

From: [St. Mark Catholic Junior High](#)
To:
Subject: St. Mark Weekly Update - 3 September 2025
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 4:31:05 PM

WARNING: This email originated outside of ECSD. DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear St. Mark Families:

If you require a translation of this document, please copy and paste this email into <https://www.deepl.com/translator> or [Google Translate](#).

- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - Amharic.pdf](#) :
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - Filipino.pdf](#) : *Para sa pagsasalin sa Filipino, mangyaring tingnan ang dokumentong ito.*
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - French.pdf](#) : *Pour la traduction française, voir ce document.*
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - Korean.pdf](#) : 한국어 번역은 이 문서를 참조하세요.
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - Spanish.pdf](#) : *Para la traducción al español, consulte este documento.*
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - Tigrinya.pdf](#) :
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 2025 - Ukrainian.pdf](#) : *Український переклад див. у цьому документі.*
- [Weekly Update 3 Sept 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.

Please note: All translations made through Google Translate.

Good afternoon and welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

We were excited to meet our students this week. Yesterday, our new grade 7s were busy learning the school, meeting new friends and getting used to a combination lock. Today, we welcomed new and old students to grades 8 and 9. The gym was a buzz of student excitement and nervousness as we shared their new classes with them.

Our student numbers are still being confirmed; therefore, we may see some shifting and moving in the first week or two. Families will be advised should a change occur.

We would invite our families to Meet the Teacher BBQ on Thursday 18 September 2025. Due to construction still being finished, we are moving our BBQ to later in the month. Please see

the invitation below.



Here are our activities to note for the next week:

- Thursday 4 September – Regular Grades 7, 8 and 9 attend school
- Thursday 4 September – Generations (special class) Grade 9 only attend class.
- Friday 5 September – All students attend class for the regular time.
- Wednesday 10 September – First hot lunch from St. Joseph High School Culinary Program

Students Reading and Books

Because our library system is not yet ready for students to check out schoolbooks, we are

asking that families please send students with something to read over the next week or two (2). Our local Edmonton Public Library can also be accessed to check for books – membership is FREE if you are a resident of Edmonton. You can sign up at your local library or online at <https://cam.epl.ca/>

Edmonton Transit Student Arc Cards

The Ride Transit Program provides greater access to transit for individuals and families in Edmonton. Through a partnership with the Government of Alberta, this program offers a reduced-cost Arc card to eligible low-income Edmontonians.

The subsidized ARC card fare cap is reduced to \$36 or \$51, depending on eligibility (regular student fare cap is \$66).

Applications are currently taking up to 3 months to process. Conditional approval for the Ride Transit Program may be granted by booking an appointment and handing in your application and all supporting documents in person. Otherwise, the fastest way to have the completed application reviewed is by dropping off the application at Edmonton Tower, 2nd floor, mail slot near the ETS Lost and Found:

Edmonton Tower, 2nd Floor
10111 104 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB, T5J 0J4

Applications can also be mailed to this address or dropped off at any city rec centre.

- Book an appointment: https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/esc/in-person-ride-transit-appointment (application form must be completed ahead of time!)
- Application guide: <https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/LeisureAccessRideTransitApplicationInformation.pdf>
- Application: <https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/LeisureAccessApplicationForm.pdf?cb=1756911515>

You can also phone 311 with any questions.

If you already have been approved for the Ride Transit Program but need an ARC card for your student:

- Phone 311 to confirm they are already on your application.
- Go to Edmonton Tower or the following city rec centres to pick up their card:
Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre, Clareview Community Recreation Centre, Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre, The Meadows Community Recreation Centre.

Applicants who apply for the Ride Transit programs are automatically assessed for the Leisure Access Program. The Leisure Access Program (LAP) allows eligible low income Edmontonians access to the City of Edmonton recreation facilities and attractions at a free or reduced cost. More information here: https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/leisure-access-program

If you would like help filling out this application, please contact our school liaison worker

(FSLW), Molly Siebenga, at the school during school hours.

Athletics

Soccer & Volleyball

Welcome parents to St. Mark athletics 2025-2026 Season. The new year brings new nerves and excitement regarding try-outs and participation in extra-curricular sports.

Before every season, a sign-up for try-outs will be posted outside of Mr. Ferzli's door. Please have your child sign up and be sure to watch for try-out dates posted in the hallways and on the hallway screens. Soccer try-outs will begin immediately next week and volleyball shortly after.

Due to Alberta Bill 29, there are some changes to all-female sports. Those students wanting to try out for an all-female team will have further information shared with them prior to tryouts. For more information, please visit our division website [AP 308](#).

2025-2026 New Staff

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

- Mr. Rajindra Acharya
- Ms. Kimberley Clarke
- Ms. Jacqueline Mundell
- Ms. Cori Pullan
- Mr. John McNeill
- Ms. Olga Reis dos Santos
- Ms. Jennelyn Sacman (starting Friday)

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

We also wish to extend a big thank you to Ms. Tania Guzman (TAOT) who has moved to a new opportunity outside of ECSD. Her dedication and commitment to our students, particularly in Generations, over the past years has been a gift to the school. Thank you and all the best in your new endeavours.

2025-2026 School Times

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

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 prefer 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 Fees

School fees will be made available on PowerSchool on or after 15 September. Option classes will be available once all students have their options confirmed (end of September). Payments are requested to be made in PowerSchool. If this is not an option for your family, please bring cash only to the office during the hours of 9:00 to 3:30.

Please note these fees pay for items that students use/consume which is a cost to the school. Fees can also be paid in installments over the course of the year. If your family requires support in these fees, please contact the office to discuss payment options.

Recreation Academy Fee Schedule

A reminder 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.

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



The mission of St. Mark Catholic Junior High School is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to pursue excellence as they imagine, create, transform, achieve, and celebrate their individual potential and unique gifts given to them by God.

Edmonton Catholic Schools would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact Edmonton Catholic Schools directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.