

Administrators' Message

November 2025

As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude and remembrance. In our Catholic faith, this is a time to pause, reflect, and pray for all those who have gone before us. Together, we remember their love, sacrifice, and the lasting impact they have had on our lives.

We invite all families to join us for our Remembrance Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. This special liturgy will provide our school community the opportunity to honour and pray for the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country in the name of peace and freedom.

A reminder that **Fall Break** will take place from **November 10–12**. We hope this time provides rest and renewal for our students and families as we prepare for the busy season ahead.

Looking ahead to December, we are excited to welcome families of students in grades 1-6 into the school for our **Demonstration of Learning** evening on **Tuesday, December 3**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their growth and accomplishments with their families. As the seasons change, may we continue to see God's presence in the beauty around us and in the hearts of one another. Thank you for your continued partnership, faith, and support in helping our students grow in mind, heart, and spirit.



Nicole Grossman Principal Christine Custódio Assistant Principal



Blast-Off With Home Reading & Numeracy Programs



November 3rd will be the kickoff to our home reading and numeracy whole school program! Watch for reading and numeracy strips to come home with students. Parents/Guardians, please initial these nightly after students have completed the designated amount of time practicing. Once a month, we will do draws for prizes!

Parent Council

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who made our **Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Teacher** a success!

I Next Parent Council Meeting- Meet your newly elected Executive Council members

Monday, November 3 @ 6 PM – Staff Room

Join us **in person (childcare provided)** or **online** — email stkateriparentcouncilsociety@gmail.com for the link.

We'll be planning this year's initiatives and want your ideas and input! New year means new ideas! Come share your input, feedback, and ideas for this school year. The agenda will focus on collaborating to create our calendar of initiatives that reflect the wants and needs of our students, families and learning community. Join the conversation because your voice matters.

Classroom Reps Needed!

Do you want to help in your child's classroom and stay connected? We're looking for parent volunteers to be Classroom Representatives. Contact your child's teacher or the school office to get involved!

St. Kateri Swag Wear -The **Swag Store** opens **November 10**, just in time for Christmas! Watch for an email.

11 Hot Lunches

Order through <u>Healthy Hunger</u>
Next lunch: **Friday, Nov. 7 (Cobb's)**Order by **Sunday, Nov. 2**.

Stock up on **pet-safe Bear Tracks ice melt:** 1 pail – \$25 2 pails – \$45 Discounts for large orders. Email stkateriparentcouncilsociety@gmail.com to order.

○ Happy Halloween! Enjoy the cotton candy treat from your Parent Council!

Upcoming Casino- Volunteers Needed

Parent council has secured our school's Casino fundraiser dates for 2025!

Thursday December 11, 2025 and Friday December 12, 2025

If you or someone you know can fill those positions please have them sign up

https://volunteersignup.org/C3MQB

Did you know... Casinos raise upwards of \$60 000-\$70 000?! The funds are used to purchase technology, subsidize fieldtrips for ALL students in the school, bring in special presentations, support families in need and so much more! If you would like more information please email Stkateriparentcouncilsociety@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Corpus Christi Parish Updates

We are excited to welcome back members of the parish for weekly visits! Did you know that on Fridays a member of the parish comes and speaks with grade groups? We are grateful for our ongoing relationship with Corpus Christi Parish!

Are you looking for information on sacramental preparation? Please visit the parish website <u>here</u>. If you need further information, please reach out to Sister Delia Rubio at (780)466-7576.



Numeracy in the Kitchen



Math Fun at Home and School!

Students and staff will be learning new math games to practice and strengthen their numeracy skills throughout the year. Soon, students will begin bringing some of these game ideas home to make math practice fun for the whole family! Along with their continued use of **Matific**, our online math platform, we're also connecting math to healthy living. In keeping with our **APPLE Schools** focus, we'll be exploring ways to bring math into the kitchen while preparing tasty, nutritious snacks. Click here to do some yummy math as a family!

Healthy Eating Squad



By now, you may have heard that our **Apple Squad** is up and running once again this year! This wonderful leadership opportunity is open to some of our Grade 6 students who proudly call themselves "**St. Kateri's Apple Squad.**"

Alberta Project Promoting active Living & healthy Eating

In partnership with PC Children's Charities, Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation grants, and various local businesses, St. Kateri is pleased to continue offering our students a FREE nutritious snack program. This program

helps students explore what healthy snacks can look like.

This initiative is yet another way we support the growth of the whole child—mind, body, and soul.

Scholastic Book Fair



Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to St. Kateri on December 2-4th! The Bookfair will be open during Demonstration of Learning night, so make sure you pop in! Watch for more information.

November- A Time to Remember and Give Thanks

In November, we remember and give thanks for the gift of peace in our world. We celebrate our faith and the blessing of our Catholic schools. Together, we honor our fallen heroes, our veterans, and the many men and women who continue to serve and protect our freedom.

Students are invited to bring a donation for the **Poppy Fund**, with collections beginning on **Monday, November 3rd**. **Poppies will be distributed** to all students on **Thursday, November 6th**. Monies raised will be given to veteran's organizations.

We warmly welcome families to join us for our Remembrance Day Celebration on Thursday, November 6th, hosted by our Grade 2 classes as we gather in prayer, reflection, and gratitude for the peace we enjoy today.





Our Demonstration of Learning will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd from 3:30-7. This is an Open House format so that you can visit classrooms whenever it works during that time. We ask that you please respect the start time so that teachers have time to get their rooms ready after students are dismissed.

<u>Please note that Kindergarten will be following a different format that will take place on Thursday, December 4th. Miss Olivieri will communicate with the Kindergarten families.</u>

Fall Break

Just a reminder that this year, Edmonton Catholic Schools is having a fall break starting on November 7th. Students' first day back to school will be on November 13th. We hope everyone gets some rest with their loved ones and comes back refreshed and ready to learn.



Lest we forget

Cold Weather is Coming!



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 8:05AM 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 FMSONIC 102.9 FM102.3 NOW! Radio HOT 107 FM104.9 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3- Parent Council Meeting @ 6:00

November 6- Remembrance Day Celebration @ 10:30

November 10-12 - Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)

December 4- Demonstration of Learning from 3:30-7pm

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Please search us up on Instagram using the handle @StKateriECSD. We are so pleased to share all the great things happening at St. Kateri! Follow along and like our posts!