

SEPTEMBER NEWS

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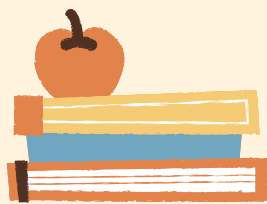


Message for NewSchool Year

We are so excited to welcome you to the St. Philip Catholic Elementary School year! We have entered our first month of the 2026–2027 school year and what a wonderful school start it has been! We would like to thank all families for your support in preparing your children for the new school year. Working together, we can support our students and ensure their success.

It is indeed exciting to see the excitement and smiling faces of all our students and we are looking forward to a great year ahead! We would like to welcome you once again to our St. Philip Family and we look forward to living out our school year “Rooted in Joy.”

Many blessings for a fantastic school year ahead!



Prayer for New School Year

God our Father,

We thank you for the opportunity to begin a new school year,
We ask that you bless our educators and staff,
Our students, parents and families of our community.

We pray that you will guide us in all ways,
And that we will seek your will in everything we that we do.

Enlighten our minds and heart with the Hope of a new school year, and give us wisdom and knowledge to serve you and one another with Joy.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

AMEN



Message from the Superintendent and ECSD Newsletter

Division Level Newsletter



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!



Reporting Absences



Please call the office at 780-475-3566 to inform our office staff when your child is absent from school. If the school has not heard from you regarding your child's absence, you will be contacted. If you call after hours, you can leave a message regarding absences on our answering machine. Please state your child's name and the reason for the absence.

Parents can also report absences using SchoolMessenger.

To create your account, please use the same email address and phone number that you use for PowerSchool.

Further information and directions can be found on ECSD linked here: [Reporting Absences with School Messenger](#)

Thank you for your cooperation!

Orange Shirt Day

On Tuesday, September 29th, our school community will take part in activities to honour and to learn more about our role in the path of Truth and Reconciliation.

- All staff and students are encouraged to wear orange shirts.
- There is **NO school** for staff or students on **Wednesday, September 30th** in honour of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.



Alberta Education Screeners

During the month of September, students in Grades 1-6 will have literacy and numeracy screeners administered in their classrooms.

These assessments are mandated by Alberta Education.

Results will be shared with parents upon collection of data. More information will follow.



Parish Information

We are blessed to continue to have St. Matthew Parish as part of our team learning and growing in faith. Our Opening Mass at the parish will be on the afternoon of September 25th. Father Joy will continue to have class visits throughout the school year.

For any families interested in First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, registration with the parish closes on **Sept. 15**. There will be a **Parent Info Meeting** on **Sept. 17** at the Parish.

For more info please call the Parish at 780-475-2888



Please visit our school website for more information and

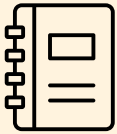
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Thank you!



Thank you to all families who attended our *Staff Meet & Greet* on September 9th, to meet the teachers and hear about curriculum and classroom routines. We look forward to learning and growing together!



Student Handbook/ Code of Conduct

For further information on school expectations, policies and student expectations please visit the school [website](#).

We ask that parents initial or sign the agenda to confirm that you have read this with your child.

Safety



The safety of our students is a **top priority**. We ask for parent cooperation with respect to entrances. Please enter only from the front door if you have an appointment.

ABSOLUTELY NO PARENT Parking in the staff parking lot or BUS ZONES. We also ask that families use the CROSS WALKS when crossing the street. Our Gr. 6 Patrols will continue to help in this area. Thank you.



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Elementary Cross Country Run/Terry Fox Run

Students in Grades 3-6 who signed up for the cross country running club will be participating in this event on Tuesday, September 22nd at Rundle Park. We wish all our students well!

Students who are participating in this event must submit permission form and make payment on PowerSchool prior to attending.



Our school will participate in the Terry Fox Run at school on Thursday, September 24 in the AM. Students are asked to bring a toonie to donate to the cause or families can donate on this link [here](#)

School Fees /Powerschool

School fee payment will be available on your PowerSchool account beginning on **September 15th**.

We ask that school fees be paid as soon as possible. If you need to arrange monthly payments, please contact the school office.

If you require support with setting up your PowerSchool account, please contact the school office.

It is very important that you have a working account as this is where you will make payments, view report cards, etc.

Follow us on social media:
Instagram: stphilip_ecsd



Please visit our school website
[for more information and
monthly calendar](#)

Important Dates:

September 15- School Fees on Power School

September 18- School Assembly

-Healthy Hunger orders due

September 22- Elementary Cross Country Run Gr. 3-6 students who signed up 3-5:20PM

September 23- SAC Meeting 6:15 PM

September 24- Terry FOX Run- Students are invited to wear **Red and White** or Canada gear.

*Italia Day activities at Cardinal Leger for Gr. 6's.

Toonies can be brought in this week, or online donations can be made online to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you!

September 25- Opening Mass at St. Matthew Parish 1PM- parents are invited to attend.

First Healthy Hunger lunch

September 29- Acknowledgement of Orange Shirt Day. Students please wear orange! School wide activity. 

September 30- **NO SCHOOL-** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Picture Day will be on **Tuesday, October 13**

Important Dates:

A reminder that there will be **NO school for St.Philip students on the following PD DAYS this year:**

Thursday, October 29

Friday, January 29

Thursday, March 25- Division PD Day



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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. It is a great way to get involved!

The first SAC Meeting will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 23 @6:15 PM.**

Parents are welcome to join and sign up for volunteer opportunities!

Bingo Volunteers Needed

NO WALKING Bingo Hall for volunteers

Location: Fort Road Bingo

Dates for this year: October 20, December 4, January 18, March 4, April 16, June 2

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:

C.Capra926@gmail.com

Fundraising: Throughout the year, our SAC runs several fundraising activities to help support student activities/treats etc. This month SAC is running *Old Dutch Chips* for Halloween. Exact delivery will be shared with more information to follow. Thank you for your support!

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 online orders are due one week prior.

The first Healthy Hunger Lunch will be on September 25

Orders are due on September 18

Special thanks to the parents who have dedicated their time to organizing and distributing these hots lunches this year! We appreciate it!



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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.



We thank all parents and families who support our SAC in all events such as bingos, fundraisers, hot lunch etc. which create special opportunities for our students!

**THANK
YOU**