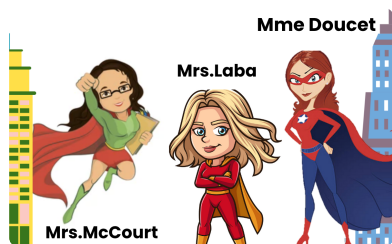




November News - 2024

Message From Your Superhero Team



We were grateful for an exciting and energetic October. The school buzzed in appreciation of our staff on World Teacher's Day. We've adopted the theme of **Superheroes** as we share our "superhero powers" to ignite hope for the 24/25 school year. On **World Teachers' Day**, the students helped to create a video talking about the staff at MWI and their amazing superpowers. We know that the staff at MWI are superheroes every day! [Click here](#) to play the video.

Students embraced this theme and are using it as a vehicle to write prayers for the beginning of the day. **If you have a song that is special to your family about hope and God's love feel free to send it to tracee.laba@ecsd.net.**

As a school, we zipped through **read-in-week** and are grateful for the numerous literacy opportunities and the guest speakers who shared their love and passion for reading. The **Edmonton Public Library** presented to our Grades 4-6 students about book recommendations that are nominees for the Young Readers Choice Awards. **Voting extends until April 15, 2025.** Your child can vote [here](#). Speaking of books, a big shout out goes to **Mrs. MacArthur and Mrs. Joosse** for organizing our library and creating a space where students and teachers can embrace the **love of reading. You rock ladies!**

Thank you for providing food for the **St. Thomas More Parish Pantry** and for **We Scare Away Hunger**. Both **social justice initiatives** focus on awareness on the issue of **food insecurity** in our community and reinforce how no-one goes hungry.

ECSD schools concluded **Catholic Education Week**, by **TESTIFYING** how they are going to use their faith-based superpowers to ignite hope as testimony to God's love. Click [here](#) for our theme song that launched the week. Each class then contributed songs to build an **MWI playlist** to motivate and remind us through the year of God's love, hope, and our call to testify.

Thank you to from STM Catholic Women's' League for gifting our school with a beautiful picture book called, **Light of the Saints**, by Cory Heimann. Light of the Saints is an interactive book about Saints around the world. Click [here](#) to listen to it on YouTube.

The much-anticipated **Fall Break (November 8th - November 12th)** is right around the corner! Our students and staff have been working hard, and this break is the perfect time for them to recharge, relax, and spend quality time with family. We hope you all enjoy this well-deserved time off and create wonderful memories together. Have a fantastic break!

In Christ,

Mme Candice Doucet

Principal/Directeur

Mrs. Tracee Laba

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Jessica McCourt

Assistant Principal

November At-A-Glance

November 1st: Pajama Day!

November 3rd: Daylight Savings time ends! Turn your clocks behind

November 4th - 7th - Art with Abram

November 4th: SAC Meeting - 6:00 - 7:30 (Meet with Administration team at 5:45 PM)

November 5th: Photo Retakes

November 6th: Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 9:30 AM - all parents invited!

November 8th - 12th: Fall Break - No school!

November 8th - 9th: MWI Casino

November 11th: Remembrance Day - No School

November 12th - December 12th - Sock it to Yeg - Social Justice Campaign

November 13 - 15 - Rock Your Mocs

November 15: Hot Lunch

November 18th - 22nd: Book Fair (in Library)

November 21st: Celebration of Learning



[School Calendar](#)

Please check frequently of upcoming events and special days.

Remembrance Day Ceremony



We look forward to our continued partnerships with Deacon Tom from STM Parish. Please join us for our **Remembrance Day Ceremony** on **November 6th at 9:30 AM** in the **school gymnasium**. We encourage our students to participate by wearing their Sparks, Embers, Girl Guides, Scouts, or Cadets uniforms to show their respect and gratitude for our brave veterans who sacrificed themselves for our freedom. Join us for this meaningful occasion as we pay our respects together and impart valuable lessons of remembrance to the next generation.

Poppies will be distributed to our students prior to our ceremony. Feel free to provide a **monetary donation** which will be donated to **Veteran's Canada**.

Rock Your Mocs

Mark you calendars and get ready for **Rock Your Mocs** from **November 13 -15**. This event brings awareness to worldwide Native American and Indigenous Peoples social media unity. People are encouraged to wear their moccasins wherever their day takes them. Activities will be scheduled throughout this even to bring awareness to the unique Native American and Indigenous culture and heritage. Follow on-line at **#rockyourmocs**. [Click here](#) for the website.



Save the Date - Christmas Concert

Tis the Season. HO, HO, HO! We are overjoyed to invite you to our upcoming **Christmas Concert on December 11th and 12th** called **ADVENT OF HOPE**. These magical evenings promise to be filled with festive cheer, heartwarming performances, and the joyous spirit of the holiday season.

Kindergarten - Grade 2: December 11th (6:00 PM)

Grades 3 - Grades 4: December 12th (5:30 PM)

Grades 5 - Grades 6: December 12th (7:00 PM)

Please mark your calendars and get ready to join us for a celebration that will surely bring smiles, laughter, and a lot of holiday warmth. Our talented students are eagerly preparing to spread the



Christmas joy, and we can't wait to share this special time with you and your families. **Stay tuned for more details.**

How is My Child Doing?

Teachers will be gathering a **collection of evidence of learning** throughout the year by observing students, engaging them in conversations to reveal their understanding. The teacher then captures what they hear and see, in addition to product-based assignments.

Join us for our **Celebration of Learning on November 21st**. This time encourages opportunity for open communication between teachers, parents, and students. Your child will be an active participant in these conversations, allowing them to share their goals and reflections thus far in the year. We look forward to coming together to support your child's academic journey. **More information to follow.**



Please review to the **K-6 Parent Guide** below.



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A Social Justice Initiative

Sock It to YEG!

The Bisell Center of Edmonton is launching their annual "Sock it to Yeg" campaign. This woolly, woolly idea provides those living in harsh conditions with socks to keep the feet warm. We are inviting MWI students to bring in an unused pair of socks for any age between **November 12th - December 12th**.

This is the eighth year of the campaign and more ECSD schools are becoming involved! The Bissell Center works with the community to remove barriers and support people as they move out of poverty. [Click here](#) to find more information on the Bissell Center. [Here](#) is a news clip of another ECSD school that participated last year.



Halloween Happenings

Spooktacular Halloween fun! Our school transformed into a magical realm of creativity and fun as students, teachers, and parents came together to celebrate. Ghouls, superheroes, princesses, fairies paraded through the halls. Our teachers also decided to bring a touch of nostalgia and to their classrooms by dressing up as **Superheroes** to support our theme. The energy was electrifying, and the smiles on our little witches and wizards lit up the day. Here's to another bewitching Halloween at MWI! 🎃👻🦇

Healthy Hunger



On **November 15th** we will be offering **Booster Juice** and **Kernal's Popcorn**. Last day for **ordering is November 10th**. Please refer to the **Healthy Hunger website** to keep informed of the upcoming monthly menus.

Parents please order and pay for meals **online** through the **Healthy Hunger** website -

- www.healthyhunger.ca.
- Instructions for registering with Healthy Hunger are [here](#).

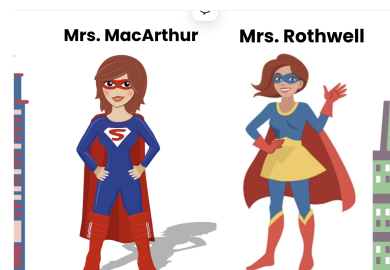
From the Office

School Fees

Please continue to pay your school fees through your **PowerSchool** account. Please contact the office if you are having any difficulty with this process.

Kindergarten - \$30.00

Grade 1-6 - \$50.00



Attendance

Regular attendance is directly related to success in school. Students who arrive late are asked to report to the office to check in. Please notify the school office at **780-430-1121** or email your child's teacher and Mrs. MacArthur or Mrs. Rothwell. if your child will be late, absent, or has an appointment. Feel free to leave a message the office or teacher if all lines are busy.

Forks/Spoons

Please send forks and spoons with your child each day if they are needed to eat their lunch as we are moving away from distributing and using plastic cutlery. As our supply of plastic cutlery supply runs out, we will no longer be providing it to the students, so please ensure they have the necessary utensils needed to eat their lunch.

PowerSchool



The Must Have Account!

All parents are asked to sign up for **PowerSchool**. This website allows parents to access information about **attendance** and **fee payments**. Payments for **school fees**, field trips, and other **incidentals** throughout the year are made through PowerSchool. This account will also be required to review your child's progress

report in January and report card in June. Office staff will assist new families with creating PowerSchool accounts early in the school year. Contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing the parent portal. The PowerSchool site is accessed at:

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

You will receive **imessages** from the school regarding attendance and reminders.

SAC Corner

Get the Scoop

Welcome to our **SAC advisory committee for 2024/2025**. Please check out our [website](#) for our operating procedures, minutes, and executive.

Please join us at our next advisory meeting and **GET THE SCOOP** (yes, real ice cream will be involved) on **Monday, November 4th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. The meeting will be in person**; however, if you cannot attend, please feel free to jump on the **TEAMS link**.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 268 797 548 691

Passcode: E4U72L

This school engagement is an opportunity for all parents to meet and see what the SAC does to benefit the students in the school. The parents on the committee are like you and me, just wanting to support the school in any way to help. The funding for many big purchases such as Chromebooks, wouldn't be possible without the volunteers at casino night and other fundraisers. **The SAC works for your child in collaboration with the school! The more parents we have at our meeting, the more perspectives will be shared to meet the needs of our MWI students.** Whether you jump in to run a committee or you are a silent contributor gathering information, you all matter! Check us out!

A reminder that our BIG Casino Fundraiser is around the corner. Scroll down to the PDF attached brochure.





MWI Casino Fundraiser.pdf

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Supporting Your Child in French Immersion

French Immersion Books

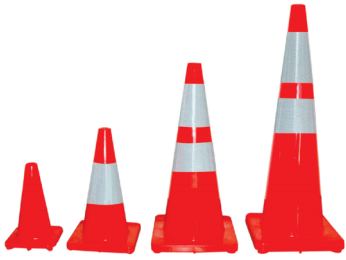
The **Edmonton Public Library** has numerous books to support you and your child at home. All you need is a library card.

Click [here](#) for information on supporting your child at home.



Drop Off, Pick Up, & Other

Many of our students are fortunate to be dropped off by parents/guardians. Please drop your children at the **designated spots** as outlined by **orange** cones and **street signs**. The only vehicles



permitted directly in front of the school are for school busses or for families with a **visible disability card** displayed. **No u-turns allowed** as this poses a **significant safety concern** for our **students, families, and the community**. Thank you to those families who **use the cross-walk** when **crossing the road**. This act promotes excellent safety habits and mindset for our students.

There is no prolonged stopping in areas, just **stop and go**, as we have many cars to usher through the community. These marked zones are **essential for the safety** and **efficient transportation** of our students. Parking in these areas can obstruct the flow of bus traffic, create safety hazards, and disrupt the timely arrival and departure of buses. By respecting these designated areas, you contribute to a safer and smoother school environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the well-being of our students and maintaining an organized school transportation system.

Transportation

Bus Passes Required! A valid bus pass is required for yellow bus transportation. Previous students must use their bus passes from last year. All new students received their bus passes the first day of school.



Please download the **APP** called **BusPlannerDelays** from **Google Play** or the **APP store** to receive notification of bussing.

Your child will receive **one bus pass** that will be used for the entire school year. **The replacement fee for a lost bus pass is \$5.00**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office for any assistance needed or directly email [Transportation Services](#) or call 780-441-6078.

ECSD NEWS

ALL THAT IS GOOD | ALL THAT IS TRUE | ALL THAT IS BEAUTIFUL

Brings us to God

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Parish Connections

St. Thomas More Parish - Parish Bulletin & More!



Home - St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Parish Weekend Mass
Times Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm Sunday Mass at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 5 pm Weekday Masses & Services Monday: Mass 9 am Tuesday: Mass 5 pm Wednesday: Mass 9 am Thursday: Mass 5 pm Friday: Mass 9 am; next First Friday [...]

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What's happening at St. John XXIII Junior High?

[Check out](#) what's happening at our feeder school. **Go Silverbacks!** Grade 6s get ready...

Monsignor William Irwin♥

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