



May 2026 Newsletter

Administrators' Message

May 4, 2026

Dear St. Richard Families,

As we welcome the month of May, we are grateful for the signs of renewed life around us—warmer weather, longer days, and the joyful energy that spring brings to our school community. This season reminds us of God's ongoing presence and the beauty of growth, both within creation and within each of our students.

May is also a special time as we honour Mother's Day and recognize the many women who nurture, guide, and support our children with love and faith. We give thanks for mothers, grandmothers, caregivers, and all those who reflect God's love through their care and devotion. We keep them in our prayers, asking God to bless them always.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students and staff for the wonderful Spring Concert. The performances were a true celebration of talent, hard work, and joy. It was inspiring to see our students shine and to gather as a community to celebrate their gifts. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

As the warmer weather invites more outdoor learning and play, we encourage students to continue showing respect, kindness, and responsibility in all that they do. The final months of the school year are a busy and important time, and we remain focused on supporting each child's growth academically, socially, and spiritually.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership and support. May this month be filled with gratitude, joy, and God's blessings.

Blessings to you all!

Alannah Muirhead
Principal

Michel Gagnon
Acting Assistant Principal

Parent Council News

Our final parent council meeting for 2025 -2026 is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30pm** in the library. We invite all parents and guardians to join us at our meetings.

Healthy Hunger

Parent Council is once again offering families the opportunity to order lunch for their children through Healthy Hunger. Thank you to Holly Karch for organizing this for our families.



The poster features a green background with orange starburst accents. At the top, the words "Healthy Hunger" are written in a large, green, playful font, with a carrot replacing the letter 'y' in "Hunger". Below this, a red banner reads "MONTHLY HOT LUNCHES". Underneath, in orange text, it says "PRE-ORDER FOR ENTIRE YEAR OPTION AVAILABLE". The central text, in black, says "LOGIN TO ORDER TODAY" followed by the website "healthyhunger.ca". To the left of the text are logos for Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Subway, Tim Hortons, and Dairy Queen (DQ). To the right is a blue and yellow megaphone. At the bottom, it says "Questions? Contact strichardparentassociation@gmail.com".

Healthy Hunger

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OPTION AVAILABLE

LOGIN TO
ORDER TODAY
healthyhunger.ca

1. LOGIN OR REGISTER ACCOUNT
2. ADD STUDENT
3. FILL ALL INFORMATION (MAKE SURE TO SELECT CHILD'S SCHOOL AND GRADE)
4. ADD STUDENT
5. ORDER

UPCOMING LUNCHES

Questions? Contact
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Healthy Hunger Dates for 2025/26

May 8 Rice Bowl Deluxe

June 12 Dairy Queen

Please note all orders are due at 11:59 pm the Sunday before the order is delivered.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver the orders to the classroom. If you can help, please email strichardparentassociation@gmail.com

STEM in Action

St. Richard students were delighted to welcome our religion consultant, Mrs. Nguyen, as she helped us celebrate St. Richard Feast Day. She worked alongside students to create crosses inspired by our school logo, and everyone had a wonderful time participating in this meaningful activity.

Looking ahead, we will be hosting a school-wide STEM assembly this month. Students will be investigating a "crime" and using their STEM skills to solve it. We are excited to see their creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in action!

Bottle Drive

St. Richard Parent Association is having a Bottle Drive on Friday, May 22, 2026.

Your bottles can be dropped off at school on the morning of May 22. The trailer will be on site to collect your bottles until 3:00pm on Friday.

Additionally, St. Richard Parent Council has an account at the Green Bottle Depot Harvest Hills location. When returning your bottles and cans, indicate that you would like to donate your proceeds to St. Richard School.

Here are the steps:

1: Take your bottles to [Harvest Hills Green Bottle Depot](#) Location - 5015 4 Ave SW, Edmonton T6X 1A4

2: **BEFORE** you have the staff count your bottles, please indicate that you would like to donate your bottles to: **St. Richard Catholic Parent Association.**

Thank you for ongoing support for our school. Every donation is much appreciated!

Victoria Day Weekend Break

A reminder that there are no classes on Friday, May 15 or Monday, May 18 for the Victoria Day weekend. Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 19.

Zoo Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 4 for the STEM School Night at the Zoo. Doors open at 5:30, with the formal program beginning at 6:00pm. Tickets can be purchased through PowerSchool for \$5.00 each. There is a limit of 6 tickets per family.

Volunteer Message

Many of the experiences students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, staff, and community members generously give their time. This may include helping with lunchtime activities, special events, clubs, or school teams, often before or after the school day. These activities are not part of regular instructional time, but they play an important role in helping students build confidence, learn to work with others, and feel connected to their school community.

Our school and Edmonton Catholic Schools are grateful to the teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time in these ways. By working together, we can show respect and appreciation for those who support students outside of regular work hours and help make school a welcoming place for all.

Student Faith Leadership Award

Congratulations to Jeric in grade 6 who is the recipient of the Student Faith Leadership Award for St. Richard.

T-Shirt Celebration

Our next T-Shirt celebration is on Monday, May 11 at 9:30 am in the gym.

Supervision After School/Playing in the Park

As the weather begins to warm up, students may want to linger at the playground after school. Please note that supervision ends approximately 10 minutes after the bell rings. If you allow your child to stay after school, please note there is no supervision. It is recommended that all students go straight home from school, check in with their families first, and get parental permission to return and play at the park.

Parking and Drop Off

We are observing increased traffic in the staff parking lot. **The staff parking lot is for staff parking only and should not be used for dropping students off.** Street parking is available, and we ask that families use the sidewalks to walk around the perimeter of the school. Also,

please observe all posted signs for bus parking and use marked crosswalks for crossing the street. The safety of all our students and families is paramount.

School Fees

We have a number of outstanding school fees, transportation fees and field trip fees. Fee payments can be made online. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the office to speak with Mrs. Muirhead to discuss how we can support you.

PAT Dates

A reminder that grade six students will be writing Provincial Achievement Tests in all four core subjects (language arts, math, science and social).

The administration dates are as follows:

- May 22– English Language Arts, Part A
- June 4 – English Language Arts, Part B
- June 11 – Social Studies
- June 12 – Science
- June 15 – Math, Part A
- June 18 – Math, Part B

Year End Liturgy and Grade 6 Farewell

Our school's year end liturgy will take place on Monday, June 22 at 10:30 am in the gym with Division Chaplain Father Glenn presiding. After the liturgy we will have a short presentation for our grade 6 students as we wish them well as they transition to junior high.

School Fun Day

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 23 as we will be having our year end school Fun Day. This is always a joyous day for our students. All students are asked to wear their St. Richard t-shirt on that day. This day would not be possible without the support of volunteers. Please consider volunteering for this event. Details will be sent out in June once event details are finalized.

Mark Your Calendars

May 8 – Hot Luch Day

May 11 – T-Shirt Celebration at 9:30

May 13 – Grades 1 -3 symphony field trip

May 15 – No classes _ Victoria Day Weekend break

May 18 – No classes – Victoria Day

May 22 – Grade 6 Language Arts and Literature PAT – Part A
Parent Council Bottle Drive