



St. Gerard School Calendar

October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Picture Day! 	3
4	5 Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at the parish following the 9 am mass	6 Wacky Socks for "Knock, Knock" Your Socks Off Day	7 Thanksgiving Mass 10:30 am in the gym	8 Words are Everywhere! Wear a shirt with words/print	9 Reading is better with a buddy! Bring a stuffie day!	10
<i>Read-In Week – Welcome Guests and Parent Readers!</i>						
11	12 No School 	13	14 Gr. 6 Immunizations	15	16 St. Gerard Feast Day 10:30 am in the gym	17
18	19 No School Referendum Day 	20	21 Silly Hair Day 	22	23	24
25	26 Parent Council Meeting 6 pm	27	28	29	30 Halloween Activities 	31 Halloween 
<i>Grade 5A @ USchool Campus Program</i>						

Upcoming Events:

November 5 – Picture Retakes
 November 10 – Remembrance Day Observance 10:30 am in the gym
 November 11 – NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day & November 12-13 Fall Mini-Break
 November 14-20 – Metis Week
 November 25-30 – Scholastic Book Fair
 November 26 – Demonstration of Learning 12:30-4:30 pm, 5:30-7 pm
 November 30 – Advent Celebration 1 pm in the gym



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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 will be a year filled with fun, engaging activities for our students and families, and we are grateful for the support of our parent community. This month we celebrate Read-In Week, Thanksgiving, Halloween Activities, the Grade 4 Bible celebration and the Feast Day of our Patron, St. Gerard. Please check emails/notes from your child's teacher for activities happening in their class.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

G. Tarnawsky & L. Cruickshank

Read In Week – Oct. 5-9

Join us for Read-In Week by visiting your child's classroom as a guest reader! Students love hearing from a variety of readers and enjoy stories, favorite books, recipes, poems, or family traditions. If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher.

Spirit Leadership Theme Days for Read-In Week:

Tuesday – Wear Wacky Socks (Knock Your Socks Off)

Thursday – Wear a shirt with Words (Words are Everywhere)

Friday – Bring a Stuffedie (Reading Buddy)

Thank you for helping us celebrate the joy of reading!

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 2026-2027 year will be \$25/student. School fees can be paid online through your parent PowerSchool account or with cash in the office.

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 the Parent PowerSchool account, under the School Engage Tab or epl.ca to get access to a free library card and online resources.

Get Your FREE Library Card



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 6th 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.

(Ogier and Brenne, 1992.)

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