

JUNE NEWS

JUNE 2, 2026



June Message

It is so hard to believe that our school year is nearly over. What an amazing year of learning and growing together! We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our St. Philip families for their continued support and dedication this school year. We are so blessed to share in Christ's love and care as a collaborative school community.

We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments. To our Grade 6 students moving to Jr. High and to families who may be leaving us, we wish you all the best in your new journeys.

We want to wish all families a wonderful summer filled with joy, rest and time with family to create great memories. May God continue to bless all of you and keep you safe over the summer months!

May St. Philip continue to watch over us and guide us. *St. Philip, pray for us!*

Message from the Superintendent

Please click here for a message from Chief Superintendent Anderson:

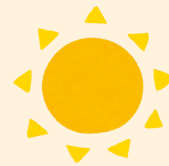


Prayer for Year End

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we come to the close of this school year, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the blessings we've received. We thank you for the teaching and learning that took place within our classrooms and beyond. Bless our students as they complete their school year—may your Spirit guide them with confidence and calmness. Grant our families restful holidays filled with cherished memories. Renew and refresh us as we continue our journey together next year.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.



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 144 Ave or 87 ST as this is very dangerous for our pedestrians and patrols. We thank you for your support in putting safety first!



School Fees

School fees must be paid prior to year end if you have not already done so.

We kindly ask that families please go to their Power School to settle their fee accounts and any upcoming field trips in order for students to be able to attend. ALL Fees must be paid **by June 15th**. Thank you.

Dress for the Weather



As our spring weather can be unpredictable, please ensure your child comes prepared for the weather and for outdoor activities.

With warmer weather, sun hats are always a good idea.

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 May we focused on [Self-Awareness](#).

As we close off the year, we hope that our students have learned to use these virtues in their daily lives, bringing them closer to God and serving them in their lives. Through the connections we have made to the Saints, we hope that students see the goodness in living by these virtues. In the month of June, we invite our students to focus on all of the virtues in our Garden!

PC Food Grant



Our school was fortunate to have received a Grant from **PC Powerful Kids** this year. With this grant, we were able to provide weekly, healthy snacks to our students while teaching about nutritious foods and choices. We hope that our students also learned about the importance of healthy choices and fueling our bodies with nutritious foods!



Year End Mass

On **Friday, June 19th** at 10:00 AM, we will be having our final year end Mass at St. Matthew Parish. Parents are welcome to join us for this Mass.



Grade 6 Farewell-

As they complete their Elementary Journey, the Grade 6 students will be honoured at a farewell celebration on the afternoon of **Friday, June 19**. More details will be shared by homeroom teachers for Grade 6 parents.

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Exams

PATs are administered annually to all Alberta students in Grades 6 and 9. These standardized tests reflect the essentials that all Alberta students are expected to achieve, regardless of school choice or location.

PATs help:

- determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn
- report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling
- assist schools, authorities and the province in monitoring and improving student learning

It is important the students are well rested, have a good breakfast and arrive to school on time to help them have a successful experience. Grade 6 students will write on these dates. Exams commence at 9:00AM

ELA Part B- June 4
Social - June 11

Math Part A- June 15, **Part B**- June 18
Science -June 12

Sacraments



Congratulations to all our St. Philip students who have celebrated or will be celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. May God continue to bless you in your Faith Journeys!

If your child has celebrated a sacrament this year, please email your child's teacher to notify them **by June 17th. We will be honouring all students who have celebrated these sacraments at our Year End Mass.
Thank you!*



National Indigenous History Month



In June, we acknowledge and celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating, and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people have made in shaping Canada.

This month, we are learning more about Indigenous teachings through the Virtual Calendar that has been created by our Division.

On the afternoon of Monday, June 22, our school community will engage in various activities and learning for National Indigenous People's Day.

Fun Day



On **Monday, June 22nd**, our students will take part in a school wide FUN Day. They will be participating in a variety of games and activities. All students will receive a pizza lunch and ice cream treat on this day courtesy of our SAC and our PC Grant.

Parent volunteers are needed! Please complete the form sent home with the youngest child in the family if you can help. Thank you for your time!

Staff Leaving

As with any school year end, there are always changes with staff movement. We would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Mrs. Gazzola and Mrs. Fedorak who will be moving on to new schools next year.

We also wish to extend our thanks and **congratulations** to Mrs. Pottruff who is retiring this year.

Thank you **all** for your dedication and service in the St. Philip community!
God Bless!

Grade 6 Farewell Message



As our Grade 6 students end their elementary journey, we would like to wish them many blessings as they head into Jr. High. May you all continue to shine your light and share your gifts and talents. God Bless you all!

Father's Day



We want to wish all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and father figures a very Happy Father's Day on June 21st!

Year End Field Trips

With year end field trips upon us, please ensure you are sending your child prepared and on-time! We thank all parent volunteers for your time in helping make field trips a success!

Teachers will be sending notifications and reminders about upcoming field trips. **All payments must be up to date** on Powerschool.

Library Books

The last operational day for the school library will be June 5th. Please ensure that all school library books are returned by then. Additionally, any classroom books should be returned by June 12. Thank you!



Updated 2026-27 Division Calendar

Edmonton Catholic Schools has updated the 2026–2027 Division school year calendar. While the total number of instructional and operational days remains the same, a few dates have changed.

For most ECSD students, the *first day of school will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026*. There will be no classes for all ECSD students on Monday, October 19, 2026, as the province conducts a scheduled referendum and Elections Alberta has requested that schools not be in session that day.

View and download the calendars at ecsd.net/calendar.



Important Dates:

Important Dates for June:

June - National Indigenous History Month

June 3 - Hula Hoop Circus Presentation and workshop

June 4 - Grade 6 PAT - ELA Part B

June 5- Gr. 6 Immunization/ School video

June 9 - Grade 1 Teacher's Pet in school field trip

June 11- Grade 6 PAT - Social Studies

June 12 - Grades 1, 2 & 3 Fort Edmonton Park Field trip - Full Day; Grade 6 PAT - Science

June 15 - Grade 6 Math PAT Part A

June 16- Grade 5 Sassy Farm - reschedule

June 17 - Grades 1-3 Year End Movie Field Trip - AM

June 18 - Grade 6 Math PAT Part B/Kinder Father's Day activity

June 19 - Year End Mass at St. Matthew Parish 10:00 AM; Grade 6 Farewell Presentation 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day; Fathers Day

June 22 - Fun Day/ Hot lunch; National Indigenous Peoples Day Recognition - PM (wear orange)

June 23- Last Day of Classes; Report Cards available on PowerSchool at 4:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful summer break!

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 has done a wonderful job of spreading school spirit and planning Social Justice events this year! We wish to thank the SPARK Team and their teacher leaders for all their service and work this year.



Parish Information

We are blessed to continue to have St. Matthew Parish as part of our learning and growing in faith. Father Joy continues to visit classrooms once per month.

For any information on Sacraments, Mass intentions etc. please contact the Parish at 780-475-2888



We continue to enjoy opportunities to celebrate Mass 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](https://www.instagram.com/stphilip_ecsd)

Please visit our school

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



Last Day of School

Our last day of school for this year will be Tuesday , **June 23rd** which will be a full day.

School resumes in the fall on **Tuesday, September 2, 2026.**

Information about next year will be emailed in late August with more information and details.

The school office will be closed on June 25th and will reopen on August 26th.

Year End Report Cards



Year end report cards and summary reports for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be live on June 23rd, at 4:00PM on PowerSchool.

Planning for Next Year

We ask for your support in allowing staff to establish class lists and placements. Our goal is to create an environment that will result in your child's ultimate success and happiness.

Many factors are taken into consideration when designing class lists.

For example, we strive for a balance of learning styles and needs, work ethic, academic achievement, social relationships, and the overall makeup of the group. A great deal of time and thought is given to the placement process and these important educational decisions. The well being of each individual student is at the heart of all decisions.

Certainly, if you have any learning concerns for your child, please share this with administration, with the understanding that the needs of the classroom as a whole take precedence over requests for classroom placement - particularly placements with friends.

We will **not** accept specific teacher requests for class placement.

Class lists will not be made public until the first day of school in September to allow for any changes over the summer.

Supply Lists

Supply lists for next year will be posted to our school website in the coming weeks.

There is an option for parents to order supply packages online and have them shipped directly to home from School Start.

All Information will be posted to the school website and can be viewed over summer.

Thank you for your support!

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

The final Bingo for this year will be on Friday, June 5th.

We wish to thank all volunteers who helped over the year.

Special thanks to Sabrina Filiplic and Jenny Fata for organizing and managing volunteers for the bingos this year!



Thank You

Pizza Lunch

All students will receive a pizza lunch and ice cream treat on June 22nd, courtesy of our SAC!



School Advisory Council (SAC)

To our wonderful SAC and members at large, **THANK YOU** for all you do for our school and students!



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 -