



Newsletter



Sept. 21 - Oct. 2

Dear SMG Families,

As we settle into the rhythms of the school year, it has been wonderful to see our students engaged in learning, building friendships, and embracing new opportunities each day. Our classrooms and hallways are filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and laughter, reminding us of the many blessings that come from being part of such a caring school community. Together, as a community of learners, we continue to grow in faith, learning, and relationships, truly living out our theme of Rooted in Joy.

We have another exciting and busy week ahead! On Tuesday, September 22, our Grade 5/6 and Grade 6 students will participate in a Wild Tech presentation. We are thankful for opportunities that inspire curiosity and innovation in our learners.

That same afternoon, many of our students will proudly represent our school at the Cross Country Run at Rundle Park beginning at 3:00 p.m. We wish all of our runners the very best as they challenge themselves and celebrate the rewards of perseverance and teamwork. Thank you to the families who will be attending to cheer on our students. If you are joining us at the event, please look for our school group by locating our school flag. Your encouragement and support mean so much to our student athletes and staff.

Thank you as well to the many families who have contributed to our “Toonie for Terry” campaign in support of our upcoming Terry Fox Run on September 24. Terry’s legacy of courage, determination, and hope continues to inspire us, and your generosity helps us teach our students the importance of giving back and supporting worthy causes.

We will end the week with a BP’s hot lunch and a very special experience for our Kindergarten students. On Friday afternoon, they will have the opportunity to meet Sox the Horse as part of their literacy program. This exciting hands-on learning experience will help bring stories and learning to life while creating lasting memories for our youngest learners.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, as a community of learners, we are creating opportunities for our students to grow, connect, and discover the many joys of learning.

Rooted in Joy,

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Principal

Please see the following pages for additional informational items and upcoming calendar events.

Important information:

- For those families coming to cheer on your children at the cross country run at Rundle Park on Tuesday, September 21, please look for our flag as shown below:



- A special thank you to our Parent Society for organizing our first BP's Hot Lunch of the school year on Friday, September 25. We are grateful for the time, effort, and dedication of our parent volunteers who help create these opportunities for our students.
- Mrs. Fabiano extends her gratitude and appreciation to all families who have been utilizing the PowerSchool attendance for their child helping to streamline office operations. Thank you!
- [Optimal Learning](#)! What is it and what does it entail? Please see our page below for information on what [Optimal Learning](#) at ECSD looks like.

Previous Reminders:

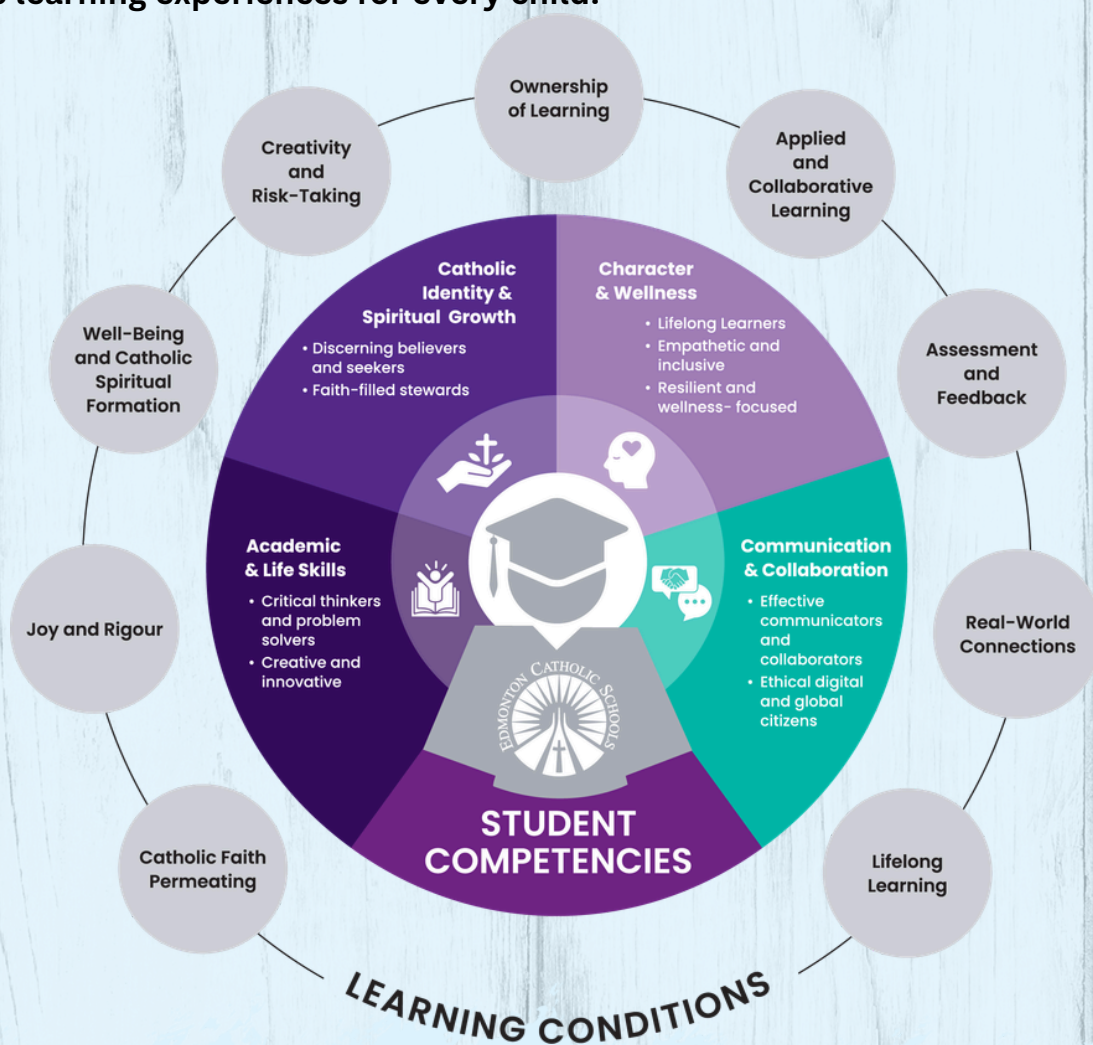
- Are you unsure on how to report an absence? Information can be found on our [Information Page](#) below.
- Please be advised that morning supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. Student dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. on regular school days and 12:10 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note that there is no student supervision before or after these designated times. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure appropriate care and supervision for their child outside of school supervision hours.
- Please note that our [Student Code of Conduct](#) has been updated to reflect the revised language in the Education Act. You are welcome to check out the link from our SMG webpage for further details.
- Take a moment to be aware and review the [Student Responsible Use Agreement](#) with your child for technology and network use within ECSD.
- See our 2-week at a glance [calendar](#) below for more upcoming events!

PTIMAL LEARNING

As part of our commitment to helping every child grow and succeed, you may begin hearing language supporting the term “Optimal Learning” at school and at home. Simply put, Optimal Learning means creating the best possible conditions for every student to learn, thrive, and reach their full potential. It is the result of aligning curriculum, instruction, and the learning environment to support every student.

Optimal Learning happens when teachers, leaders, and school staff create the right conditions for learning, where faith, academic rigor, inclusive practices, and meaningful relationships are interwoven. It is not a program or a destination, but an ongoing commitment to growth and improvement for students, staff, and our school community. It is both the science of teaching and the art of nurturing hope and possibility in every learner.

Throughout the year, we will share Optimal Learning Updates to provide families with information, examples, and insights into how this important work is supporting student learning and well-being in our school. We look forward to partnering with you to create the best possible learning experiences for every child.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
20	21 AGM - 6pm	22 Gr.5/6 & 6 Wild Tech Presentation Elem X-Country Run 3pm @Rundle Park	23	24 Terry Fox Run 	25  BP's Hot Lunch Sox Visit - K 1pm	26
27	28	29 Picture Day 	30  National Day for Truth and Reconcilitaion No School!	1	2	3

Keep informed with additional upcoming dates by visiting our school website [calendar!](#)



Information Page

4 Ways to Report Your Child's Absence:

When creating your account, please ensure to use the same email address and phone number that is used in PowerSchool.

1. On your Mobile device, download and install the [School Messenger app](#) from the apple store or Google play store.
 - When you open the app for the first time, select “Sign Up” to create your account, select attendance, followed by report an absence.
2. Using your PowerSchool Parent portal, go to the left hand menu bar and choose School Messenger at the very bottom. Select attendance then report an absence.
3. You can also report by telephone : 1-833-525-9071 and press 1.
4. You are also still welcome to contact the school directly. (780)-475-0158 press 1.



POWERSCHOOL - Parent Portal

Please log into your [POWERSCHOOL](#) parent portal to pay for

School Fees Kinder \$30 & Gr. 1-6 \$45 **Fieldtrips / Extra Curricular Activities Recorders** (If required) Gr. 4-6 \$10 **Headphones** (If required) Gr. 1-6 \$3.50

We ask that parents refrain from sending cash and kindly use our convenient PowerSchool Parent Portal. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! If you require assistance, contact Mrs. Fabiano @780-475-0158 as she would be happy to help!

SCHOOL HOURS

First bell: 8:36am

Lunch: 12:00-12:34pm

Dismissal: 3:15pm

Thursday Dismissal: 12:10pm

Please ensure to check into the front office if your child is arriving late. If your child will be absent, kindly contact the office to let Mrs. Fabiano know. Thank you for your support!