

St. Elizabeth School
October 2026

Principal's Message

This month, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for. We are especially grateful that you have entrusted us with the important task of educating your children. They make us proud every single day.

We are also deeply thankful for our school staff. On Monday, October 5, we mark World Teachers' Day and take the opportunity to thank our teachers for all they do each day to support, challenge, encourage, and care for our students.

A special thank you also goes to the parents who serve on our School Council and Fundraising Committee. We are grateful for your commitment to our school, your ideas, and your willingness to help make our school even stronger.

Our division theme this year is *Rooted in Joy*, and October is a wonderful time to reflect on the many things that bring us joy. We find it in learning, in the relationships we build, and in the many ways our school community comes together to support our students.

There is so much to be thankful for at St. Elizabeth School!

Warm regards,
Delia de Sousa



Join us for READ IN Week - October 5-9, 2026!

The theme for 2026 is Let Stories Soar!

When we read, we open doors to new adventures and discoveries. This year's Read In Week theme, Let Stories Soar, celebrates how stories can take us to amazing new worlds and open our minds. Whether you're reading a book, diving into a comic or listening to a story, you can let your imagination soar. The magic of storytelling is always within your reach, ready to take you anywhere you want to go!

We would love to have you join us! If you would like to read to your child's class this week, please email your child's teacher to set up a time.



Welcoming Our Artist-in-Residence, Angela Hall

We are delighted to welcome Angela Hall, a professional Indigenous teacher and artist, as our Artist-in-Residence for the month of October school. Through visual arts and Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Angela is passionate about supporting children's health, wellness, and education.



This year, students at St. Elizabeth will work together to create seven Indigenous-themed Mandalas (Sacred Circles), using acrylic paints and mixed media. Every grade will explore the Seven Sacred Teachings, treaty relationships with the natural world, and the traditions and customs of Indigenous Peoples in relationship to the land.

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Celebrate World Teachers' Day on Monday, October 5th

Every day, our teachers show up to teach, encourage, and believe in our students.

This Monday, October 5th, is World Teachers' Day, a perfect chance to say thank you.

Please take a moment to show your appreciation. It doesn't have to be big:

Send a short thank-you note or email

Have your child draw a picture or write a few kind words
Say hello and thanks at drop-off or pick-up



ERIC REINHART

MUSICIAN, ENTERTAINER & MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



Eric Reinhart was born into a musical family, and life on the road was a natural part of his upbringing. From the age of four, he traveled with his parents' band, sleeping in the cupboard of their tour bus. This early exposure to the Christian music industry fueled his aspirations to become an artist. Eric's gifts were apparent from an early age, and his passion for music and faith has been a driving force throughout his career.

Eric has performed across the United States and Canada, including over 300 schools in Western Canada, providing him with a deep understanding of the challenges faced by youth and young adults. His career includes collaborations with numerous Catholic ministries, including:

- Face to Face
- Cat Chat
- Mission Youth
- "Janelle" Band
- Catholic Family Life Conference
- St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission
- Michael Chiasson & All Access
- Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)

Throughout his career, Eric has been deeply driven by his faith to understand the struggles faced by his peers, with a strong desire to bring healing, freedom, and joy through his work. Rooted in his personal faith journey, Eric's mission led him to create events that address the challenges young people face in today's ever-evolving digital world. His life-changing message, "You're Not Alone," is a powerful reflection of his Christian beliefs, shared through his original music, heartfelt talks, and multimedia experience. Through this, Eric aims to inspire and uplift, leaving a lasting positive impact wherever he performs.

Eric Reinhart is a pop-rock songwriter, artist, and speaker known for his radio-friendly music that address important issues like loneliness, depression, anxiety, and sleep problems. His style blends the energy and sounds of artists like John Mayer, Justin Bieber, and Keith Urban. With a charismatic personality, Eric has ignited the faith of countless young Catholics, reminding them of the relevance and importance of the Church's truths. A career highlight came in 2022 when he performed at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, AB, providing music for over 50,000 people during the Pope's visit to Canada.

"Eric Reinhart is a powerhouse of entertainment talent. He is a purpose-driven artist whose goal is to bring inspirational hope to the masses through his amazing vocal gifts and talents. Get ready to see your venue EXPLODE with ENERGY!" Sheree Spoltore, Founder & President, Global Songwriters Connection, Nashville, TN

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Eric Reinhart Visits Our School on Wednesday, October 7th

We are excited to welcome Eric Reinhart, a motivational speaker and musician, to our school on Wednesday, October 7th. Eric has inspired the faith of countless young Catholics, and we look forward to an uplifting and unforgettable performance.

A special thank you to our School Council for generously covering the cost of this presentation.

Thanksgiving Liturgy

We will mark Thanksgiving with a Liturgy of the Word on Friday, October 9 at 2 PM. Parents are very welcome to attend.



A reminder to our families, there is no school on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 12th.

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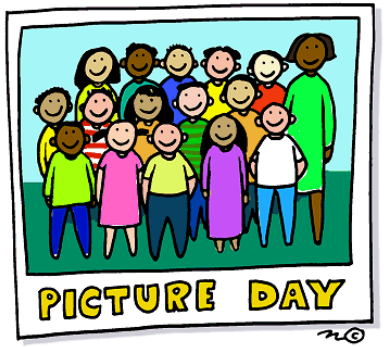
No School on Monday, October 19

A reminder to families that there is no school on Monday, October 19th, due to the Provincial Referendum. Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 20th.

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School Re-Take Picture Day

School retake pictures will be on Thursday, October 22nd.



CAAWLS WELLNESS DOG

CAAWLS is an organization whose mission is to improve the mental wellness of people through Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI) and the human-animal bond.

We are lucky enough to have Mrs. Kutschinski, our grade 3 teacher, and her dog, Charlie, who is a certified wellness dog, visit our school to offer targeted programming to our students once a month.

Mrs. Kutschinski and Charlie's goals are to help students with:

- emotional regulation
- social skill development
- literacy skill improvement



Charlie's first visit will be on October 23rd.

If you do not give consent for your child to participate, please email your child's classroom teacher by October 16.

FEE PAYMENTS

Fees have been entered into PowerSchool and are now due for payment. Fees may be paid using credit or debit cards.

Thank you!



USING SAFE ARRIVAL TO REPORT ABSENCES

To learn how to use the SafeArrival automated system through SchoolMessenger, please visit ecsd.net/reportingabsences. There, you will find step-by-step instructions and a video on downloading and using the app. To ensure easy account setup, please use the same email address and phone number you use for PowerSchool. The SafeArrival system will also be able to notify you quickly in the event of an unexpected absence. This will also be done by email, text, or phone call, and the system will continue to contact you until the absence is explained. We hope this new system will enhance our communication with you and improve the efficiency of our attendance processes. Thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide your child with the best possible Catholic education.

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School Fundraising Update

In the coming weeks, our school and school council will be sharing information about this year's fundraising initiatives. Every dollar raised goes directly toward enriching your children's school experience and creating meaningful opportunities for them to learn and grow.

First up is our **Dance-a-thon on November 5th**. Watch your inbox for more details soon!
Whether you take part in one fundraiser or all of them, your support is truly appreciated.
Have questions, or interested in volunteering? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact our fundraising team at: fundraisingstelizabethcatholic@gmail.com



Social Media

Do you wonder about what's going on in classrooms at St. Elizabeth? Follow us on social media to see what we're up to:

Instagram: stelizabethecsd

Upcoming Events

October 5	World Teacher Day
October 5-9	Read In Week
October 10	Thanksgiving Celebration @ 2pm
October 13	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 16	Grade 6 at U School
October 20	Grade 6 at U School
October 22	Picture Re-Take Day
October 26	Grade 4 Bible Celebration
October 30	Pancake Breakfast, Halloween Activities

