










# St. Gerard School Calendar

## April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 31 – Classes Resume Mar. 31-April 4 – Dental Sealants	1 Gr. 6 Visit to the Legislature	2	3	4	5 
6	7	8 	9	10 Gr. 6 Field Test (ELAL)	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Grade 6 Immunizations	18 NO SCHOOL 	19
Grade 1A at Zoo School						
20 EASTER 	21 NO SCHOOL 	22 	23 Easter Celebration 1 pm at the Parish -Fun with Numeracy Night 6-7pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Multicultural Day 1 pm in the gym			

### Upcoming Events:

May 5-9 – Evergreen Theatre Residency  
 May 7 – Hats On for Mental Health  
 May 9 – Gr. 1 at the Art Gallery a.m.  
 May 9 – Evergreen Theatre performance 1 pm  
 May 16 – Living Rosary 1 pm  
 May 19 & 20 – NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day and extra day  
 May 26 – Jubilee 2025 Liturgy  
 May 27 – Parent Council Meeting 6 pm



# St. Gerard School Newsletter

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### Note from Administration

April Greetings, St. Gerard Families,  
Spring brings the most wonderful blessings! We have a busy month ahead as we prepare for Easter, Earth Day and other exciting activities. We welcome families to join us for our Easter Celebration, Love of Numeracy Night and our Multicultural afternoon. Spring also brings a variety of weather patterns on any given day. Please remind your child to dress for the weather (and maybe pack a change of clothes if they tend to jump into puddles.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Easter, with its message of Jesus' resurrection, offers a powerful promise of hope, symbolized by verses like "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*

*G. Tarnawsky & D. Bowers-O'Neill*

### Multicultural Day – April 30

Our Student Spirit Leadership Team is coordinating a Multicultural Day on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 30. More information will follow after Spring Break, but we would like to invite students to represent and learn more about the diverse cultural backgrounds of students and staff at our school. To celebrate this rich tapestry of cultures, we will be inviting students to showcase their cultural traditions through dress, music, food and crafts.

*We are all different and that's beautiful. – Karen Salmansohn*

### Planning for the 2025/2026 School Year

Thank you for your support with the pre-enrollment process for the next school year. We are anticipating a growth in our school population, which in turn results in creating balanced learning groups for each class. Teachers take into consideration a number of criteria:

*Ability Distribution* – We strive to create a class grouping with a balanced range of abilities.

*Gender Balance* – It is important to strive for gender balance as much as possible in each class grouping.

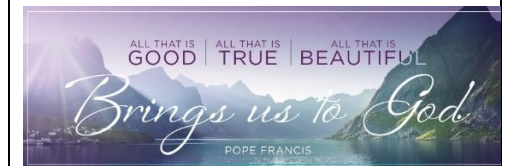
*Support System* – Each year children make new friends and maintain peer support as they move into a new grouping.

*Work Ethic* – It is important to have a mixture of different types of learners to create a supportive learning environment.

*Behaviour* – a mixture of students who require support and those who can act as strong role models.

We appreciate your support and confidence as we begin the process of creating balanced groups. While final placements are not confirmed until September, we want our families to be aware of the process.

### Chief Superintendent's Message



Please click on the image to find out more about the Truth, Beauty and Goodness happening in Edmonton Catholic Schools.

### Break-the-Rules Fundraiser for ECSD Foundation DreamBuilders Fund

Thank you to our families who donated to our Spirit Leadership's Break the Rules fundraiser. Students enjoyed bending the rules on Thursday, March 20. Many wore pajamas, drank juice in their water bottles, carried a stuffie all day, and there was even some running in the hallways. Fun was had by all and the funds collected (\$381.25) will be donated to ECSD Foundation and St. Gerard Families Helping Families.

*Thank you for helping to support our Spirit Leadership Team and their Fundraising efforts for our students.*

*\*For menus, calendars and other school information, visit our website [stgerard.ecsd.net](http://stgerard.ecsd.net).*