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October 2026 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 growing in Catholic faith through learning activities. At St. Timothy School, we talk about faith, values and what we can learn from Jesus. Last month students learned how we can root ourselves in Jesus by listening to his messages. During the School Opening Liturgy, they watched as staff members participated in a Reader's Theatre created by Mrs. Letourneau. Students watched attentively as they learned that when you are rooted in God's love, your joy cannot be shaken!

We encourage families to participate in our upcoming Thanksgiving Liturgy celebration in the gym at 10:45am on Tuesday, October 6, where we will come together to express our gratitude and support those less fortunate. As a social justice project this month we will be continuing to discuss our responsibility to care for God's creation by doing one last sweep of garbage collection throughout the month. Please remind your child/children the importance of throwing their wrappers from snacks during recess into the garbage cans provided. Thank you for caring for God's creation with us!

We appreciate 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. Cherry for your extra efforts you make daily to ensure St. Timothy School is a great place for learning!

WORLD TEACHER APPRECIATION 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 5 to 9th

We are excited to celebrate our annual Read In Week, October 5-9th. This year's theme is "Let Stories Soar". 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 with 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!

THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Our Thanksgiving Liturgy will take place on Tuesday, October 6th at 10:45am. 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 2 class.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK/CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

Come celebrate the gift of Catholic Education from October 17-23. Catholic Education is on Sunday, October 18th 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!

REFERENDUM ELECTION DAY

Monday, October 19 is the Alberta Referendum Election. There will be NO CLASSES for students on this day.



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 at St. Angela School on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:30 to celebrate this event.

PICTURE DAY

Individual and Class photos will be taken on Friday, October 23. We would like to ask for 2 parent volunteers to come in and help the photographer. If you are available, please call the office at 780-456-7375.

Please make sure your child comes to school with their smile ready!



HALLOWEEN



Due to Halloween falling on the weekend and to being more inclusive, we are opting to have a Black and Orange theme that day. Students are invited to dress in black and orange or in clothing with spiders, pumpkins, etc. in celebration of Halloween. Classes may have themed activities including pumpkins, spiders, bats, etc. but there won't be focus on dressing up or trick or treating. This means more students in attendance that day and not disrupting our students who are affected by sensory overload and changes to routine. We thank you for supporting this respectful and inclusive decision.

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:

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You**

- Families who 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 which St. Timothy raised \$402.65, our School Opening Mass, Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day.

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

No school fees for Division Programs (GIST, 100 Voices, and Stepping Stones,
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.

SCHOOL HOURS

100 Voices/Stepping Stones

AM class - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (No Thursdays) – 8:15 AM-11:26 AM

PM class – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (No Thursday) – 12:00 noon-3:11 PM

Kindergarten

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (No Thursdays) – 8:20 AM-11:30 AM

Grades 1-6

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:20 AM-3:04 PM

Thursday – 8:20-12:00 noon

GIST 1-6

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8:50 AM-2:26 PM

Thursday – 8:50AM -12:00 noon



Supervision for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 starts at **8:10 AM**. For the safety of the children, please do not bring your child to school before 8:10 AM.

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

Arriving on time is essential for your child to develop skills and lifelong habits for success.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please use Safe Arrival on the School Messenger app. See [ecsd.net/reporting absences](https://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.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

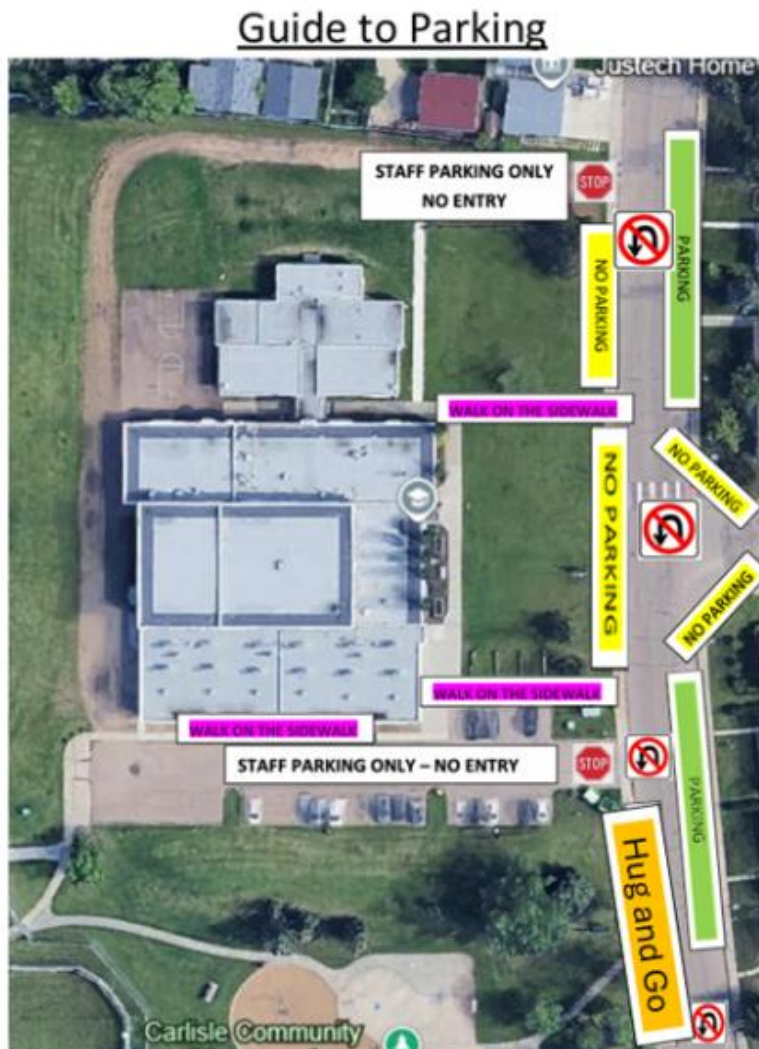
While we are a dog loving community, there are some safety considerations during drop off and pick up at school. If you are bringing your dog during these times, please ensure that you are in control of the dog and maintaining a safe distance from the students. Please click here to see the Edmonton City 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.



PARKING, DROP OFF and PICK UP

There is no parking alongside the school or park. If you want to park, please park on the other side of the road and use the crosswalk.

We will have 3 buses this year, in addition to our daycare vans. Please DO NOT park ANYWHERE you see pilons.



HUG AND GO ZONE

This is a designated curbside drop-off and pick-up zone where the **(driver DOES NOT exit the vehicle)**. A supervisor will support your child in getting to school. If you come here at the end of the day, prepare your child and their teacher that you will be waiting for them there. This allows for quick turnaround, an increase in traffic flow and improvement in getting to school on time each morning.

