



Thank You!

Wow—what a year it has been. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming you back in September, full of nervous energy, fresh notebooks, and big dreams. And now, here we are, saying goodbye to another unforgettable school year.

You've all grown in so many ways—some of you found your voice in class discussions, others discovered new talents in the arts, on the court, or through quiet acts of kindness that made someone's day. Every one of you brought something special to our school community, and we noticed.

There were tough days, too. Days when the homework piled up, friendships were tested, or things just didn't go your way. But you kept showing up. You kept trying. And that says more about your strength than any grade ever could.

To our amazing families, a big thank you! Your endless support, whether through volunteering or cheering from the sidelines, is the secret of our school's success. Your trust, encouragement, and partnership mean the world to us. To our School Council, a special thank you for all your support. Whether it was organizing the latest fundraising, manning our successful casino to ensure all students had additional learning supports in class or lending a hand in the many activities, especially Lion's Days and Farewell. Your dedication and work ensured that students had many opportunities and different environments to learn and play.

To our awesome grade 9 class, hats off to you! You have conquered challenges, celebrated wins, and grown in ways you cannot even imagine. As you head into high school, remember this: you are capable of more than you know. You have voices that matter, ideas that can change the world, and resilience to face whatever comes next—even if it's a surprise quiz the first day of school. So, go forward with courage, curiosity, and kindness. And do not forget to visit—you will always be part of this school's story. Once a Lion, always a Lion!

As we dive into summer, let's unwind, explore, and savor the little joys summer brings. Whether it's getting lost in a book or safely trying out the latest social media trends, may

this summer be a time of rejuvenation. To our entire school community, have a fantastic summer filled with relaxation, laughter, and fresh starts.

A massive thank you for being part of our school family. Together, we've woven memories that will last a lifetime.

**Wishing all our St. Mark Family
a safe and rest-filled summer!**

We hope to see many of you in September!

Report Card Distribution and Reporting

Final report cards will be released Wednesday 25 June 2025 on PowerSchool at 4:00 pm. Parents can access their child's marks and final grades there. If you are having trouble with your account, you can contact the Help-Desk by going to the front page (<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/home.html>) and use the "Contact Us" button.

If you have any questions regarding your child's marks, please look to PowerSchool first. If there are still further questions, please email your child's teacher or leave a message on our voice mail **prior to 2:00 pm Thursday 26 June 2025**. Please note that St. Mark will be closed on Thursday 26 June from 11:00-2:00 for a staff farewell celebration. Teachers will be returning calls prior to leaving for their summer break. All inquiries after this time will be addressed in the fall.

Office Closure and Summer Contacts

Please be advised of the following office schedule updates:

- The office will be closed on Thursday (26 June 2025) from approximately 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for a staff event. **Kindly leave a message on our voicemail or email the school or specific teacher prior to 2:00 pm if you require a response before the summer break.**
- **The office will closed for summer vacation on Thursday, 26 June 2025, at 3:00 pm.** Messages will not be retrieved during the summer break. In case of urgency or emergencies, please contact our division offices at 780-441-6000, and they will ensure a prompt message delivery. Any emails sent to the school (StMark@ecsd.net) after 26 June 2025 will be addressed in late August.
- Information and invitations for the 2025-2026 school year will be sent out by the end of August **via email**. We will also post information on our website under our Weekly Update page.
- The office will reopen for new registrations and inquiries towards the end of August (tentatively planned 25 August 2025).

Confirmed Staffing Changes

With the end of every school year, change is inevitable, including transitions within our St. Mark family. We want to express our gratitude to the staff who will embark on new journeys next school year:

- Ms. Sheila Smolak
- Mrs. Geraldine Korbisser
- Ms. Kristine Maudsley

We wish Mrs. Korbisser much happiness as she retires from Edmonton Catholic Schools after supporting many students through learning challenges, English Language Learning and keeping the Lion's Den library collection in great order. You will be missed, but know that your legacy will live on here!

As we step into the upcoming school year, we are excited to welcome new members to our family, particularly with the addition of a second Generations classroom this fall.

- Ms. Cori Pullan
- Ms. Jacqueline Mundell
- Ms. Kimberley Clarke
- Mr. John McNeill
- Ms. Olga Reis dos Santos
- Ms. Michele Marchuk
- Ms. Morili Olatundun
- Mr. Rajindra Acharya

A warm welcome to our new staff! We look forward to having you join this wonderful family we call St. Mark.

Classroom Assignment and Classroom Requests

Homeroom classrooms and class lists are carefully crafted, taking into consideration various factors such as learning needs, student abilities, school population, and budget constraints. This results in class lists and configurations that evolve, sometimes even in the initial days of the school year.

If you have a preference for your child to be placed in a particular class, you can submit a letter outlining the **educational reasons** to the school. **Please note that requests for changes to classroom assignments will not be considered prior to 15 September 2025.** Your understanding and cooperation in this process are greatly appreciated.

School Supplies 2025-2026

Our school supply list is posted on our website (<https://stmark.ecsd.net/school-supplies>). **St. Mark supports the reuse and recycling of previous years' school supplies that are in good condition.**

School Schedule Information 2025-2026

Information for the 2025-2026 school year is tentatively set. Below (or with this [link](#)) is the division calendar for your information.

ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



First Day of Operation
August 28, 2025
First Day of Instruction
September 2, 2025
Last Day of Instruction
June 23, 2026
Last Day of Operation
June 24, 2026

Labour Day	Sept 1
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13
Remembrance Day/Fall Brk	Nov 10-12
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22 to Jan 2
Family Day	Feb 16
Faith Development Day/PD	Feb 25
Teachers' Convention	Feb 26-27
Spring Break	Mar 30 to Apr 6
Good Friday	Apr 3
Easter Monday	Apr 6
Victoria Day Weekend	May 15-18

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- Non-instructional day
- Non-operational day
- Cancellation of early dismissal
- Early dismissal
- Statutory Holiday - Office/School Closed
- Named Holiday - Office/School Closed

MONTH	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	2	0
September	20	20
October	22	22
November	17	17
December	15	15
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	20	20
April	18	18
May	19	19
June	18	17
Total	190	184

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Our class times for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- **Grades 7-9**
 - **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday**
 - First Bell - 8:15
 - Block 1 - 8:25-9:18
 - Block 2 - 9:20-10:08
 - Locker Break - 10:08-10:12
 - Block 3 - 10:13-11:01
 - Block 4 - 11:03-11:51
 - Lunch and Recess Break - 11:51-12:36
 - Block 5 - 12:36-13:24 (1:24 pm)
 - Block 6 - 13:26-14:14 (1:25-2:14 pm)
 - Block 7 - 14:16-15:04 (2:15-3:04 pm)
 - **Thursday**
 - First Bell - 8:15
 - Block 1 - 8:25-9:18
 - Block 2 - 9:20-10:08
 - Locker Break - 10:08-10:12
 - Block 3 - 10:13-11:01
 - Block 4 - 11:03-11:57
- **Generations**
 - **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday**
 - Morning Classes - 8:25-11:50
 - Lunch and Recess - 11:50-12:30
 - Afternoon Classes - 12:30-14:47 (2:47 pm)
 - **Thursday**
 - Morning Classes - 8:25-11:44

Our school PD days and Student-led Conferences have also been tentatively set:

- School PD - NO CLASSES - 1 October 2025
- Student-led Conferences (Parent/Student/Teacher) - 27 November 2025
- School PD - NO CLASSES - 29 January 2026
- Student-led Conferences (Parent/Student/Teacher) - 19 March 2026
- School PD - NO CLASSES - 23 April 2026

Please look to your email in late August for more information on the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Recreation Academy Fee Schedule

A reminder the our recreation academy students that the fee schedule for payment deadlines are:

- Initial Deposit at time of application - \$300
 - \$150 dollars is non-refundable due to pre-bookings for the first month of school.
- Second Payment - DUE 3 October 2025 - \$450
- Third Payment - DUE 16 January 2026 - \$300

- Final Payment - DUE 13 March 2026 - \$450

Should an alternative schedule need to be made, please contact school administration to arrange a payment schedule.

Students' Prayer, as we begin Summer Vacation

Dear Jesus, sometimes it's easy to be lazy in the summer. We don't have homework, our schedules are easier, and we have time to do what we want. Help us to see that time is a gift we're called to use wisely. Help us remember what we learned this year, to nurture the friendships we made, to be good helpers around the house and yard, and to see every moment as a prayer if we offer it up to You.

Amen



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