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Mon, Oct 3	Tues, Oct 4	Wed, Oct 5	Thurs, Oct 6	Fri, Oct 7
Our student teachers from U of A start today in Kinder and grade 6A and a student ECE in K Extensions.	Please verify your child's enrollment on PowerSchool. Click on the SchoolEngage button on the top left-hand corner. Go Auto Lunch	WORLD TEACHER DAY!	Noon dismissal	Father Chad in to grade 6 today! Remember: No school on Monday!
 READ IN WEEK!  You or another family member are welcome to come in to read in your child's class! Contact your child's teacher!				

Reminders

Check out EISAs citizenship prep course if you are interested! See below!

Happy Thanksgiving!

School picture day is November 16! Mark your calendars!



For Grades 6 – 12
Register now at St. Theresas Parish
Reg. deadline Oct 12, 2022



Receive the
Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

Check out the Free Play Program poster on the next page. Register your child for the program that takes place everyday after school! It looks great! Only 3 more spots are available.

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FREEPLAY FOR KIDS



Free Daily After School Sports Program October 3rd - June 23, 2023

Requires 4 days per week
minimum for 6 week season

Kids entering grades 3-6
in September 2022

Learn to play basketball, Soccer,
Flag Football, and Hockey

WHAT MAKES US GREAT!



On-site Programming

Programming will take place primarily at the designated schools that your child(ren) will be attending in the Fall. This allows for a smooth transition for after-school programming following school dismissal



Certified Staff

Coaches hold official coaching certifications. Youth leaders hold a high level of training in education in youth support



Social, Emotional Learning

Kids will be taught transferable skills including but not limited to Social Emotional Learning, physical literacy and much more



Safety First

All staff are first aid certified along with many other accreditations that ensure the safety of all participants (Non-Violent Intervention Training, Trauma Informed)



Free Food Program

Food classes occur on-site and will teach your child(ren) nutrition and food education. Kids will also receive daily snacks after school.



Personal Attention

Our 1:8 coach-to-player ratio means optimal personal attention and close supervision every day.

LEARN MORE

[HTTPS://FREEPLAYFORKIDS.COM](https://freeplayforkids.com)

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Let Your Light Shine Forth

October 2022

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.
(Taste and See, James E. Moore)*

Every year when Thanksgiving comes around, my mind brings me back to this hymn. It speaks the fundamental truth that God is good and abundant in his love. If we pay attention, we can taste, and see, and feel, and hear the goodness of the Lord around us everyday. It reminds me to live in gratitude.

We also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Schools on the third Sunday of October. Each of our Grade 5 students receives a bookmark with a prayer to Our Lady of Schools as part of their religion program. Our Lady of Schools is a devotion to Mary started in 1894 in France by a priest who introduced it in his local schools with the approval of Pope Leo XIII. In 1947, Pope Pius XII proclaimed Our Lady of Schools as the patron saint of schools and of students in the province of Quebec, and in 1952, he extended this by declaring her the patron saint of all schools and students in Canada.

We will be hosting an Open House at our new Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre, 9405 50 Street NW on October 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be a brief program at 10:30 a.m. that will repeat at 12:30 p.m. You are invited to come see our new common home.

On October 24, our Board of Trustees will be holding a Community of School Councils event at our new Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre. The evening will run from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and registration is required. Members of School Councils are invited to attend and share their opinions with the Board as they prepare to set new priorities for the next 3-year planning cycle. Contact your principal for registration information.

As part of the [Government of Alberta's K-6 curriculum renewal](#), Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are learning a new provincial curriculum in English Language Arts and Literature (K-3), Mathematics (K-3), and Physical Education and Wellness (K-6). Some ECSD classrooms are also taking part in piloting a draft curriculum in Science (K-6) and French Immersion Language Arts and Literature (K-3). Our Division has been preparing for implementation since the new curriculum was released in the Spring. Our priority is ensuring student success and supporting our teachers during implementation. Professional development for ECSD teachers will continue all year. Our Learning Services team hosted a livestream last month to unpack the new curriculum which can be viewed on our website at ecsd.net/curriculum.

I will leave you with a tweet from Pope Francis on September 15. He shared, "Grateful hearts overflowing with praise harbour no regrets, but welcome each day as a grace."

Have a wonderful October!

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin, Chief Superintendent

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)

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The Impact of Giving Thanks¹

By Fr. Glenn McDonald, CSB

The Gospel reading for Thanksgiving Sunday highlights the impact of our thanksgiving. Jesus encounters ten lepers who ask to be healed. He tells them, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

In Jesus' time, leprosy was treated as a spiritual condition, because there was no medical way to treat it, so a priest would determine if someone had been cured of leprosy or not.

The ten heed Jesus' instruction and head off to see the priests. While on their way, they discover that they are healed. Of the ten, only one, a Samaritan, turns back and thanks Jesus for the healing; the other nine do not.

Jesus responds, somewhat hurt: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?"

When I imagine myself in Jesus' place, his reaction is like my own. We want to be thanked for *all* the work that we do, not just some of it. However, I think this Gospel story has a deeper message to teach us.

Imagine for a moment that you are Jesus. Replay the same scene of healing in your mind, but this time when you heal the ten, no one turns back. How do you feel?

The difference between being thanked by only one person and no one at all is enormous. Jesus continues to heal, not for the gratitude of the many, but because of the profoundly grateful few.

The experience of Jesus reminds us that the impact of our thanksgiving is greater than ourselves. Our words speak on behalf of all those who have received and create the future opportunity for others to receive also.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us joyfully give thanks and rejoice that we are creating a better future for others.

¹ I'd like to thank Joe Carr, a retired ECSD teacher, for inspiring this reflection.

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