

2025 - 2026 May School Newsletter

Dear St. Leo Families,

In our lives we are surrounded by incredible women, mothers, aunts, sisters, and special neighbors who help guide, support, and care for our children each day. We are grateful for the love, strength, and encouragement they share so generously. We keep them in our prayers and wish all mothers a joyful and meaningful Mother's Day.

May is also a special time in our Catholic faith as we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. Her example of faith, kindness, and trust in God continues to guide us. As the season of spring brings new life and beauty, may we be reminded to grow in compassion and gratitude.

As we move through this busy and joyful season, we look forward to celebrating our students and watching them shine at our Spring Concert on May 7.

Mrs. Cerra
Acting Principal

Dr. Francis
Acting Assistant Principal

Mrs. Simpson
Admin Support



**No School
May 15 - 18**

Updated 2026–2027 School Year 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.

School Council Important Information

You are invited to our next School Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 PM

This is a reminder that Tuesday, May 12th, will be our next School Council Meeting starting at 6:30PM. During our meetings the school shares events which have taken place along with upcoming events. This is also where the school asks for funds that allow us to offer unique learning opportunities for little to no cost to our families.

If you are not able to attend in-person, you [can use this Teams link](#) to attend the meeting virtually from home, this link will be active at 6:15PM. There will be a pizza supper provided so [please fill in this survey](#) in order for us to order enough food.

Save the Date: Our Annual General Meeting will be September 16th at 7:30 PM



Our AGM meeting with parents will take place immediately following our Meet the Staff night. This is where we will hold the formal business portion of the meeting, including the selection of the new board members.

Please Join Us

St. Leo Concert Announcement

Spring Concert

We are delighted to share that our St. Leo Spring Concert is just around the corner and will be held on **May 7th** at the beautiful St. Alphonsus Parish (11828 85 St, Edmonton)! This special evening will showcase the wonderful talents of our students, and we can't wait to gather as a community to celebrate their hard work. Church doors will open at 5:30 PM, giving families time to find their seats before the program begins promptly at 6:00 PM—so please arrive early to ensure you don't miss a single moment!

As we will be guests in a sacred space, we kindly remind everyone that drinks are not permitted inside the church, and we ask that all children be supervised at all times to help maintain a calm and respectful environment before, during, and after the performance. We look forward to filling the church with music, joy, and community spirit.

This is an evening you won't want to miss!



The poster features a central illustration of a brick church with a steeple, set against a dramatic sunset sky. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout. At the top, 'St. Leo' is written in a cursive font, followed by 'SPRING CONCERT!' in large, bold, yellow block letters. Below the church illustration, a green banner contains the date 'Thursday, May 7th' in a white cursive font. Underneath the banner, the location 'St. Alphonsus Parish • 11828 85 St, EDMONTON' is printed in white. The event times are presented in two columns: 'Doors Open 5:30 PM' and 'Concert Starts 6:00 PM SHARP!'. The bottom of the poster features the text 'WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING AN EVENING OF WORSHIP WITH OUR FAMILIES' in white, all-caps font. Musical notes are scattered around the time information.

St. Leo
SPRING CONCERT!

Thursday, May 7th

St. Alphonsus Parish • 11828 85 St, EDMONTON

Doors Open **5:30 PM** | Concert Starts **6:00 PM**
SHARP!

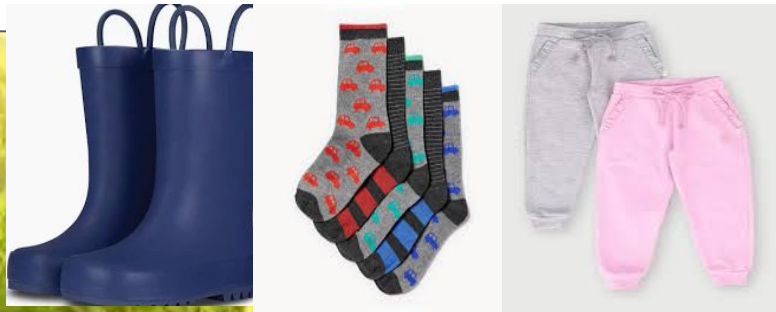
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Important School Information



Spring is coming soon

As the days get longer and the snow melts, spring and its puddles and mud are arriving at our school! While we remind students to avoid the messiest spots, accidents happen. Please send an extra set of clothes, especially for younger children, to help them stay comfortable.



Parent Caregiver Sessions

May Education Sessions

- Join us for the four-part series on **'Understanding Anxiety'**. In these core learning sessions, we will discuss anxiety, when it can be helpful, and when it may be harmful. We'll consider some different ways that anxiety may show up in our bodies, our thoughts, and our behaviours and share approaches that can help us feel more present, regulated, and effective. Participants are welcome to join one or more sessions in this series.
- This month you are welcome to register for **"Sleeping Your Way to Better Mental Health"** where we will look at how sleep can impact mental and physical health, review common sleep concerns as well as factors that influence your ability to get the sleep you need.

June Education Sessions

- This month, we are offering the webinar, **'More than Just a Bad Day – Understanding Depression'**. In this session, we discuss the differences between sadness and depression, common signs and symptoms, as well as treatment options and supportive strategies for coping.
- We are offering a two-part series on **'Silver Linings - Supporting Wellness in the Later Years'**. In these series we will review mental health wellness in older adults; reviewing causes of mental health challenges as well as strategies and skills to cope with changing mental health as we age.

To register for a session, follow the link or QR code found in the attached poster or visit:

<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/virtual-education>

Free Symposium - Helping Kids When Things Feel Hard

EPL is hosting a free community information fair and symposium event on May 9th that is designed to support parents and caregivers of kids of any age in better understanding children's social emotional development and mental health and wellness.

Link to the event listing on epl.ca: [Helping Kids When Things Feel Hard: Community Information Fair & Symposium | Events | Edmonton Public Library](#)



**Helping Kids
When Things
Feel Hard**

Community Information
Fair & Symposium

Free drop-in.

May 9 | Stanley A. Milner Library

Learn more at epl.ca/HelpingKids

 epl.ca

Helping Kids When Things Feel Hard: Community
Information Fair & Symposium

Saturday, May 9, 2026  Add to Calendar

11:00 am – 3:30 pm

Stanley A. Milner (Downtown)

Lost Found

Students will be doing a class visit to the lost and found to check for any missing belongings. There are many items waiting to be claimed! Please be sure to pick up anything that belongs to you by **May 14**, as any unclaimed items after this date will be donated.



Upcoming Important Dates

May

May 7 - Spring Concert - 6PM at St. Alphonsus Parish

May 12 - Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

May 14 - Multicultural Day - more details to follow

May 15 - 18 - Victoria Day - Classes Canceled

May 20 & 22 - Grades 1, 2, 3 Swimming Field Trip

Grade 6 PAT - English Language Arts Part A

June

June 3 - Grades 1, 2, 3 - Swimming Field Trip

June 3 - Parent Appreciation Day

June 4 - Grade 6 ELA P.A.T - Part B

June 5 - Grades 1, 2, 3, Swimming Field Trip

June 11 - Grade 5 Social Studies P.A.T

June 12 - Grade 6 Science P.A.T

June 15 - Grade 6 Math P.A.T - Part A

June 18 0 Grade 6 Math P.A.T Part B

June 19 - Year end Fun Day at Kinsmen Park Grade K-6

June 22 - Year end celebration and Grade 6 Farewell at Our Lady of Fatima at 10:30 a.m.

June 23 - Last day of classes - Report Cards go home.

