

APRIL NEWS

APRIL 7, 2026



April Message

We hope that each of our families will had a wonderful and restful Spring Break and Easter!

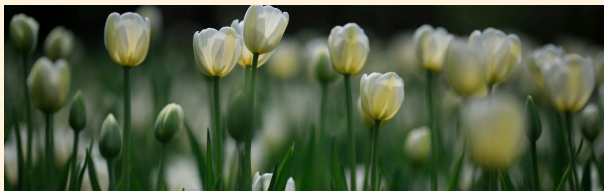
This month, we continue to celebrate the season of Easter. The feast of the Resurrection is the greatest celebration of the Christian Church. The Resurrection is the reason for our faith and hope.

Through the resurrection of Jesus, we know that one day we, too, will rise, body and spirit, as Jesus has promised.

As we witness the signs of new life through the spring season, we celebrate our own new life and new beginning through this Easter Season.

There are many exciting activities and events in the coming month and we look forward to continuing to see our students grow and shine in their learning!

We are hopeful for a wonderful Spring ahead!



Message from the Superintendent

Please click [here](#) for a message from Chief Superintendent Anderson:



Prayer

A Prayer for Easter

During this Easter season, we celebrate new life, hope, and joy.

It is a time to remember the importance of kindness, gratitude, and caring for one another.

May our hearts be open to love, our words be gentle and encouraging, and our actions reflect compassion and respect.

As we continue through the spring season, may we find joy in helping others, appreciating the beauty around us, and growing together as a caring school community.



Amen

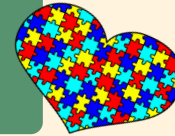
Safety Reminders

Absolutley NO PARKING or DROP OFF/PICK UP in Staff Parking Lot

NO parking/drop off in the 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 putting safety first!



Autism Acceptance Month



April is Autism Acceptance Month! Let us continue to celebrate uniqueness and promote awareness, inclusion and acceptance for all. Acceptance moves beyond recognition to action, creating environments where people are valued, supported, and included.

Multicultural Day

On **Friday, April 24**, our school will be having a Multicultural theme day to celebrate the many cultures that make up our world and school community, as well as focusing on diversity and inclusion.

On this day, students will be invited to wear their cultural attire or jerseys.

It will be a day of learning, activities, showcase and appreciating the many cultures and traditions that make up our school community. More details to follow.



St. Philip Day

On Friday, May 1, we will be celebrating our school namesake with St. Philip Day. Students will partake in faith based activities and join together for a special liturgy. Healthy Hunger Lunch will be available to order online for this day for those interested. More information to follow.

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 March, we focused on **PERSEVERANCE**

This month's focus will be on **HONESTY** where students will learn more about the virtue.

Each assembly ends 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.

Demonstration of Learning

Thank you to all families who took part in the March Demonstration of Learning. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our students in their learning and growth. As a reminder, parents are encouraged to frequently check your child's PowerSchool account for assessment progress and reporting updates. We are proud of our students and their hard work and dedication to learning!



Important Dates:

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April 3 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 6 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

April 7 - Classes Resume; Easter Mass at St. Matthew Parish - 1:00 p.m

April 7 - 10 - K-2 Dental Fluoride Treatments

April 10 - Sportball;
Healthy Hunger Orders Due Online for those interested.

April 17 - School Spirit Day-80s Day; Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch for students that ordered



April 22 - Earth Day

Admin Support Appreciation Day



April 24 - Multicultural Day; School Spirit Day-
Cultural Dress



April 24- Hot lunch orders due online for May 1
Hot Lunch

April 28 - Grade 6 Immunizations - Part 2

April 30 - Grade 6 Field trip to Cardinal Leger
Theater Production of Alice in Wonderland

Yearbooks

Yearbooks for this school year are now available for pre-order on PowerSchool at a cost of \$22.00. The yearbook is compiled throughout the year and final product will be delivered to students/families next fall. If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, you can do so on your PowerSchool account.



SPARK NEWS

Our Student Faith Leadership Group was busy during Lent collecting and preparing the Blessing Bags for the less fortunate. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause! These bags were shared with the Mustard Seed.

SPARK has planned the next Spirit Day:

The **next Spirit Day will be on Friday April 17 and will be 80's Day!**

Students are invited to dress in 1980's style. Thank you to the SPARK team for planning these fun days!

Students will also be able to dress for our Multicultural Day in cultural wear on **April 24th**.



Parish Information

We are blessed to continue to have St. Matthew Parish as part of our learning and growing in faith. Father Joy will be resuming classroom visits this year.

For any information on Sacraments, please contact the Parish at 780-475-2888



We continue to enjoy opportunities to celebrate Mass as a school family. The Easter Mass was a beautiful event which allowed us to feel the Easter joy as a school family.

Our next, and final Mass this year, will be on June 19th. As always, parents are welcome to attend!

Follow us on social media:

Instagram: [stphilip_ecsd](#)

Please visit our school

[website for more information and monthly calendar](#)



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

-Friday, June 5th (4 day shifts needed)

Day Shifts (10:30 AM-4:00 PM)
Evening Shifts (4:30PM- 10:00PM)

Volunteer Perks



No walking, and free meal provided on shift.
Name entered for a gift card draw!

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

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN, these events support your child's learning experiences!

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 April 17th . Orders are due online on April 10.
Orders for May 1st Hot Lunch are due April 24th online.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next SAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:15 PM.** Parents are welcome to attend.



Fundraisers

Thank you to all families who supported the recent fundraisers! We appreciate your support!

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 -