








St. Gerard School Calendar

October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Gr. 3 Telus Field Trip -Student Wellness Symposium at Lumen	2 Custodian Appreciation Day	3 Picture Day! 	4
5 	6	7	8 Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at the parish	9	10 Thanksgiving Mass 1 pm at the parish	11
<i>Read-In Week – Welcome Guests and Parent Readers!</i>						
12	13 No School 	14	15 Gr. 6 Immunizations	16 St. Gerard Feast Day Picnic snack 11 am Families Welcome!	17	18
19 	20 Civic Election	21 Parent Council Meeting 6 pm	22	23 Wear BLUE for Catholic Education	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	

Upcoming Events:

November 3-7 – Gr. 6 at City Hall School

November 6 – Picture Retakes

November 7 – Remembrance Day Observance 10:30 am in the gym

November 10-16 – Metis Week

November 10-12 – NO SCHOOL, Fall Mini-Break

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 24 – Advent Celebration 10:30 am in the gym

November 24-27 – Scholastic Book Fair

November 27 – Demonstration of Learning 12:30-4:30 pm, 5:30-7 pm



St. Gerard School Newsletter

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Note from Administration

Autumn Blessings!

Thank you to all of our families for a wonderful school start-up! It was great seeing you at our Meet the Teacher BBQ and Opening Celebration. It was also fantastic to welcome new parents to the School Council Meeting. It will be a year filled with fun, engaging activities for our students and families, and we are grateful for your support. This month we celebrate Read-In Week, Thanksgiving, Halloween Activities and the Feast Day of our Patron, St. Gerard. Please check emails/notes from your child's teacher for activities happening in their class. Thank you for supporting your children, their classroom happenings and our school activities.

G. Tarnawsky & L. Cruickshank

St. Gerard Feast Day

On Thursday, October 16, we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint. We would like to gather at a celebratory feast together with family members who are available to join us. We will be gathered "picnic style" in our school field* from 11 – 11:45 a.m. Families are invited to bring a little lunch, picnic blanket and join your child. If families are unable to attend, children will eat with their teacher and class.

**If the weather is not great, we will gather in the gym.*

PowerSchool – Verification Forms & School Fees

A reminder to please complete the School Verification Form in your Parent PowerSchool account, under the School Engage Tab. This document helps ensure we have updated contact information and confirms your registration for this school year. Also, our school fees for the 2025-2026 year will be \$25/student in Kindergarten and \$35/student in Grades 1-6. School fees can be paid online through your parent PowerSchool account.

A very special **THANK YOU** to our Parent Council who support our school with fundraising throughout the year. They help cover the costs for field trips, in-school activities, the purchase of new technology (chromebooks) and SO MUCH MORE! This helps save costs for our families through the year.

Visit Edmonton Public Library – In-Person or Online

Teachers are always asking students to try and read every day. Why? Research has shown that daily reading can help support growth and development in so many different areas. Many classes send Home Reading books home, but we also have many books to share with our families from our school library or the Edmonton Public Library. Visit epl.ca to get access to a free library card and online resources.

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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

**For menus, calendars and other school information, visit our website stgerard.ecsd.net.*