September 2025

MONTHLY MESSAGES

Administrators' Message

We hope you've all had a wonderful start up and are feeling rested and refreshed after the summer break! It's hard to believe we are halfway through the first month of school! The school is buzzing with activity and the energy in the building is contagious! Welcome to all of the new families to the school. You are joining a vibrant school community! This year our enrollment is teetering at approximately 368 students.

There are always things happening at the school and the best way to keep informed is to read the monthly newsletters, check our school website and follow us on Instagram to see all of the amazing things happening daily! We are excited to work together with the home teams and we will once again be welcoming members of the parish on a weekly basis.

Blessings,

Nicole Grossman Christine Custódio Principal Assistant Principal





Transportation

Please note that questions/issues with yellow bus transportation should be addressed directly with the transportation department at 780-441-6078. Those who are using the yellow school bus are also

reminded to download the Bus Planner App for up-to-date information.

Running Club



Our St. Kateri Running Club has started practicing. There are close to 60 students participating this year! The team will lead our whole school as we do our school **Terry Fox Run** on **Monday**, **September 29th**! Please remember to bring in a "Toonie (\$2) for Terry" donation. Let's see how

much we can raise to donate to cancer research!

The running club will also be participating in the Division Cross Country Run at Rundle Park on Tuesday, September 23rd! We are already proud of the way they will represent the St. Kateri community!



School Council Message

A Welcome from the Parent Council

Welcome back to a brand new school year!

Did you know the Parent Council helps make our school community amazing? We organize events, support programs, and help fund important resources for our kids.

The Parent Council helps make our school amazing. Here's how:

- Our Welcome Back BBQ is on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 5:30, before Meet the Teacher Night! Come join us for some food and conversation.
- Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday, September 29th, 2025 at
 6:00pm. We'll be holding elections for Executive and various Chair positions at the AGM. This is a great way to get involved and help shape the future of our school community.
- Ready to help? Contact us at stkateriparentcouncilsociety@gmail.com

Let's make this a great year together!

The Parent Council

School Fees

School Fees will be posted to Parent Power School accounts on **September 15**th. Please contact the office if you're having difficulty logging into PowerSchool or paying these fees and we can support you.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, September 30th. We will work together to acknowledge the importance of this day throughout the year, but we'd ask our community to show their commitment through wearing an orange shirt on Monday, September 29th. A reminder that there won't be school on Tuesday, September 30th.

Recess Snack Program

Our snack program has started! All students at St. Kateri will receive a snack on Monday/ Wednesday/Friday recesses and the snacks will be organized and delivered by our very own students! The funding for this optional snack program comes from the PC Children's Charity and a grant from the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation.





Corpus Christi Parish

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Corpus Christi Parish this school year. Throughout the year we will have members of the parish in to meet with classes multiple times a month and they will regularly be a part of in school celebrations. If you're looking for any information regarding sacramental preparation or mass times, please

visit their website at https://www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/.

Hot Lunch



St Kateri hot lunch is available monthly through Healthy Hunger. If you haven't already, please create an account and you can choose to order one date at a time or multiple months together. Please remember this is an optional lunch and by no means are families expected to order. Our first Hot Lunch will take place on **Friday, September 26**th

https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php



The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms daily before coming to school. This is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of illness. Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of illness, including fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new or worsening cough, or shortness of breath, should remain at home until their symptoms have improved and they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing

medication, and they feel well enough to resume normal activities. If your child becomes sick at school, parents/guardians will be called to pick them up. If your child is away from school for any reason, please call the office to let us know.

Read In Week and Blast-Off with Home Reading and Numeracy Programs!



Read In Week takes place October 6-10. There will be many literacy focused activities taking place this week and we will also kick off our school wide home reading program! Stay tuned for more information!

Save the Date...

September24- Welcome Back BBQ followed by Meet the Staff 5:30-6:45

Parent Council Meeting- 6:00 at the school

September 29- Orange Shirt Day/ Terry Fox Run

September 30- No School (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

October 10- School PD Day- No School for Students

October 24- Picture Day

Staff List for 2025 -2026

Nicole Grossman	Principal	Chantal Brochu	Grade 4A
Christine Custódio	Assistant Principal	Aleasha Pawluski	Grade 4B
Sabrina Olivieri	Kindergarten A/B	Koko Aytenfisu	Grade 5A
Jovy Filamor	Grade 1A	Grace Muirhead	Grade 5B
Leila DeDios	Grade 1B	Fabiana Mancini	Grade 6A
Connie Pistawka	Grade 2A	Lisa Holts	Grade 6B
Angela Larizza	Grade 2B	Amy Voyer	Music
Tatyana Hayek	Grade 3A	Melissa O'Rourke	Instructional Coach
Michelle Takats	Grade 3B		
Eva Arella-Perri	Administrative Support	Gurjeet Kaur Lotay	Educational Assistant (5)
Lorina Groot	Clerk/EA	Denyse Prieur	Educational Assistant (5)
Sheelah DeChamplain	Therapeutic Assistant - Behaviour Therapy (TABT)	Michelle Durrant	Educational Assistant
Sandra Sandoval	Therapeutic Assistant - Behaviour Therapy (TABT)	Patricia Kloster	Educational Assistant
Junie Shrestha	Therapeutic Assistant - Behaviour Therapy (TABT)	Shally Kaushal	Educational Assistant
Carolyn Mackinnon- Graves	Therapeutic Assistant – Speech and Language (TASL)	Eliza Steadman	Educational Assistant
Deepani Marasinghe Arachchil	Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)	Kelley Harries	Educational Assistant
Meenakshi Sharma	Educational Assistant	Richmond Felicitas	Head Custodian
Francisca Diaz	Educational Assistant	Soonsik Jang	Light Duty Custodian
Tolulope Olaore	Educational Assistant	Christian Valenzuela	Evening Custodian

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