



# ST. TIMOTHY

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## November 2025 Newsletter



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear St. Timothy Families,

November is a time to reflect on the sacrifices others have made for us so that we can enjoy peace and freedom in Canada. We will gather together for our moment of silence on November 7th at 10:45am and we hope that you will join us.

We remind our students that peace begins with them and to be mindful of their daily interactions in our classrooms, the hallways and on the playground. We continue to be "People of Hope" and encourage the practice of Growing with God through our individual goal's we've set.

School photos have been rescheduled for Monday, November 3 for individual and classroom pictures.

November is a time to check in with the classroom teacher(s) as your child demonstrates their learning for you. We look forward to seeing you at our student-led Demonstration of Learning on November 27th. A Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser will also be taking place November 26-27th. Funds raised are used to purchase new books and resources to support student learning.

May your month be peaceful and blessed,

Mrs. Schipper

## **PICTURE DAY**



Our school picture day will take place on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> with retakes available on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure that your child comes on Monday for classroom photos. We are using a new company this year called Darby Photos and you may notice some changes. Please see their [website](#) for more information.



## **REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY**

Please join us at 10:45am on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge the sacrifices that have been made for Canada to be a strong and democratic place to live.

## **POPPY SALES - SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Students will each receive a poppy for our liturgy. The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign asks Canadians to wear a poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. The poppy is distributed for free, but the Legion gratefully accepts donations to support veterans and their families. Poppies are available for adult family members and can be picked up in the office between 9am and 3pm.

## **FALL BREAK**



Students and staff will have a short break from November 10-12<sup>th</sup> with a return to school on Thursday, November 13, which happens to be World Kindness Day!

## **ANNUAL MÉTIS WEEK – November 16-20**

Métis Week is held annually in November to honour the legacy of the Métis people and serves as a time for reflection, education and celebration of Métis identity, resilience and contributions to Alberta and Canada.



## **PHOTO RETAKES**

Individual photo retakes will take place on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning. Any students who were away from school on the original photo day may also have their photo taken on this day.

## **HEALTHY HUNGER and THEME DAY**

Our next hot lunch will be on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from Edo Japan. Please log onto <https://healthyhunger.ca/> by Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to order. Because it is photo retake day, our theme will be: Dressed to Impress.



## **BOOK FAIR**



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school from November 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. We are thrilled to offer this literary event to our students. Your support of this event supports your child's love of reading and helps us in obtaining new resources for our school and classroom libraries.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this very important literary fundraiser.

## **DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING**

Our school's Demonstration of Learning for the children will be scheduled on **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30 - 5:00 pm** and **5:45 – 7:15 pm**.

Watch for more information on this event from your child's teacher.



## **ECSD ASSESSMENT and REPORTING PROCEDURES**

Your child's teacher has been sending home evidence of learning and feedback a variety of ways including, Friday Folders, Spaces EDU and/or Google Classroom. As partners in education and for you to support your child in their learning journey, it is important to understand the ECSD procedures. Here is a link to the <https://www.ecsd.net/assessment> where you can access the parent guide to assessment and reporting. There is also a video if you prefer. Please note: within the guide you will find the descriptions of Levels of Achievement that are used in the January and June Summary Reports.

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

### **Kindergarten**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-11:30 AM

### **Grades 1-6**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20-3:05 PM

Thursday – 8:20-11:58 AM

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

## **STUDENT ABSENCES-SCHOOL MESSENGER**

Please use School Messenger to report your child's absences. You can do this through PowerSchool or calling 1-833-788-7662. Reporting by email becomes staff dependent and can result in an absence not being recorded. All absences need to be entered by 9 a.m. Thank you.



## **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 School Staff on Supervision.



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.



## **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.