

NOVEMBER NEWS

NOVEMBER 7, 2025



November Message

Although October was not what we expected, we are grateful to have our students and teachers back! We thank you for your patience as we had to adjust and carefully replan several calendar activities. Please refer to the school website for the latest updates.

We want to thank our Support Staff, SAC, and all parents who have expressed support and care to our teachers.

In this month of November, let us call to mind and pray for peace and let us remember all those who fought for freedom and peace in our world.

We keep peace in our hearts and in our words as we continue to be a people of HOPE this year.

We wish all our families a wonderful fall break this month!



Prayer for PEACE

Dear God,
On Remembrance Day,
we remember those who gave their lives for
peace and freedom.
We thank You for their courage and sacrifice.
Help us to honour them by choosing kindness,
by working together, and by caring for one
another.
Teach us to be peacemakers in our school,
in our homes, and in our world.
May Your love guide us to bring hope where
there is sadness,
and light where there is darkness.
Bless our country and all who serve it.
Keep them safe and strong.
And help us to always walk in Your way of
peace.
Amen.



Message from the Superintendent

Please click here for a message from Chief
Superintendent Anderson:



Safety Reminders

The safety of our students is our top priority.
PLEASE: No Parking in staff parking lot and **NO parking/drop off in bus lane** where orange pylons run. We thank you for your support in making safety first!





Important Dates:

November 4- Métis Dancing workshop for all classes


November 7- Remembrance Day Recognition Ceremony- 10:45 AM

November 7- Dental Flouride K- 2 students

November 15-22- Métis Week

November 10-12- FALL BREAK- No School

November 13- classes resume

November 14- Picture DAY! 

November 23/24- SAC Casino

November 21- Healthy Hunger Orders due online

November 27- Grade 6 Immunization (reschedule from October)

November 27- Demo of Learning (more info to follow)

November 24-28- Scholastic Book Fair

November 28- **Healthy Hunger for those who ordered**

School Spirit Day- TWIN DAY- students can dress alike with a peer(s) or staff member:)

November 30- First Week of Advent 



Fall Break and Remembrance Day Recognition

Fall break will proceed this month. There will be **NO CLASSES November 10-12.**

Classes will resume on November 13.

We had our Remembrance Day Recognition ceremony on November 7.

Thank you to all who attended, and to all who contributed coin donations for the **Poppy Fund.**



Parish Information

We are blessed to continue to have St. Matthew Parish as part of our learning and growing in faith. For any information on Sacraments, please contact the Parish.

Father Joy will be resuming classroom visits this year..

SPARK NEWS

The SPARK team has resumed meeting and are planning various school activities and Social Justice initiatives for our students.

Thank you to all families who contributed FOOD BANK items in early October. These were shared with St. Matthew Parish and St. Francis of Assisi School.



The next School Spirit Day will be on **November 28:** It will be TWIN DAY! Students can dress alike with a peer(s) or staff member:)

Follow us on social media:
Instagram: stphilip_ecsd



Please visit our school website for more information and monthly calendar

Demonstration of Learning



Demonstration of Learning –Thursday, November 27

Times: 1:00–5:20 PM and 6:00–7:30 PM

This year, reporting will look different because of missed learning time. Instead of the usual format, we will hold conferences where parents, students, and teachers can meet.

- In order to accommodate all families, each appointment will be **10 minutes**. Teachers will meet one-on-one with families, and students will share work and reflections outside the classroom.
- **Please arrive on time.** A timer will signal when the meeting ends so everyone gets their turn. If you are late, your time will be shorter.
- *If you do not book an appointment, the teacher cannot meet with you.* If November 27 does not work, contact your child's teacher to arrange another time that works for their schedule.

A booking link will be sent after fall break from your child's teacher. Appointments are first come, first served.

We value connecting with families and appreciate your flexibility this year.

Book Fair



This year we will be having the Scholastic Book Fair from November 24-28th. More information on times will be coming. Mrs. Armani is looking for parent volunteers to help with the BOOK FAIR. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Armani at: caterina.armani@ecsd.net

Thank you!

Christmas Concert - Save the Date



As a staff, we have decided to proceed with the Christmas concert this year. Many hours are required to prepare for this and with missed learning time, the format will be greatly simplified so that students and families can still have this experience.

To meet fire regulations and accommodate our new gym layout, there will be two evenings of performances:

- **Concert A: December 16 at 6:15 PM – Classes: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A**
- **Concert B: December 17 at 6:15 PM – Classes: Kindergarten, 1B, 2/3, 4B, 5/6, 6A**

Parents may only attend the concert for their child(ren). We understand some families will have to attend both concerts for multiple children, and hope that they will enjoy this time! Each family will receive **two tickets**. If extra tickets become available, families may request them, but availability is not guaranteed. **For safety reasons, we cannot exceed capacity and only guests with tickets can be admitted.**

More details will follow as planning continues. Thank you for your understanding and support in making this event safe and enjoyable for everyone! We hope it will be an opportunity to share and spread hope and joy!

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Your time makes a huge impact on our school. Many of our school initiatives are funded thanks to parent volunteers. Events like Bingos/Casinos help support school initiatives and provide new learning opportunities and equipment for students.

Bingo Volunteers Needed

NO WALKING Bingo Hall for volunteers

Location: Fort Road Bingo

-Saturday, December 6th

-Thursday, January 22nd

-Sunday, March 8th

-Wednesday, April 22nd

-Friday, June 5th

5 Afternoon Shifts (10:30 AM-4:00 PM)

5 Evening Shifts (4:30PM- 10:00PM)

Volunteer Perks

No walking, and free meal provided on shift.

★ Name entered for a gift card! ★

Next Bingo - Saturday, December 6th , we are in need of 1 more day shift!

If you can volunteer for any Bingo dates, please contact: **sabrina.filiplic@ecsd.net**

Casino Volunteers Needed

The casino is an essential SAC fundraiser that provides necessary support to St Philip. Casino funds have recently helped purchase TWO new Chromebook sets as well as contributed to the new sound system in the gym.

WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Casino will take place **Sunday, November 23rd and Monday, November 24th at Century Casino**. We require the following positions be filled in order to keep this opportunity.

Sunday, November 23rd :

General Manager 6:15pm- 4:00am

Cashier 6:45 pm- 3:30 am

Monday, November 24th

General Manager 9:00am- 7:00 pm

Banker 9:00am-7:00pm

Cashier (2 spots) 9:30am-7:15pm

Chip Runner 11:30am-7:15pm

General Manager 6:15pm-4:00am

Cashier 6:45pm-3:30am

Chip Runner 6:15pm-3:15am

Countroom (2 spots) 11:00pm- 3:30am

If you can help and take a position or if you have questions about a specific position, please email Gina at: **gfilice00@gmail.com**

Healthy Hunger

Once per month, our SAC volunteers organize a hot lunch. Interested families can register online with HEALTHY HUNGER. Through this online process you will be able to order and pay for hot lunch from participating restaurants. Please note:

This is an optional program.

Please visit: <https://healthyhunger.ca> to set this up.

The next Healthy Hunger lunch will be on Friday November 28th with orders due online Nov. 21st

