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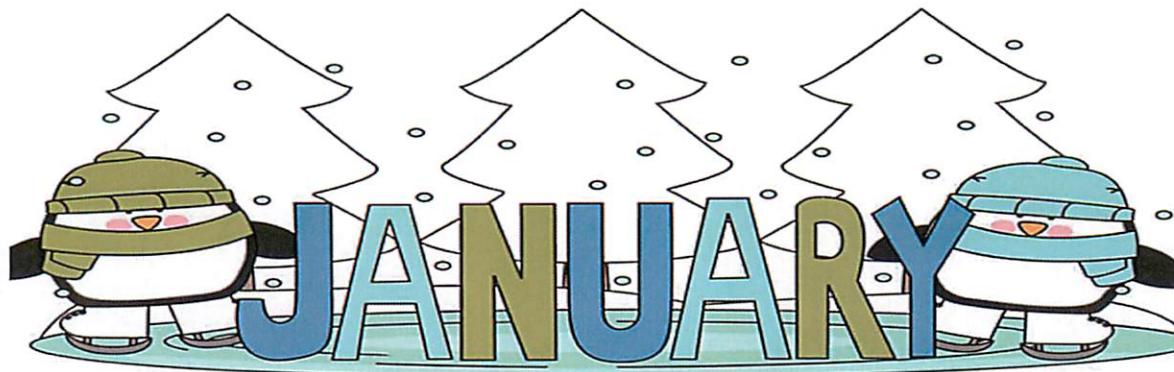
### Administrators' Message

December was a busy and joyful month for our school community! We came together with enthusiasm and purpose, raising over \$1,000 for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation—a remarkable achievement that reflects the generosity and compassion of our families. Additionally, our food drive for St. Theresa Parish's Food Bank was an overwhelming success, with a huge amount of donations pouring in to help those in need. The spirit of giving and kindness during Advent was truly inspiring. Thank you to everyone who supported these initiatives and helped spread hope and love in our community during this special season. Your efforts have made a lasting impact!

As we enter the new year, January promises to be an exciting and activity-filled month for our students. Our physical education program will include engaging opportunities like gymnastics and skiing, giving students the chance to build new skills and enjoy the great outdoors. We are also blessed to continue our partnership with Corpus Christi Parish, as their team will join us for weekly visits on Fridays throughout the year, strengthening the bond between our school and parish community. Let us carry the hope and joy of the Christmas season into the months ahead, guided by faith, learning, and kindness. May God continue to bless our school as we grow together in His love!

Nicole Grossman  
Principal

Christine Custódio  
Assistant Principal



## Blast-Off With Home Reading and Home Numeracy Programs

<https://epl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?audiences=57daf6fbecaf7adc3091393c%2C57daf6fbecaf7adc3091393d&locations=EPLMEA>



Curl up with a great book to read with your kids in January.  
[Great Books to Read with Your Kids in January - Raising Lifelong Learners](#)

## Kindergarten & New to St. Kateri Registration

Registration for the 2026-27 school year will begin on February 2nd. We will also be hosting an Open House on February 4th at 6:00 for new Kindergarten families. We are encouraging everyone who is interested in having a child attend kindergarten or another grade level to come and learn more about our extraordinary program.

We would like to encourage our St. Kateri families to talk to their neighbors about all the great learning opportunities taking place at our school. Word of mouth is by far the best way of advertising our school to the community. This is also a reminder that you can check out many learning opportunities on [Instagram @StKateriECS](#)

## Recognizing Sacraments



Over the past few months, we've had many of our students receive their sacraments. If your child has celebrated one of the sacraments, please [email the school](#) and/or send in a picture so that we can all share in the good news.

If you're interested in learning more about the sacraments and signing up for sacramental preparation at Corpus Christi Parish, please visit <https://www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/sacraments> or contact Sister Deliah at (780)466-7576 or

[Deliah.Rubio@caedm.ca](mailto:Deliah.Rubio@caedm.ca). The Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi is located at 2707 34 street NW.

## Ongoing Fundraising

There will be numerous opportunities to support our school community throughout the year as we, together with School Council, look at various ways to incorporate fundraising opportunities. Please don't feel the need to participate in each one at all! We've just looked at ways to add variety and welcome your feedback. If you

every have any questions or concerns, please contact us! Thank you so much for all your support so far! We welcome feedback and encourage you to put forward any ideas you might have.

#### Ongoing Fundraisers

##### Healthy Hunger (Hot Lunch)

Cobs Bread (Harvest Pointe)  
(Simply mention St. Kateri)



## COMMUNICATION - PowerSchool/Swift K12



Please ensure that you're keeping the office up to date with any changes to phone numbers, addresses, etc. It is very important that we have the correct information so that we can reach the home team if there is something that is needed during the school day. Thank you for your attention to this.

## School Council

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2025/2026 school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break.

#### **Don't Forget Your School Surveys!**

Important school surveys were sent home with your child(ren) last week. Please take a few moments to complete one for each of your students and return them to the school as soon as possible. Your feedback is valuable!



#### **Parent Council Meeting - Have Your Say!**

Mark your calendars! The next St. Kateri Parent Council meeting is scheduled for:

- **Date:** Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** School Staff Room

This is your chance to connect with other parents, hear updates from the school, and share your thoughts and ideas. We encourage all parents to attend!

Thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer their time to work our two Casino dates in December. Because of you, we can continue to support field trips, technology, and other experiences for the students at St. Kateri!

## Gymnastics and Skiing



Students in grades 4-6 had their December ski trip postponed due to weather, and now the students will be going skiing on January 23 and 28<sup>th</sup>! They are all looking forward to getting outdoors! Thank you to Parent Council for supplementing the cost of this activity!

Students in grades 1-3 will be heading to Wild Rose Gymnastics for lessons this spring! Watch for new information in the upcoming months.



## January Summary Report



It's hard to believe it's January already! We are nearly halfway through school year! January Summary Reports will be printed off and sent home with students on January 27th. Please note that after 4:00 on the same day, you can review this document online in PowerSchool. Please note that students in Kindergarten will not be getting a summary report, but their learning will continue to be tracked through their online learning portfolios. All parents will be invited into the school in April for a Demonstration of Learning.

## St. Kateri in the Community



This year we once again focused on spreading Christmas cheer to our community. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 created Christmas Cards and most classes took advantage of the great weather we had to deliver them around the neighbourhood. A number of classes also created cards to distribute at senior's centres around the community. We look forward to continued opportunities to reach out to the neighbours in our community in the next few months.

## Stay Home When Sick



As the weather gets cooler and families spend more time indoors, rates of illness tend to increase. To prevent the spread of the many illnesses that are circulating, we'd ask you to keep your child home when they aren't feeling well. Please just call the school to inform us that they'll be away and have them return as soon as they're well. Thank you for all for doing your part to keep our school community healthy.

## Athletics at St. Kateri

Our SK Volleyball team has been practicing hard this school year! Thank you to the coaches (Miss Mancini, Miss Pistawka, and Mrs. Holts) for sharing their time and talents, and for all the athletes who have dedicated their time to attending practices. Students who are in grade 6 will be participating in the Elementary volleyball tournament at Father Michael Mireau this Thursday, January 15th! Let's go SK!

Our indoor running teams have also been practicing for their upcoming meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Butterdome! All of those early morning practices are sure to pay off! Thank you to the coaches (Mr. Aytenfisu and Mrs. Pawluski) who have worked with the team to get them ready!

We are excited to welcome coaches in from South West United Soccer to host a two-day soccer skills residency for all students on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Mrs. Larizza for organizing this opportunity for our students!

## Parking and Drop-offs

With the colder weather setting in, it's likely that more students will be getting dropped off at school. Please remember that the **staff parking lot is not available** for parents/guardians to use. Please put safety before convenience and come up with a meeting plan that doesn't involve out-of-bound areas.

Please also remember that the roundabout at the front of the school is a hug and go zone. Please ensure you're driving as far as you can in the loop before stopping so that we can get the most amount of drop offs completed at one time. There are times during the day when the traffic gets quite congested, and we'd like to encourage everyone to be patient in the name of safety. Please don't pass cars dropping off students, and please make room in traffic for those entering/exiting the turnaround so that the traffic can keep flowing.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## Music Residency



We are so excited for our school community to have the opportunity to work with two different musicians for a music residency! This will begin for Div 1 students this month, and continue for all students over the next few months. We are so excited to be able to share their final projects at the Spring Concerts in April! Thank you to Miss Voyer for arranging this enrichment opportunity for our students!

## Weather Update

**Cold Weather is Here!**



As the weather gets colder, it is important that the children come to school dressed warmly and according to the weather. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, ski pants, gloves, hat, and boots. During inclement weather, the students can enter the school upon arrival at 8:10AM and go to their classroom area. Students will not go outside if the temperature is -20 degrees Celsius or colder or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20 degrees Celsius or colder.

Please be advised that the following Radio and TV Stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. RADIO STATIONS 630 CHED AM 930 The Light CJCA, CBC, CISN, FM 103.9 SHINE, 105.9 FM, CHFA (CBC Fr.) FRESH FM 92.5 TSN 1260 CFCW 840 INEWS 880 AM 95.7 CRUZ FM CAPITAL FM 96.3 Kiss FM 91.7 The Bear 100.3 FM K97 97.3UP! 99.3 FM SONIC 102.9 FM 102.3 NOW! Radio HOT 107 FM 104.9 VIRGIN Radio FM TV STATIONS CITYTV CTV Edmonton GLOBAL Edmonton CBC TV Every effort will be made to have messages broadcast commencing no later than 6:30 AM

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