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May 2026 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Timothy Families,

Did April snowstorms bring May Flowers? I guess we can only wait and see!

We look forward to the exciting events and activities that await us this month. These include celebrating Asian Heritage Month, Hats on For Mental Health and the St. Timothy School Council Bottle Drive and classroom competition.

May holds a special significance for Catholics, as it is dedicated to honoring Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary's unwavering faith, strength, and compassion serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the importance of kindness, empathy, and love in our lives. Throughout this month, students and staff are invited to recite the Hail Mary prayer in their home language on morning announcements. Our Marion Celebration will take place on Monday, May 25 at 2:00pm in our gym.

We encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the month by attending our school events, reading all classroom and school communication, and engaging in meaningful conversations with your children about their learning experiences. Together, we can continue to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

St. Timothy Administrative Team

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for us to learn more about the diverse culture and history of Asian communities in Canada, as well as to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions of people of Asian origin who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love.

GRATEFUL FOR GROWNUPS



At the end of May, we will be saying Thank You to a/the special grown up(s) in our students' lives. This day and any items created will be in place of specific Mother's Day and Father's Day projects due to the complex family structures that more and more of our students belong to. Our St. Timothy Catholic Elementary School Team is grateful for all parents, foster parents, kinship carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who love, care for and support the children in our classes. We thank you for understanding this change as we create Communities of Belonging as part of ECSD's Strategic Plan from 2025-2028 in advancing equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 4-10



The theme this year is: Come Together Canada: Stronger Connections, Better Mental Health. This theme goes well with our school theme of Connections this year! As we have found ways to connect on various levels, we are finding our students are feeling a deeper sense of belonging and are developing trusting relationships with others.

On Wednesday, May 6th, we raise awareness in schools of the importance of good mental health by wearing a hat! The campaign is a partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association.

SCHOOL COUNCIL WIDYNOWSKIS FUNDRAISER

School Council will be holding a Widynowski Sausage House fundraiser. Order forms will be sent home on Friday, May 8th and need to be returned to the school no later than Friday, June 5th. This is a great opportunity to stock up for your summer Barbeques and raise funds for your children's activities at school. Don't forget to ask family and friends!

ANNUAL BEN CALF ROBE TRADITIONAL POW WOW

You're invited to the Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow! Taking place on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 1:00 to 9:00 PM at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre Indoor Fieldhouse, this free, family-friendly event is open to all. What began in the gym of St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School with fewer than 100 participants has grown into a major gathering, welcoming up to 10,000 attendees each year. The event features a vibrant display of Indigenous culture and history, with powerful performances by diverse dancers and drummers. Attendees can also explore a variety of artisan, craft, and food vendors. Everyone is welcome! For more details, visit ecsd.net/powwow.

WINSPEAR FIELDTRIP GRADE 1-3 MAY 12th

Charlotte is no ordinary little girl. She plays the trumpet on a cardboard tube, the xylophone with two knitting needles and the drums on anything that bangs. However, her musical talents are not appreciated at home, where everyone is far too busy to listen to her brilliance, so she sets off into the wide world only to find herself lost in a raging blizzard. A strange little man known as the Music-Maker comes to the rescue as he takes Charlotte on a magical musical journey through the orchestra, exploring the sounds and colours of the instruments and the exciting possibilities that music has to offer.



VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

There will be NO classes for students on Friday, May 15th and Monday, May 18th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 19th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL BOTTLE DRIVE and CLASSROOM COMPETITION

School Council fundraiser alert! **Please save your empties and consider donating** them on Friday, May 22 between 2-3:00 pm! (11:30 am for Kindergarten) The classes will be competing to see who can collect the most bottles and cans! Ask your family and friends if you can have their bottles as well. The class who collects the most will receive a classroom prize!



How else can you support this event? Volunteer on Saturday, May 23rd to drive bottles from St. Timothy School to the bottle depot. More details to follow!

HOT LUNCH-THEME DAY



Our next Hot lunch will be on Friday, May 29th and will be from Dairy Queen. The last day to place your Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch orders online is Friday, May 22nd. Our theme for the day is: Dress Like a Famous Person.

MARIAN CELEBRATION

Our Marian celebration will take place on Monday, May 25th at 2:00 pm. Please join us as we participate in a living rosary to recognize the month of Mary. All families are encouraged to join us.



ACTIVITIES BEYOND the REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

Many of the experiences students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, staff, and community members generously give their time. This may include helping with lunchtime activities, special events, clubs, or school teams, often before or after the school day. These activities are not part of regular instructional time, but they play an important role in helping students build confidence, learn to work with others, and feel connected to their school community. Our school and Edmonton Catholic Schools are grateful to the teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time in these ways. By working together, we can show respect and appreciation for those who support students outside of regular work hours and help make school a welcoming place for all.

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.

Students arriving late have increased considerably as it warms up; please know the late arrival impacts the learning of all. Supervision begins at 8:10 and drop off can occur at that time.

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.

Thank you for your support of student safety.

STUDENT ABSENCES - CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

Please report your child's absence from school using SchoolMessenger by logging into your PowerSchool account or calling 1-833-788-7662.

All absences are to be entered by 9:00AM.

Thank you.



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

LEARNING WHILE ON VACATION

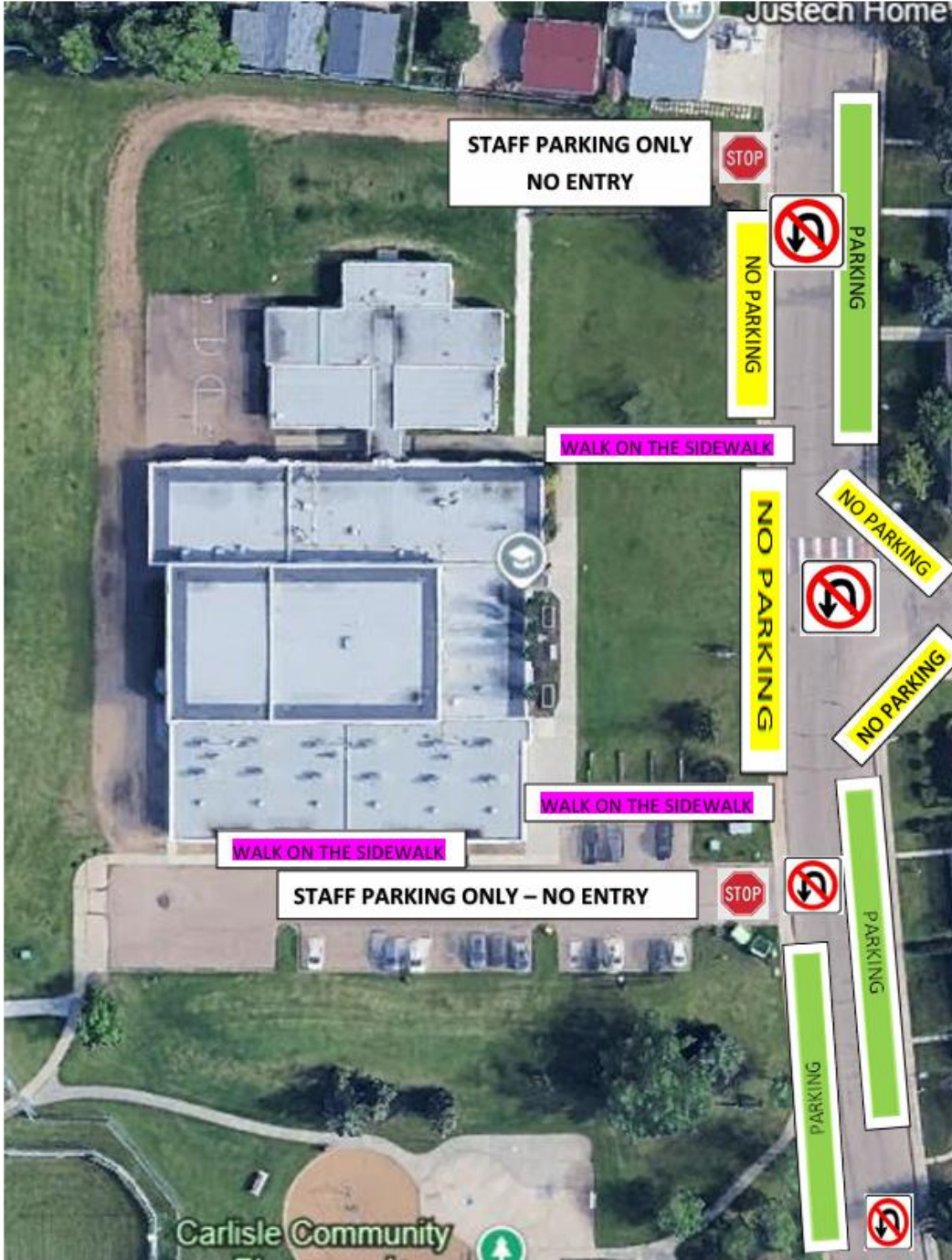
St. Timothy School recognizes that a child's educational experience is not confined to the school building and that vacation trips can be enlightening and valuable to a child's intellectual growth.

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

Guide to Parking





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>

Please invite your friends and neighbors to register.

We look forward to meeting our new students!

SPRING 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.