St Leo
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Newsletter



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READ IN WEEK

READ IN Week is an annual event dedicated to promoting literacy and fostering a love of reading across all age groups. This year's celebration, from **October 5-9, 2026,** marks the 37th annual READ IN Week in Edmonton. Held during the first full week of October, the event highlights the crucial role reading plays in schools, libraries, workplaces, and communities.
As a founding member, Edmonton Catholic Schools proudly supports the READ IN Week committee's mission to strengthen personal and community bonds through the power of literacy.

Our week will have a number of special guests who will read to all grade levels, including parent, community members, Superintendant Ryan Feehan and our Trustee Kara Pelech. We look forward to letting our imaginaations soar!





IMPORTANT DATES

Please review the website calendar frequently for upcoming events and dates.

https://stleo.ecsd.net/calendar



School Council

Thank you to all those who attended our Annual General Meeting on September 16. Thank you so much for the time and talent you share with St. Leo! Our community is better and stronger because of you.

Our new School Council Executive is as follows:

Chair: Tamara Fedorus

Vice Chair: Lindsay Smaha

Secretary: Pam Roesler

Treasurer: Teresa Courtepatte

Our next School Council Meeting Dates:

November 10

January 12

March 9

May 11



Thanksgiving Celebration

Please join us on October 9 at 1:30pm at Our Lady of Fatima to give thanks together in a liturgy lead by Grade 1.

We always love when our families are with us!



HALLOWEEN

We will be celebrating Halloween on October 30 with a parade and classroom activities.

A few reminders:

- Please do not send students with scary masks. We want to keep Halloween fun for all ages.
- Please have children put on any makeup at home to keep our bathrooms clean!
- If you are sending treats for the class please only send nut free items that are wrapped and purchased, not homemade.
- Inflatable costumes are welcome. We will ask student to deflate when needed.
- Artificial weapons must stay at home.



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

October 5 we will be celebrating WORLD TEACHERS DAY by providing treats to our staff.

We are so grateful for all they do - the extra time, the intention, and the heart they put into their work. Teachers build the foundation of society an make a lasting difference in how we relate, work and grow as a community.



Thank you teachers for who you are and what you do!

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY

October 2 we will be celebrating CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY by providing lunch and morning coffee to Mr. Al.

We are so grateful for all Mr. Al does to keep our school safe, healthy and clean. He recently got 100% on our safety walk through! Amazing!

Mr. Al works hard to keep our grounds clean and tidy, our mechanical components working, and our school as germ free as possible. All he does make a big difference for the well being of all staff and students.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

The extra curricular programs at St. Leo are vibrant, thanks to the teachers and staff who generously volunteer their time to support students and enrich their experiances beyond the classroom.

This year, staff are volunteering to offer the following programs:

St. Nick's Volleyball Tournament

Bible Lego Club

Choir

Pokemon Club

Leadership Club

Read in Week

Christmas Fun Morning

June Fun Day

Extra help at recess times

and more!



OCTOBER 29 PD DAY

Important weekly and sometimes daily information is posted on our St. Leo instagram page. Please give us a follow to keep up with important events!

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Instagram

SCHOOL CENTRAL APP



Download the app in App Store

Download the app in Google Play

The **School Central App** is an easy way to access school-related information and keep you updated on your child's academic journey. Use the app to

- ✓ Stay informed about your child's progress by viewing grades and upcoming assignments.
- ✓ View attendance records so you're always aware of their presence at school.
- ✓ Track your child's bus schedule, with details on bus routes and history.
- ✓ Set notifications to get alerts about arrival and departure times.

The app is constantly evolving, with more features to come, ensuring you are always informed and in control, providing a seamless way to stay engaged in your child's education.

Please see the School Central App Guide for more information.

Student illnesses

The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms daily before coming to school. This is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of illness. Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of illness, including fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new or worsening cough, or shortness of breath, should remain at home until their symptoms have improved and they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and they feel well enough to resume normal activities. If your child becomes sick at school, parents/guardians will be called to pick them up. If your child is away from school for any reason, please call the office to let us know.

At our school we are,

- Encouraging students to wash and/or sanitize their hands regularly. Hand sanitizer is available at our school.
- Prioritizing frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces.
- Ensuring proper ventilation is extremely important to us. We have installed the ASHRAE-recommendedMERV 13 filtersin our school, and our HVAC systems are running for extended periods of time. We continue to reference and implement ASHRAE guidance where practicable within the limitations of existing infrastructure across the Division.
- Respecting individual choice regarding masks. Our priority is supporting a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment.
- Reporting illness to Alberta Health Services when school-wide student absentee rates are over 10% due to illness so they can investigate and advise. This has always been our practice.

SCHOOL FEES

Please pay your school fees on Power School as soon as possible Any questions regarding your password can be supported by Mrs. Simpson in the front office.

Visual Journals which all student's recieved are $8.00.
You are welcome to purchase a different version and send with your child as well.



OCT 29 PD DAY

There will be no school on October 29 as it is a PD Day

Staff will focus on learning enhanced instructional practices in student engagement. We will continue our learning in ensuring that we provide rich learning activities and experiances for students that focus on student being interested in what they learn, excited about how they are learning and leave them wanting to explore more. We will be led by Division Consultants.