

JANUARY NEWS

JANUARY 5, 2026



January Message

Happy New Year! We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful start to the new year with many blessings ahead. We hope everyone had a restful Christmas break and that the season was filled with hope. We look forward to many more wonderful and exciting opportunities for learning, growing, and sharing at St. Philip School in the next part of the school year!

We welcomed students back on Monday, January 5th and will be celebrating Epiphany with a Liturgy of the Word on January 6th.

January is a busy month with report cards going live on January 31st and the Jr. High Open House season beginning.

We will be having a performance from the Alberta Musical Theatre and hosting Sportball later this month.

We look forward to a great month ahead!

*Happy
New Year*

Message from the Superintendent

Please click here for a message from Chief Superintendent Anderson:

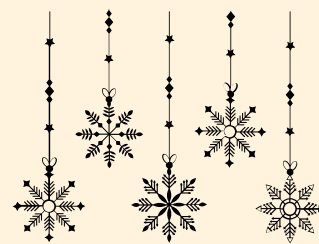


Prayer

Heavenly Father,
As we enter in this New Year, with
each passing day,
may our hearts draw closer to Christ.
May our faith be strengthened, our
spirit have peace, our good works
prosper, and may good health and
God's
favour shine upon us and those we
love.

These blessings, we ask in Jesus' name.

AMEN



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. No U turns on 144Ave as this is very dangerous for our pedestrians and patrols. We thank you for your support in making safety first!



Epiphany Liturgy

On Tuesday, January 6th @ 10:45 AM the Grade 4 classes will lead us in a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.



Christmas Concert Thanks

Thank you to Mrs. Warnes and all of our students for a wonderful Christmas Concert this year! The songs of this concert certainly brought joy to us all! Thank you to all parents for your cooperation and attendance at our two evening performances. This format was very successful and allowed everyone to enjoy this event safely. Thank you for supporting our collection for Dreams for Kids as well.



Thank you!



Thank you so much to all parents and families who donated through the many Social Justice Initiatives led by our SPARK team; the bake sale, Christmas Concert parking and seats giveaways, and donations. We appreciate your tremendous support. A total of \$1193.45 was collected and donated to the ECS Foundation: Dreams for Kids. What an amazing school community we are blessed to be part of!

School Assemblies



This year we have been focusing on the Virtues as a theme for our school wide assemblies, which develop our faith and sense of community. Virtues are good qualities that help us make kind, fair, and honest choices. They guide us to do what is right and to be our best selves.

During the month of December, we focused on **Generosity**. This month, our focus will be on **HUMILITY** where students will learn more about the virtue in this New Year.

During each assembly, we end with a draw for 5 lucky students to have "Pizza with the Principals". This opportunity is a wonderful time for students to share their learning from our assembly, give ideas for the school, ask questions, and get to know others while enjoying a tasty treat with our Admin Team! It is a favourite time for all!

PC Food Grant



Once again, our school is fortunate to have received a Grant from **PC Powerful Kids**. With this grant, we are able to provide weekly, healthy snacks to our students while teaching about nutritious foods and choices. These snacks are usually distributed on Fridays and students have enjoyed apples, oranges, bananas, cheese, yogurt and granola bars.

Upcoming PD Day

Please note that **Friday, January 23, 2026** will be a Professional Learning Day for staff. There will be **NO CLASSES** for St. Philip students on this day.

Jr. High Open House/Orientation

Grade 6 students and families preparing for junior high will be able to attend **Cardinal Leger Open House on January 29th, 2026, at 6:30 PM**. Please visit the Cardinal Leger website for more information.

Our Grade 6 students will also be attending an **Orientation at Cardinal Leger the morning of January 29th**.

School Administrators from Cardinal Leger will be coming to visit Grade 6 students on January 19th to provide more information about the programs offered, the Open House and Orientation Day.



January Summary Reports



On January 27, the January Summary Report Cards will be live @ 4:00 PM.

You can view your child's January report card summary on PowerSchool.

Please visit <https://www.ecsd.net/assessment> for more information on *K-6 Parent Guide to Assessment & Reporting*

Please note that Kindergarten students will not have a summary report for January.

Provincial Literacy/Numeracy Screeners

Students in K- Gr. 3 will complete literacy and numeracy screeners as per provincial requirements during *January 19- February 6*. This data helps identify gaps in foundational understanding and inform classroom practice/instruction.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks for this school year are now available for pre-order on PowerSchool at a cost of \$22.00.

The yearbooks are compiled throughout the year and final products will be delivered to students/families next fall. If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, you can do so on your PowerSchool account.



Follow us on social media:
Instagram: stphilip_ecsd



Please visit our school website for more information and monthly calendar





Important Dates:

Jan. 5 - Classes resume

Jan. 6 - Epiphany Liturgy at 10:45 AM at school

Jan. 8 - JJ Bowlen Volleyball Tournament (Grades 4-6 Teams)

Jan. 9 - School Assembly -AM

Jan. 12 - Sportball

Jan. 16 - Full Day for Kindergarten

Jan. 20 - School Advisory Council Meeting (6:15 PM)

Jan. 21 - Alberta Musical Theatre Performance of *Pinocchio*

- Bell Let's Talk Day

Jan. 23 - PD Day for St. Philip - No classes

- Healthy Hunger Orders Due

Jan. 29 - Grade 6 Orientation at Cardinal Leger School

- Cardinal Leger Open House at 6:30 PM

Jan. 30 - Progress Reports available on Powerschool at 4:00PM

- **School Spirit Day: Western Wear Day!**
Healthy Hunger hot lunch for those that ordered



Volleyball



Our volleyball teams had a great experience at the Cardinal Leger Jr. High Feeder School Tournament on December 4th.

Lots of skills were learned, and fun was had! The second tournament will be at **JJ Bowlen Jr. High on January 8th.**

Many thanks to Miss Portela, Miss Farar, Miss Hackova and Mr. Piano for dedicating extra time in coaching and being at these tournaments so our students can have these opportunities.

Open House & Kinder Registration

Our school's Open House will be on **February 4th, 2026, from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM.** Please keep this date in mind, if you are looking to register or know of any families in the community who are looking to register for kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.

Registrations will begin in February and are completed online by visiting www.ecsd.net



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. **Registration for Confirmation** at St. Matthew closes on February 2, 2026. Please contact the parish office at 780-475-2888 if you would like more information.

SPARK NEWS

Our Student Faith Leadership Group has been working hard to plan our school spirit days, activities and lead social justice projects. They were very busy in the month of December planning wonderful activities for our school!

The next Spirit Day will be on Friday, January 30th- Western Dress day! (Dress in western wear- cowboy hat, denim, plaid, bandana, etc.)



Dress for Weather



Now that the weather is getting colder and there is snow, students are reminded to dress warmly and be prepared with all necessary clothing items.

Students go outdoors unless the temperature is -20 °C or colder whereby students stay indoors.

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

-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!

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**Thursday, January 22nd, we are still in need
of 3 volunteers for the evening!**

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

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
January 30th. ORDERS ARE DUE ONLINE by
January 23rd.**

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will be on
Tuesday, January 20th at 6:15 PM.
Parents are welcome to attend.



Ongoing Fundraising

Boston Pizza Receipts Fundraiser

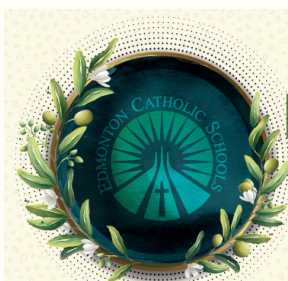
Dine Out & Donate! This cooperative fundraising initiative partners Boston Pizza restaurants in our community with the school to earn 5% cashback on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts.

1. Dine out at Boston Pizza.
2. Save your original receipt
3. Submit the original receipt to the school until June 2026

Bottle Drive Fundraising Opportunity- Skip the Depot

Our SAC has organized an ongoing fundraising opportunity for families who would like to donate bottles with Skip the Depot.

Scan the QR code, arrange a pickup time and the funds will go directly to the school fundraising through SAC.



REJOICE in HOPE
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.

- Romans 12:12 -