

From: [St. Mark Catholic Junior High School](#)
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Dear St. Mark Families:

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- [St. Mark Weekly Update - 17 September 2025 - Filipino.pdf](#) : *Para sa pagsasalin sa Filipino, mangyaring tingnan ang dokumentong ito.*
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- [St. Mark Weekly Update - 17 September 2025 - Tigrinya.pdf](#) :
- [St. Mark Weekly Update - 17 September 2025 - Ukrainian.pdf](#) : *Український переклад див. у цьому документі.*
- [St. Mark Weekly Update - 17 September 2025 - Vietnamese.pdf](#) : *Để biết bản dịch tiếng Việt, vui lòng xem tài liệu này.*

Alternatively, you may call the office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM for clarification.

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We are quickly settling into the new school year and routines are beginning to emerge!

This morning, we were blessed to have Fr. Carlos Nunez and Trustee Harris join us for our opening celebration. Fr. Carlos is now our parish priest at St. Andrew Parish. We look forward to meeting with him over the school year. We also welcomed all the new students to St. Mark that arrived late last year and newly arrived this year. Thank you to our Grade 9 students for a wonderful first celebration together as a family.

We look forward to meeting many of our families tomorrow evening for our Meet the Teacher meeting.

- 6:00 – 6:40: Have a look at the school and meet the teachers
 - If you sent in your reply on Monday, we will have a hamburger waiting for you.
- 6:40 – 7:00: Formal Presentation
- 7:00 – 7:30/7:45: Artificial Intelligence and your Child Presentation
 - Translation will be available for some languages

We also invite family to stay for a presentation from our school division Emerging Technology consultants. They will be sharing with families some important information about the apps and websites our students use (and sometimes ourselves). We hope that you can join us.



Here are our activities to note for the next week:

- Thursday 18 September – Cross Country Orienteering (pm)
- Thursday 18 September – Meet the Teacher
- Friday 19 September – Picture Day
- Friday 19 September – Rec 8/9: Bowling
- Monday 22 September – Hot Lunch orders due on PowerSchool (12:00 pm)
- Monday 22 September – Rec 8/9: CrossFit
- Monday 22 September – Soccer vs. St. Josephine Bakhita (Home)
- Tuesday 23 September – Rec 7: Corn Maze
- Wednesday 24 September – Grade 7 Retreat (all day)
- Wednesday 24 September – Hot lunch from St. Joe's (\$7)
 - Those who do not order through PowerSchool will be served if lunches are available
- Wednesday 24 September – Soccer vs. Holy Cross (Home)

Recreation Academy School Fees

A reminder that all recreation academy fees must be paid by the assigned dates as per the contract families

signed upon entrance.

The second \$450 installment is due on 3 October 2025. Students who are owing fees will not be allowed to attend field trips until paid. Should these fees not be paid in a timely fashion, students will be removed from recreation academy and placed within other options. Students will not be allowed to go back to Recreation Academy after.

A reminder that Recreation Academy is a Pay-to-use program.

Teacher Labour Dispute

As you may be aware, Alberta teachers and their association have served a strike notice for Monday 6 October 2025.

IMPORTANT: All information regarding strike action and the impact on ECSD can be found on our division website: <https://www.ecsd.net/labourupdate> . All information will be released to parents via email and through this webpage. **Please ensure that you are accepting and receiving school communication for information.**

If a settlement is not reached by Monday 6 October 2025, all classes will be cancelled on Monday 6 October 2025 and students will not attend school until further notice. There is also no online learning during this time.

Centre for Arts and Music Rock Band

Students met two of our music instructors from the CAM group. Students who are interested in learning to play guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboards or even to sing can join this group each Wednesday from 3:05 until 5:00 pm.

Rock Band began today, Wednesday 17 September. Because this is a group and like a school sports team, students are asked to commit to the year.

Picture Day

Friday is picture day! Students are invited to wear their best for this day.

All students must have their photo taken for school records. Packages will be sent home with students in the following weeks. If you wish to have retakes, we ask that the first proofs are returned to the school. Our retake day is set for mid-October.

Athletics

Soccer

Soccer began at a hurried pace. Our soccer team has a record of 1-1 and will continue playing games until playoffs start on Sept 29th. Mr. de Brito is doing a wonderful job coaching our team of boys and girls. Great work, Lions, keep working hard, learning and growing together.

X- Country

Sign- up and the first practice has already happened. All boys and girls will be competing in their correct age group of Junior (Jr.) Intermediate (Int.) and Senior (Sr.) Please make sure your child has water, appropriate clothing for the weather and lunch and snacks for a Thursday schedule. The following dates are the ECSD competition dates:

- Thursday Sept 18 - Orienteering Race
- Thursday Sept 25 - Trial Race
- Thursday Oct 2nd - City Championship.

Once the season is completed, we will end the season with a fun pizza party. Thank you to all the student athletes that are coming to participate. We have had our biggest number participating for the last 10 years. Great work Lions!

Volleyball

This week we just completed our boys' and girls' volleyball meetings. Try-outs for boys and girls are listed below. Both teams will be competing in Division 3 Play. All try-outs will run from 3:10-4:15pm. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle and a change of clothing and running shoes.

- Boys: Sept 17, 19, 24
- Girls: Sept 22, 23, 25

Good luck and let's go Lions!

School Security - update

Over the recent days, we have had some incidents that saw personal property stolen.

To support measures, we have moved our bike storage to a small fenced-in area during the school day. Students are asked to bring their bicycles and scooters to this area in the morning where we will lock them up for the day. We also recommend that students have a sturdy lock that is not easily cut.

We are awaiting support from our division Facility services to secure a permanent location.

We also recommend students who are riding their bicycles to school register their item with Bike Index.

- <https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/HomePropertySafety/ProtectYourProperty/BikeIndex>
- <https://bikeindex.org/>

Bike Index is a non-profit online bicycle registry. It's a simple solution to prove ownership, alert the community if your bike has been stolen, and search for a bicycle you found to find its owner.

*Free registration! Simply create an account at [BikeIndex.org](https://bikeindex.org). You'll need to provide your bike's details including serial number, make, model, and colour. Add a photo and additional details like aftermarket parts, unique markings or stickers, etc. – the more details the better. **Add a phone number to your profile when you register! Only law enforcement will be able to see it.***

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Fundraising page is now set up and live. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/97511>

We will be running your Terry Fox fun on Thursday October 2nd and ask for them to support you with a donation- \$2, \$5 or whatever you wish. You can donate cash and/or donate online. It's very easy to do so online.

We have a school goal of \$800.00 this year for cancer research. We can do it! Which homeroom will fundraise the most? As an added incentive, if we hit our fundraising goal - we will have a movie and popcorn in the gym afternoon! Looking forward to our Terry Fox run on October 2nd.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead and we look forward to seeing many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening.

J. Hertlein and A. Stabile

St. Mark Administration



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