



ÉCOLE OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIES

Catholic Elementary School

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The mission of Our Lady of the Prairies School is to provide a joyful Catholic education that inspires students to grow in faith, hope, and love guided by the virtues of Mary, the Mother of God.

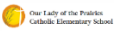
La mission de l'École Our Lady of the Prairies est d'offrir une éducation catholique joyeuse, qui inspire les élèves à grandir dans la foi, l'espérance et l'amour, guidés par les vertus de Marie, Mère de Dieu.

This Week at Our Lady of the Prairies

Monday, November 17, 2025 – Friday, November 21, 2025

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	No Kindergarten Program Early Dismissal 12:00 PM
Friday	Holodomor Ceremony at 10:30 AM
New Dates	December 02 – Picture Retakes 08 – 12 – Book Fair 10 – Grade 6 Immunizations 10 – Demonstration of Learning (3:30 PM – 7:00 PM) 10 – Kindergarten AM (8:05 AM – 11:05 AM) 10 – Kindergarten Demo (12:00 PM – 2:45 PM) April 14 – Spring Evening Concert (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM) 15 – Kindergarten Full Day (instead of the 17th) 15 – Spring Afternoon Concert (1:15 PM – 2:30 PM) 15 – Spring Evening Concert (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Upcoming Events	Chief Superintendent Message
November 10, 11 & 12 – Remembrance Day Weekend – No Classes 28 – Hot Lunch – Subway 30 – First Sunday of Advent	Visit NOVEMBER 2025 MESSAGE to read the Chief Superintendent's Message. 

Our Lady of the Prairies School Council & Society News	Our Lady of the Prairies School Council & Society Contact Email
Upcoming Meetings Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 6:00 PM	olopparent@gmail.com Our Lady of the Prairies Website:  



ourladyoftheprairies.ecsd.net

Good Shepherd Parish

For information regarding Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion please visit the parish website: <https://goodshep.caedm.ca/>

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.

<u>Hours of Operation Kindergarten</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday				
Morning Program		8:05 AM – 11:05 AM		
Other Additions	Full Day at School Dismissal at 2:45 PM No End of Day Bussing		Thursday AM at School Dismissal at 11:05 AM	Friday AM at School Dismissal at 11:05 AM
	October 31 November 07 January 16	February 20 April 17 May 13 June 19	December 18 March 26	December 19 March 27
<u>Hours of Operation Grades 1-6</u> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday			<u>Hours of Operation Grades 1-6</u> Thursday	
First Bell: 8:05 AM Block 1: 8:08 AM – 10:00 AM Recess: 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Block 2: 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM Lunch: 12:00 PM – 12:20 PM Recess: 12:20 PM – 12:40 PM Block 3: 12:40 PM – 1:40 PM Wellness: 1:40 AM – 1:45 AM Block 4: 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Dismissal: 2:45 PM			First Bell: 8:05 AM Block 1: 8:08 AM – 10:00 AM Recess: 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Block 2: 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM Dismissal: 12:00 PM	

Notification if you child will not be on the bus	Late Arrivals	Reporting Your Child's Absence
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.	If your child is late, please have them come to the office to register their attendance. If your child is going to be late, please call the office to report. 780-481-0389	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: 7:50 AM – 3:15 PM	
	Thursday: 7:50 AM – 12:30 PM <i>*Staff will be in meetings and Professional Development Sessions Thursday afternoons from 12:30 PM onwards</i>	

Apple Ally School	
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.	

School Calendar 2025/2026 (*Subject to change)	
December 03 – Advent Liturgy @ 10:30 AM 05 – Hot Lunch 07 – Second Sunday of Advent 08 – 12 – Book Fair 10 – Grade 6 Immunizations 10 – Kindergarten AM Programming 10 – Kindergarten Demonstration of Learning (12:00 PM – 2:45 PM) 10 – Demonstration of Learning K-6 (3:30 PM – 7:00 PM) 14 – Third Sunday of Advent 18 – Kindergarten AM Classes (Dismissal at 11:05AM) 18 – Full Day of Classes (Grades 1-6 – Dismissal @ 2:45 PM) 18 – Grades 1-6 Turkey Hot Lunch (Thank you SAC) 19 – Kindergarten AM Programming (8:05 AM – 11:05 AM) 19 – Early Dismissal (Grades 1-6 – Dismissal @ 12:00 PM) 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent + Christmas Eve <i>December 22 – January 02 - Christmas Vacation</i> January 05 – Classes Resume 05 - 09 – Groove Box Dance Residency 16 – Kindergarten Full Day Programming 26 – 29 – AHS Community Oral Health (Fluoride Varnish) February 02 – Pre-enrollment & New Registration Begins 14 – St. Valentine's Day 11 – Our Lady of the Prairies Open House 16 – Family Day – No Classes 17 – Shrove Tuesday 18 – Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 9:00AM 20 – Kindergarten Full Day Programming 24 – Pink Shirt Day @ School 25 – Pink Shirt Day	March 13 – Pre-enrollment Ends 18 - Demo of Learning (3:30 – 7:00 PM) 19 – Staff Professional Development Day – No School 26 – Kindergarten AM (Dismissal at 11:05AM) 26 – Full Day of School 27 – Our Lady of the Prairies Feast Day 27 – Kindergarten AM Programming (8:05 AM – 11:05 AM) 27 – Early Dismissal (Grades 1-6 – Dismissal @ 12:00 PM) <i>Spring Break March 30 – April 03</i> April 03 – Good Friday – No Classes 06 – Easter Monday – No Classes 07 – Classes Resume 14 – Spring Evening Concert (6:00 PM) 15 – Kindergarten Full Day (instead of the 17th) 15 – Spring Afternoon Concert (1:15 PM) 15 – Spring Evening Concert (6:00 PM) 20 – Grade 6 Immunization Day 22 – Care for Creation/Earth Day - Student Day May 06 – Kindergarten Full Day 15 – Victoria Day Weekend – No Classes 18 – Victoria Day – No Classes 19 – Grade 6 French Immersion Language Arts & Literature PAT Partie A 22 – Grade 6 English Language Arts PAT – Part A June 03 – Grade 6 French Immersion Language Arts & Literature PAT - Partie B 04 – Grade 6 English Language Arts PAT – Part B 11 – Grade 6 Social Studies PAT 12 – Grade 6 Science PAT 15 – Grade 6 Mathematics PAT – Part A

25 – Staff Faith Development Day – No School 26 & 27 – Teachers’ Convention – No Classes	18 – Grade 6 Mathematics PAT – Part B 19 - Grade 6 Farewell & Year End Liturgy at Good Shepherd Parish 22 – Year End Fun Day – Sportball Games Day 23 – Last Day of Classes 24 – Non-Instructional Day
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