



# ÉCOLE OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIES

## Catholic Elementary School

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| <b>This Week at Our Lady of the Prairies</b><br><b>Monday, September 22, 2025 – Friday, September 26, 2025</b>                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                 | Deadline to order Hot Lunch (Grades 1 – 6) through <a href="#">HealthyHunger</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                 | Elementary Cross-Country Run                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday                                                                                                                                                | <b>SAC &amp; Society AGM @ 6:00 PM</b><br> Our Lady of the Prairies SAC + Society Meeting<br>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wednesday                                                                                                                                              | Cookie Orders Due                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday                                                                                                                                               | Early Dismissal 12:00 PM<br>No Kindergarten Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Friday                                                                                                                                                 | Hot Lunch – Rice Bowl Deluxe<br><br>Terry Fox Run<br><br>Terry Fox started a marathon against cancer and together, we can finish it. Our school goal this year is to raise \$850.<br><br>Donate now in support of cancer research: <a href="https://schools.terryfox.ca/OurLadyofThePrairies">https://schools.terryfox.ca/OurLadyofThePrairies</a><br>Click on the 'DONATE' button to make your contribution. Thank you for your support in the fight against cancer!<br><br>You can also bring a toonie donation to school. |
| Upcoming Events                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>September</b><br>29 – Orange Shirt Day<br>29 – Truth & Reconciliation Ceremony @ 1:00 PM<br>30– National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School | <b>Chief Superintendent Message</b><br>Visit <a href="#">SEPTEMBER 2025 MESSAGE</a> to read the Chief Superintendent's Message.<br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Our Lady of the Prairies School Council & Society News                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b><br>Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 6:00 PM                                                                                          | <a href="mailto:olopparent@gmail.com">olopparent@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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## 🍪 Cookie Dough Fundraiser 2025 🍪

We're excited to announce that we're kicking off a Cookie Dough Fundraiser to help support our school! Your child will be bringing home a fundraising form that has all the options and what you need to know, including product details, pricing, and important dates.

### Key Details:

- Order forms and payments are due: September 24/2025
- Pick-up date for orders: Will be announced once we get all the order forms in.
- Payments can be made by cash or e-transfer at olopfun1@gmail.com

This is a great opportunity to stock up on delicious ready-to-bake cookie dough and support our school at the same time. Every order counts and helps us raise funds that go directly back into the school and our students. And it's delicious for you at home so it's a win-win!

The winning class will even win a pizza party! So be sure to sell the most dough you can.

Thank you for your continued support! Together, we can make this fundraiser a sweet success.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at olopparent@gmail.com

## Student Drop Off & Staff Parking Lot

Please make sure you are using our drop off zone for student pick up and drop off. The **parking lot is designated for Staff Parking only**. It is important we work together in keeping our students safe and minimizing traffic in the parking lot. Please keep the bus zone clear during morning drop off and after school pick up.

To ensure traffic safety, please use the marked crosswalk to cross the street. During pick up and drop off there is a lot of traffic in front of the school. Crossing the street between vehicles or buses is extremely dangerous.

Parking at the school is challenging. We ask that you avoid parking in front of the school as this area is for buses only.

### ***Please continue to assist us by:***

- Not parking in the bus zones in front of the school during school hours.
- Using the HUG ZONE from 8:00-8:15am to minimize parking.
- Not using the staff parking lot.
- Not parking on private property or the school next door.
- REMEMBER, there is a 30km/hr. speed limit in front of our school for your child's safety.
- U turns at the crosswalk and in front of the school are illegal. City bylaw has been in the area monitoring traffic.
- Please use sidewalks and avoid walking through parking lots or jaywalking.

## Communication

Open and positive communication between the home and the school is one of the most important contributions we can make for the educational development of children.

Should you need to meet with the teacher or the administration outside of the designated Celebrations of Learning which will be scheduled throughout the year, please phone or e-mail to book an appointment.

A Family Week-at-a-Glance will be emailed every Friday to our families with important information about the upcoming week and important information for families.

Please ensure the office has your correct email address to receive the newsletter. Special announcements will be sent home with your child when necessary.

### Medical Conditions & Administering Medication

Please visit the office to complete the necessary forms for any medical conditions your child may have and for administering any medication they require while at school. We will not administer any medication without the proper forms and permissions.

### Allergies

There are students and staff members who have life-threatening peanut, tree-nuts and other allergies. It is important that as a community we strive to be a nut and allergy aware school and that together we take all the reasonable precautions not to have known allergens in the school. Please check ingredients and do not bring any foods to the school that have peanuts, nuts, other known allergens, or that have been produced in places that there could have been possible contamination.

When choosing to send treats for your child's birthday please consider sending a non-food item to be inclusive of all students and promote safety within our school.

As per Edmonton Catholic School Division AP, point 2.4.4 parents are asked to provide the school with two up-to-date applications of the student's appropriate medication, one for the safe access storage space and one to be carried by the student. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

### Classroom Treats (Birthdays & Special Events)

When we celebrate birthdays and special events in our classrooms, we want to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of our community. We have many members within our school community with severe allergies, and it is important that we take precautions to protect everyone.

If you send a treat to share, please make sure that it meets the following guidelines:

- The treat must be purchased at a store.
- It should not contain peanuts or other tree nuts.
- There must be an ingredient list included.
- Individually packaged treats are preferred.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher to inform them that you will be sending in a snack/treat and specify what the treat is.

If your child has an allergy or food intolerance, please connect with their homeroom teacher to let us know what treats would be safe for your child. Your cooperation helps us create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

| Hours of Operation Kindergarten<br><small>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Friday</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |
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| <b>Morning Program</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8:05 AM – 11:05 AM                                     |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |
| <b>Other Additions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Full Day at School</b>                              |                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Thursday AM at School (11:05 AM)</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | October 31<br>November 07<br>December 10<br>January 16 | February 20<br>April 17<br>May 13<br>June 19                                                                                                                                | December 19<br>March 27                 |
| <b>Hours of Operation Grades 1-6</b><br><small>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Friday</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                        | <b>Hours of Operation Grades 1-6</b><br><small>Thursday</small>                                                                                                             |                                         |
| <b>First Bell:</b> 8:05 AM<br><b>Block 1:</b> 8:08 AM – 10:00 AM<br><b>Recess:</b> 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM<br><b>Block 2:</b> 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM<br><b>Lunch:</b> 12:00 PM – 12:20 PM<br><b>Recess:</b> 12:20 PM – 12:40 PM<br><b>Block 3:</b> 12:40 PM – 1:40 PM<br><b>Wellness:</b> 1:40 AM – 1:45 AM<br><b>Block 4:</b> 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM<br><b>Dismissal:</b> 2:45 PM |                                                        | <b>First Bell:</b> 8:05 AM<br><b>Block 1:</b> 8:08 AM – 10:00 AM<br><b>Recess:</b> 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM<br><b>Block 2:</b> 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM<br><b>Dismissal:</b> 12:00 PM |                                         |

| Notification if you child will not be on the bus                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Late Arrivals                                                                                                                                                                            | Reporting Your Child's Absence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Please inform the office by 2:00 PM if your child will not be on the bus. This courtesy is very important for the safety of your child. If your child is going home with anyone other than yourself or by bus, we require your permission in writing – note or email. | <p>If your child is late, please have them come to the office to register their attendance.</p> <p>If your child is going to be late, please call the office to report. 780-481-0389</p> | Please call the office to inform our office staff when your child is absent from school. If the school has not heard from you regarding your child's absence you will be contacted. If you call after hours, you can leave a message regarding absences on our answering machine. Please state your child's name and provide the reason for the absence. |
| Who will be picking your child up from school?                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Office Hours                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| If your child(ren) is (are) leaving the school with anyone else but their legal parent/guardian or arranged person, we must have written permission from you, which states who is picking up your child.                                                              | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:<br>7:50 AM – 3:15 PM                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Thursday:<br>7:50 AM – 12:30 PM                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>Apple Ally School</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                            |
| At École Our Lady of the Prairies School, we believe that a healthy school environment is one in which all students have access to support, knowledge and strategies on good nutrition, physical activity and mental wellness, giving all children a chance for a healthier and brighter tomorrow. |                          |

| <b>School Calendar 2025/2026 (*Subject to change)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>October</b></p> <p>03 – Hot Lunch – Chick-fil-A</p> <p>06 – 10 - Read in Week</p> <p>06 – 24 – AHS Community Oral Health<br/>(Dental Sealant &amp; Fluoride Varnish)</p> <p>06 – Photo Day</p> <p>09 – Thanksgiving Day Liturgy @ 9:00 AM</p> <p>10 – School Based PD – No Classes</p> <p>13 – Thanksgiving Day – No Classes</p> <p>20 – Election Day (Polling Station)</p> <p>20 – Grade 6 Immunization Day</p> <p>22 – Living Rosary</p> <p>31 – Kindergarten Full Day Programming</p> <p>31 – Halloween (Parade at 11:00 AM)</p> <p><b>November</b></p> <p>01 – All Saints Day</p> <p>04 – Photo Retakes</p> <p>07 – Kinder Full Day Programming</p> <p>07 – Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 1:00 PM</p> <p>10, 11 &amp; 12 – Remembrance Day Weekend – No Classes</p> <p>11 – Remembrance Day</p> <p>18 – 21 – Book Fair</p> <p>19 – Demonstration of Learning (3:30 PM – 7:00 PM)</p> <p>30 – First Sunday of Advent</p> <p><b>December</b></p> <p>03 – Advent Liturgy @ 10:30 AM</p> <p>07 – Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>09 – Evening Christmas Concert @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>10 – Kindergarten Full Day Programming</p> <p>10 – Afternoon Christmas Concert @ 1:00 PM</p> <p>10 – Evening Christmas Concert @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>14 – Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>18 – Kindergarten AM + PM Classes</p> | <p><b>February</b></p> <p>02 – Pre-enrollment &amp; New Registration Begins</p> <p>14 – St. Valentine's Day</p> <p>11 – Our Lady of the Prairies Open House</p> <p>16 – Family Day – No Classes</p> <p>17 – Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>18 – Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 9:00 AM</p> <p>20 – Kindergarten Full Day Programming</p> <p>24 – Pink Shirt Day @ School</p> <p>25 – Pink Shirt Day</p> <p>25 – Staff Faith Development Day – No School</p> <p>26 &amp; 27 – Teachers' Convention – No Classes</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>13 – Pre-enrollment Ends</p> <p>18 - Demo of Learning (3:30 – 7:00 PM)</p> <p>19 – Staff Professional Development Day – No School</p> <p>26 – Kindergarten AM + PM Classes</p> <p>26 – Full Day of School</p> <p>27 – Our Lady of the Prairies Feast Day</p> <p>27 – Kindergarten AM Programming (All Kinder Students)</p> <p>27 – Early Dismissal</p> <p><i>Spring Break March 30 – April 03</i></p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p>03 – Good Friday – No Classes</p> <p>06 – Easter Monday – No Classes</p> <p>07 – Classes Resume</p> <p>20 – Grade 6 Immunization Day</p> <p>22 – Care for Creation/Earth Day - Student Day</p> <p><b>May</b></p> |

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| 18 – Full Day of Classes<br>19 – Kindergarten AM Programming (All Kinder Students)<br>19 – Early Dismissal<br>21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent + Christmas Eve<br><br><i>December 22 – January 02 - Christmas Vacation</i><br><br><u>January</u><br>05 – Classes Resume<br>16 – Kindergarten Full Day Programming<br>26 – 29 – AHS Community Oral Health (Fluoride Varnish) | 06 – Kindergarten Full Day<br>15 – Victoria Day Weekend – No Classes<br>18 – Victoria Day – No Classes<br>19 – Grade 6 French Immersion Language Arts & Literature PAT Partie A<br>22 – Grade 6 English Language Arts PAT – Part A<br><br><u>June</u><br>03 – Grade 6 French Immersion Language Arts & Literature PAT - Partie B<br>04 – Grade 6 English Language Arts PAT – Part B<br>11 – Grade 6 Social Studies PAT<br>12 – Grade 6 Science PAT<br>15 – Grade 6 Mathematics PAT – Part A<br>18 – Grade 6 Mathematics PAT – Part B<br>19 - Grade 6 Farewell & Year End Liturgy at Good Shepherd Parish<br>22 – Year End Fun Day – Sportball Games Day<br>23 – Last Day of Classes<br>24 – Non-Instructional Day |
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### **Message Sent**

Dear Our Lady of the Prairies Families,

We've had a wonderful second week of school, filled with energy, learning, and community spirit. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we begin this new school year together.

Attached below, you'll find our Family Week-at-a-Glance, which includes important updates and information to help you stay connected with all that's happening at our school.

We are also excited to invite you to our Meet the Staff Evening on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 PM. We will begin in your child's homeroom with prayer and a message from the administration team, followed by teacher presentations starting at 6:15 PM. A repeat session will be offered from 6:45 to 7:15 PM for families with more than one child at our school.

As we journey together this year, we look to Mary, the Mother of God, as our model of faith, hope, and love. Just as Mary offered her unwavering support and presence, may we continue to be a source of hope and encouragement to one another—building a strong partnership between home and school rooted in trust, compassion, and shared purpose.

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday evening and sharing the many wonderful things happening at Our Lady of the Prairies School.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful and joyful weekend.

Blessings,

Amélie, Karolina & Marcel