



ST. KATERI
Catholic Elementary School

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October 2026

Administrators' Message

Dear St. Kateri Families,

October is here, and we are looking forward to another busy and exciting month at St. Kateri! Throughout October, our students will be participating in **Alien Inline Skating** during their Physical Education classes. This is always a fun opportunity for students to build new skills, challenge themselves, and stay active.

We are also excited to come together as a school community for our **Family Dance at the end of the month!** We hope many of our families will join us for an evening of music, fun, and connection. Watch for more information as the date gets closer.

A reminder that **Friday, October 23 is a Professional Development Day**, and there will be **no school for students** that day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful for the wonderful community we have at St. Kateri and look forward to all that October will bring.

Have a wonderful month!

Blessings,

Nicole Grossman

Principal

Christine Custódio

Assistant Principal





Fall Break

Mark your calendars... Edmonton Catholic Schools will observe a fall break from November 11th-13th. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on these days. Students return to school on Monday, November 16th.



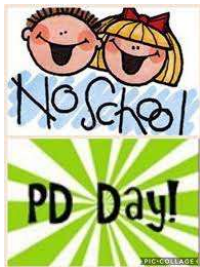
Transportation

Please note that 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

Congratulations to our St. Kateri Running Club who did a great job at the Division cross country run! The students had a great time and we are so appreciative of the time and dedication of the coaches. And a special thank you to them for leading our school Terry Fox Run that took place on September 25th.



School Professional Development Day

On Monday St. Kateri Staff will be participating in a day of Professional Learning. **No School for Students on October 23rd.**



School Council Message

Parent Council October reminders!

A BIG thank you to all the new and returning faces who made it out to the parent council meeting on Monday.

-Fruit deliveries will be ready at the end of next week! Please stay tuned for more communication regarding that. We would love if a few parents could help organize and hand out when the time comes. Thank you to all the families who participated and shared our fundraiser!!

-Reading week is coming up! We are holding a book drive during reading week. Please send in any gently

used books your family has outgrown

-We are looking for 1 or 2 parents to help out with making and handing out popcorn on October 9th for the grade 6 immunizations

-Looking for a way to volunteer in your child's classroom? We are looking for volunteers for the Healthy Hunger snack and lunch distribution on Friday October 16th and Friday October 30th

-We are looking for volunteers to help set up/help during/help after the Halloween dance. Please reach out if you're available.

-Halloween Dance Friday October 30th
5:30 - 8pm. Stay tuned for more information

Thanksgiving Celebration

This year our grade 4's will be hosting our Thanksgiving Celebration on morning announcements. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!



The Provincial Referendum Vote will take place on Monday, October 19th. There will be **no school** on this day.



School Fees

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



No School on Monday, October 12th

Just a reminder that there won't be any school for staff or students on Monday, October 12th as we celebrate Thanksgiving.



Family Dance

On Friday, October 30th our St. Kateri Parent Council will be hosting a family dance with a Halloween theme! Please watch for more information in the upcoming weeks with extra information you'll need to know.



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/>. If your child celebrates their sacraments this school year, please email a picture and let us know and we will celebrate them on morning announcements!

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 took place on Friday, September 25th and it was a success! Thank you to our volunteers for making it possible. Upcoming hot lunches have been scheduled to take place on the last Friday of the month.

<https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php>

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**! If you're interested in reading to your child(ren)'s class please contact their teacher.



Halloween takes place on Thursday, October 30th. Please have children wear costumes in the morning. Please ensure costumes are appropriate for school and no weapons will be permitted. We will have a costume parade in the school gym and the students will have some activities in their respective classrooms that morning. Please stay tuned for more information coming home from your child's teacher.

Smartphones and Smartwatches

A Reminder About Smartphones & Smartwatches

We are noticing an increase in students bringing smartphones and smartwatches to school. We understand that families may choose to have their child carry a device for safety and communication before or after school; however, we ask for your help in reinforcing our expectations during the school day.

In accordance with Edmonton Catholic Schools' guidelines for personal mobile devices, cellphones, smartwatches, and other personal devices are not to be used during instructional time. Devices brought to school should be silenced or powered off and stored away in a backpack or other secure location.

Smartwatches should not be used for texting, calling, gaming, taking photos, or accessing other apps during the school day and should be put away. If needed, phones and watches can be stored by the classroom teacher until the end of the day.

If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact the school office, and we will be happy to assist. Likewise, students who need to contact home can do so through the office.

Exceptions may be made for students who require a device for health, medical, or specialized learning needs, in consultation with school administration.

Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms focused on learning, relationships, and being present with one another. We appreciate your partnership!



Custodian Appreciation Day/ World Teacher Day

On Wednesday, October 2nd we paid tribute to our fantastic custodial staff for Custodian Appreciation Day. We are so blessed to have such an amazing team to keep St. Kateri school so clean and in order.

On Monday, October 5th we will pay tribute to our awesome teaching staff for World Teacher's Day. Thank you to all the educators that continually go over and above to ensure student success!

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