student drop offs before this time.

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 - 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.
You may also choose to use Safe Arrival on the School Messenger app. See ecsd.net/reporting absences for more information.



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 patrolled 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 AMA Patrol Volunteers



Please follow the link

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/523a4e2e251e4a8ba2604cc2dce87cbb>

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



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.