



ST. KATERI
Catholic Elementary School

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September 2026

Administrators' Message

Welcome back, St. Kateri families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and found some time to relax, recharge and enjoy a little extra sunshine. It has been so great to see our students back in the building and to have our hallways filled with energy, laughter and excitement again!

We are especially excited to welcome all of the new families and new staff members joining our St. Kateri community this year. We are so happy you're here and hope it doesn't take long before St. Kateri feels like home.

This year, we are focusing on **JOY**- choosing it, noticing it and sharing it with others. Sometimes joy is found in the big moments, but more often, it's in the little things: a kind word, a good laugh, finally figuring out that tricky math problem, seeing a friend in the hallway, or maybe even discovering that everyone remembered their lunch on the same day!

Schools are busy places, and not every day will go perfectly (where would the fun be in that?), but there is always something good to notice and something worth celebrating.

We have so much to look forward to this year, and I am incredibly excited for all that is ahead for our students, staff and families.

Here's to a fantastic 2026–2027 school year filled with learning, laughter, kindness and plenty of **JOY!**
Choose Joy. Share Kindness.

Welcome back, St. Kateri - we're so glad you're here!

Blessings,

Nicole Grossman
Principal

Christine Custódio
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 is getting ready! The team will lead our whole school as we do our school **Terry Fox Run** on **Friday, September 25**. 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 22nd! We are already proud of the way they will represent the St. Kateri community!

Parent Council News

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch ordering is available through **Healthy Hunger**. Please ensure your child is registered in the **correct classroom** so lunches are delivered to the right location. Families in Grades 1–6 should **not select YMCA**; this option is for Kindergarten only.

Our first hot lunch is **Pizza Hut on Friday, September 25**. Orders must be placed by **midnight on Sunday, September 20**.

Interested in being a classroom Hot Lunch Parent Rep? Contact us at stkateriparentcouncilsociety@gmail.com.

Stay Connected

Join the **Parent Council WhatsApp group** for school updates, volunteer opportunities and ways to connect with other families. Email us or reach out through Facebook to be added.

Apple & Pear Fundraiser

Our **Steve & Dan’s Apple & Pear Fundraiser** is underway! Orders are due **September 8**, with pickup on **October 8**. Purchase for your family or donate an order to the Food Bank. A portion of all sales supports Parent Council initiatives that enhance student experiences.

Welcome Back BBQ

Come early and join Parent Council for a BBQ before meeting the St. Kateri staff. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

First Parent Council Meeting

Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. Snacks provided! All families are welcome.

Meet Your 2026–27 Executive:

Mary Newman-do Rosario – President

Daniel Humeniuk – Vice President

Dae-Lan Sommers – Secretary

Laura Chute – Treasurer

Jenn Currie & Melissa-Anne – Fundraiser Chairs

We're looking forward to a great year of building community and supporting our students!

School Fees

School Fees will be posted to Parent Power School accounts on **September 15th**. 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 Wednesday, 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 Tuesday, September 29th. A reminder that there won't be school on Wednesday, September 30th.



Recess Snack Program

Our snack program started on Wednesday, September 9! 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 25th**

<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 use the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival System to let the school know. Instructions are available [here](#).



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

Read In Week takes place October 5-9. 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 and reach out to your child's teacher if you'd like to read to the class!

Save the Date...

September 16- Welcome Back BBQ followed by Meet the Staff 5:30-7
 September 25- Terry Fox Run/ Hot lunch
 September 28- Parent Council Meeting- 6:00 at the school (Everyone Welcome)
 September 29- Orange Shirt Day
 September 30- No School (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
 October 5- Picture Day
 October 23- School PD Day- No School for Students

Staff List for 2026 -2027

Nicole Grossman	Principal	Umberto Miceli	Grade 4A
Christine Custódio	Assistant Principal	Tatyana Hayek	Grade 4B
Sabrina Olivieri	Kindergarten A/B	Koko Aytenfis	Grade 5A
Lara Wolfe	Grade 1A	Tessa Encina	Grade 5B
Michelle Wi	Grade 1B	Fabiana Mancini	Grade 6A
Connie Pistawka	Grade 2A	Lisa Holts	Grade 6B
Angela Larizza	Grade 2B	Sophia DeBorja	Music
Pina Corbo	Grade 2C	Melissa O'Rourke	Instructional Coach/Complexity Teacher
Alison Radisic	Grade 3A	Gurjeet Kaur Lotay	Educational Assistant (5)
Melody MacDonald/Christine Custodio	Grade 3B	Denyse Prieur	Educational Assistant (5)

Celine Sassine	Grade 3C	Michelle Durrant	Educational Assistant
Eva Arella-Perri	Administrative Support	Patricia Kloster	Educational Assistant
Lorina Groot	Administrative Support/EA	Jessica MacIsaac	Educational Assistant
Sheelah DeChamplain	Therapeutic Assistant - Behaviour Therapy (TABT)	Isabella Corbo	Educational Assistant
Sandra Sandoval	Therapeutic Assistant - Behaviour Therapy (TABT)	Tolulope Olaore	Educational Assistant
Junie Shrestha	Therapeutic Assistant - Behaviour Therapy (TABT)	Richmond Felicitas	Head Custodian
Carolyn Mackinnon-Graves	Therapeutic Assistant – Speech and Language (TASL)	Soonsik Jang	Light Duty Custodian
Deepani Marasinghe Arachchil	Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)	Christian Valenzuela	Evening Custodian
Sam Samaco	Educational Assistant		

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