



GOOD
SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE

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PRAYER



Almighty God, as we gather together for our Kindergarten Open House, we keep in our prayers all families who visit us. We pray for a peaceful process as they determine the best school for their children. We pray for those who are new to the area. We also pray that the families who choose our school site for their children look forward to becoming part of our family and calling Good Shepherd their school home. May our school continue to be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, a place where everyone is welcomed, respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



TREATY SIX ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and homeland of the Métis. We also acknowledge the Inuit and other diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here.

We, at Edmonton Catholic Schools, commit to restoring and honouring the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action; we strongly believe that truth must be acknowledged to move forward to reconciliation. Together, we call upon all our collective communities to build a stronger understanding of all peoples who dwell on this land we call home.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ECSD MISSION AND VISION

The mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another.

Our vision is that “our students will learn together, work together and pray together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.”



Mission:

○ At Good Shepherd, our mission is to provide a Catholic education that empowers students to grow in faith, achieve academic excellence, and become compassionate leaders who serve others.

Vision:

○ Our students will thrive as valued members of a Christ-centered community, where they are supported to realize their full potential through acquired knowledge, skills, and positive attitudes.

Charism:

○ Inspired by our Good Shepherd, Jesus, to Love, Learn and Lead.

Good Shepherd Catholic School's Purpose



2023-2026 Division/School Plan for Continuous Growth Year 3

PRIORITY: LIVING OUR FAITH

Goal F1: Students and staff will grow and develop in mind, body and spirit.

Goal F2: ECSD schools and departments will clearly demonstrate their Catholic identity as presented in the 5 Marks of Catholic School Identity model.

PRIORITY: LEARNING EXCELLENCE

Goal L1: Students will experience learning opportunities that allow them to fulfill their potential.

Goal L2: Students' learning needs are met through a collaborative, responsive model of instruction, assessment and data-informed decision making.

Goal L3: Staff will build their capacity to meet student needs and to be collaborative contributors at their sites and beyond.

PRIORITY: ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Goal O1: Students, staff and stakeholders will work together for our common good.

Goal O2: Staff will utilize ongoing communication, collaboration and engagement processes to become more effective, efficient and responsive to the needs of students, families and each other.

PRIORITY: EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Goal E1: Students and staff recognize and celebrate the unique gifts and talents of every member of their learning and working community.



At Good Shepherd, we believe that everyone is created in the image and likeness of God. We strive to provide a welcoming, caring and safe environment where each person is accepted as a child of God, treated with respect, and also given the dignity that comes in being held accountable for one's actions and attitudes. We encourage students to make positive choices, act appropriately, and reflect on their actions to deepen their own personal growth.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

SECTION 31 OF THE ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT

A student, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to:

- (a) attend school regularly and punctually,
- (b) be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education,
- (c) ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging,
- (d) respect the rights of others in the school,

school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means,

- (f) comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board,
- (g) co-operate with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services,
- (h) be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct, and
- (i) positively contribute to the student's school and community.



Current Enrolment at Good Shepherd

Grade	Enrollment
K	87
1	74
2	80
3	113
4	96
5	90
6	91
Totals	631

CLASS SIZES AT GOOD SHEPHERD



Grade	Enrolment	Average Class Size
Kindergarten	87	29
Grade 1	74	25
Grade 2	80	27
Grade 3	113	28

CLASS SIZES AT GOOD SHEPHERD



Grade	Enrolment	Average Class Size
Grade 4	96	32
Grade 5	90	30
Grade 6	91	30

GRADE 6 PAT RESULTS

Subject	Acceptable Standard		Standard of Excellence	
	School	Province	School	Province
Grade 6 Language Arts	93.2%	81.7%	43.2%	17.0%
Grade 6 Mathematics	83.8%	62.8%	40.5%	18.4%
Grade 6 Social Studies	93.2%	76.2%	48.6%	24.2%

Our Good Shepherd Houses



Beaver - Wisdom



Buffalo - Respect



Wolf - Humility



Bear - Bravery

The Grandfather Teachings
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Raven - Honesty



Turtle - Truth



Eagle - Love

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The beaver uses his natural gift wisely for his survival. Recognize your differences and those of others. It is a skill and a strength to see and continuously observe the life of all things around you. To cherish humbly is to know wisdom.

The buffalo gives every part of his body to sustain human beings, not because he is of less value, but because he respects the values and needs of others. To honor all creation is to honor respect. Treat others the way you would like to be treated, do not be helpful to yourself or others.

Humility is to know that you are a small part of creation. Live life softly, and not selfishly. Respect your place, and carry your work with your people, and please the accomplishments of all.

The bear shows how to live a balanced life, with not serious, and play. Defend what you believe in and what is right for your community, family, and self. To face life with courage is to know bravery.

An honest person is said to walk tall. Raven taught himself and knows how to use his gift. He does not seek the power, speed, or beauty of others. He was able to do what he was born to do and survive. To walk through life with integrity is to know honesty.

He carries the burdens of life on his back. The turtle lives life in a slow manner because he understands the importance of both journey and the destination. Show honor and sincerity in all that you say and do, and be true to yourself and all other things.

The eagle has the ability to fly high, and has the sight to see all the signs of danger from great distances. The eagle's burden of love can be found in the sun of all things. View your own and from the perspective of all beings. Love yourself first and you will be of peace with yourself, the balance of life, and all things. To know love is to love peace.

○ Based on the Seven Sacred Grandfather Teachings

Good Shepherd Houses

FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/RESOURCES



- Large classrooms
- 1:1 Devices (Chromebooks/iPads)
- Wireless capability
- SMART boards/projectors/document cameras in every classroom
- FM systems in every classroom
- Music program with an abundance of resources
- Physical Education program with access to a wealth of resources
- Videoconferencing capabilities in every classroom
- Large Library/Media Resources Centre
- Large playground
- Good Shepherd Parish within walking distance
- Exciting and innovative learning engagements and experiences
- High quality and high quantity of teaching and learning resources.

EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Rigorous academic programming
- Extensive field trip program in all grades
- Religious celebrations
- Masses at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish
- Musical concerts
- School spirit days
- Student Faith Development Day
- Choir
- Recycling teams
- Good Shepherd Houses (based on the 7 Sacred Grandfather Teachings)
- Gr. 2-6 Intramurals
- Inter-school Athletics
 - Running Club
 - Gr. 6 Volleyball Teams
- Tabletop hockey
- Social justice projects
- Lunchtime Milk Program
- Hot Lunch Program
- A focus on supporting positive mental, social, spiritual and physical health.
- Good Shepherd Reading Superstars Program
- Saints Leadership Team



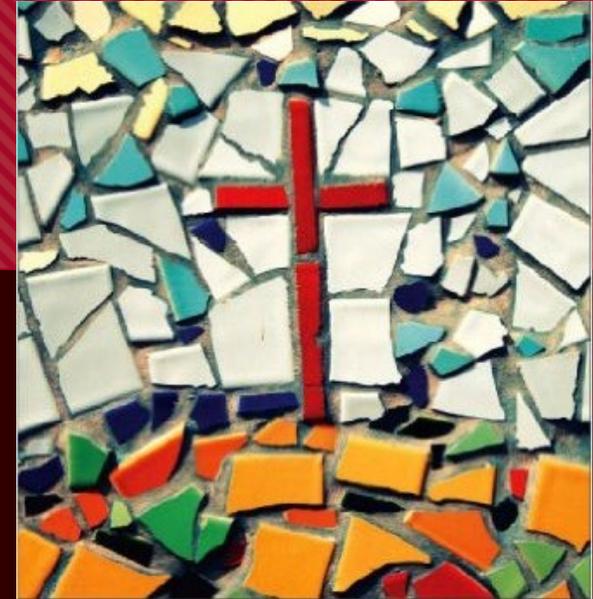


Alberta Project Promoting
active Living & healthy Eating

NUTRITION GUIDELINES



- Good Shepherd Catholic School is a designated APPLE ally school which supports a healthy environment where students and staff make positive choices that empowers them to live a healthy, active lifestyle for the body, mind, and spirit.
- Good Shepherd's Nutrition Guidelines is available on our website. Please read through the guidelines so that you are aware of procedures that are in place at our site.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

○ Father Mirek Kostarzewski (Pastor)

School Council



○ Our School Council is a very supportive and important part of our school community.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING PRESENTATION

MRS. ANNE
MAZER



MRS. Tammy
Nielson



The Kindergarten program at Good Shepherd is a place where your child will:



Develop feelings of comfort and confidence in a school setting.



Experience an environment that is enjoyable and secure.



Be encouraged to be an independent and responsible learner.



Develop a love of learning.



Come to know God through their experience of seeing people valued and celebrated.

Schedule

Our Kindergarten program runs 4 days a week (no school on Thursdays).

Current instructional times are:

Morning: 8:45 – 11:51 AM

Afternoon: 12:24 – 3:30 PM

KINDERGARTEN AT A GLANCE



Kindergarten is a wonderful way for your child to discover what school is like and to have fun while learning new things. In this exciting new community, children's natural curiosity and eagerness to learn are structured through organized activities and purposeful play. Your child will interact, imagine, experiment and explore to add to their knowledge, learn new skills and practise what they've learned.



EARLY LITERACY

A is for apple. Your child will begin to understand that letters have sounds and that together those sounds form words and carry meaning. They will have fun sharing their ideas and experiences, forming letters, printing their names and playing with the new words they learn.



MATHEMATICS

Learning numbers and solving problems with patterns. Your child will represent and describe quantities of things up to 10. They will understand and create repeating patterns and compare objects based on their attributes. They will solve problems involving numbers, patterns and objects, and connect numbers to their everyday life.



CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY

I am unique and I belong! Your child will develop a strong sense of identity, self-esteem and belonging by exploring their environment and sharing stories. They will see themselves as unique and discover the connections they have with others.



ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS

What do I see, smell and hear in my community? How do I shape the environment? Kindergarten children explore materials, build structures and use technology to explore, investigate and describe their world. They see similarities and differences and become aware of how one action can cause something else.



PERSONAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I know how to act and how to work and play with others. Kindergarten children develop ways to express their feelings positively and to show respect and care for others. Trying new things and taking risks give them confidence in their ability to learn so they take responsibility for completing activities.



PHYSICAL SKILLS AND WELL-BEING

A healthy body is part of a healthy life. Your child will begin to develop a love for physical activity through movement, games and activities. They will use a variety of equipment and see that they have the power to make healthy food choices and play safely.



CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder! Drama, art, music and dance give your child ways to express their ideas and feelings, to bring their imagination to life and to see their creativity in a variety of forms. Your child will respond to objects and art, explore music and dance, and develop confidence through drama.

Special activities and parent involvement



Preparing your child to start kindergarten

Vision check and immunizations.

Encourage independence (toileting and dressing themselves).

Optimal learning happens through adequate sleep (10 –12 hrs), nutrition and routines.

Plenty of opportunities to play indoors and outdoors.

Read aloud to your child daily.

Continue everyday activities together (eg. Talking while grocery shopping, bath time).

Are they age appropriate?

Kindergarten – 5 years-old prior to December 31, 2026

Registering for Kindergarten



Please register for Good Shepherd Kindergarten online at www.ecsd.net/registration



To register you need proof of residency, birth and baptism certificate.



The choice of AM or PM classes are available, but is granted on a first come first served basis.



You will receive a letter in June with September information (eg. supplies).

Bussing

Bussing to and from school is available, depending on location.

School bussing routes are within a certain catchment area and exceptions cannot be made for out of area families.

Bussing arrangements can be made via the office (May 1 deadline for September bussing).

Bussing fees will be approximately \$50 per month

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- Email us at 8061ecsd@ecsd.net

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE ~ FEBRUARY 2026

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL!**



Thank you for Coming!



Please join us in the kindergarten classrooms to see our learning environments.