



Month At A Glance - Katherine Therrien SEPTEMBER	
Sept 16th	Picture Day- Individual Picture
Sept 19th	Meet the teacher night at 6 pm
Sept 24th	Cross Country Run AGM for School Council- Come one, come all! 6:30 pm
Sept 25th	Opening Mass at 9 am
Sept 26th	Terry Fox Run
Sept 27th	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	No School- Truth and Reconciliation

Message from the Principal

Dear Katherine Therrien Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Katherine Therrien. We are ready and eager to start our year of learning together. A special welcome to all the new families and staff members who are joining our community this year. The Division theme reminds us to remain hopeful and rooted in our faith as we begin our school year. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. --Romans 15:13

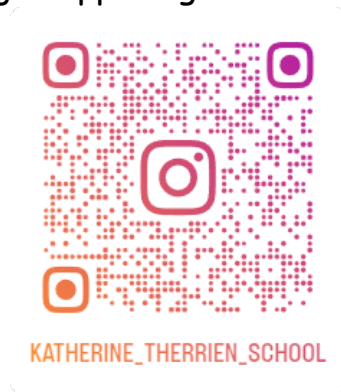
Have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Menard & Miss Ward

Information From the Office

Instagram

Please follow Katherine Therrien's Instagram page. This is a great tool to showcase all the amazing things happening!



School Fees

Payment for school fees are now available on PowerSchool. All payments must be made online through PowerSchool. We are no longer able to accept cash payments. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you!

AfterSchoolProcedures

In keeping with ensuring the safety of our students, all parents have been asked by the teachers to provide pick-up information for example it may be that mom is the main pick-up person, and grandpa is an alternative. It is a good idea to set up a meet-up location with your child so that they know their pick-up person will always be by the basketball court (as an example).

If pick-up information changes on a given day, please ensure you communicate this with the school either by writing a note in your child's agenda or calling the school. This is especially important information for students who take the bus. This year we have one staff member assigned to one bus at the end of the day for attendance purposes. It can lead to long hold-ups for our school buses if we are trying to call to find out if a bus student was picked up by a parent at the end of the day.

We know that emergencies arise, however, we ask that you please attempt to call the office by 2:00 PM on a given day to say that your child will not be taking the bus that day.



Pick Up and Drop Off

Keeping our students safe is a top priority at Katherine Therrien School. With the traffic in the morning from two schools and a child care center housed in our building, we kindly ask that parents:

- **Do not park in the bus loading zone**
- **Do not park in the school parking lot during the day.**
- **We also ask that parents/guardians DO NOT use the parking lot to drop off or pick up their children during school hours (8:00 am to 3:30 pm).**

Our handicap zone is reserved for our families with HANDICAP CHILDREN who have a valid handicap tag displayed.

Volunteers

Volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Form annually. If you plan to volunteer for any school event this year, please complete the form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Forms will be sent home later this week.

School Messenger and Reporting Absences

Edmonton Catholic Schools is using a new school notification system called SchoolMessenger to keep in contact with our families. This system allows the Division and our schools to send important messages quickly. You have received a text message that says, "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger." This means you will receive text messages from your school and our Division. If you want to change how you get these messages, you can contact your school, and they can update your contact information.

Reporting Student Absences

The SchoolMessenger app includes a new system for reporting your child's absences called SafeArrival. SafeArrival is a more efficient way to report student absences. It allows you to report an absence in advance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and helps us reduce the time it takes to confirm your child's attendance. You can report these absences through the mobile app, website, or telephone. You are also still welcome to call your school directly.

Download SafeArrival

To learn how to use the SafeArrival automated system through SchoolMessenger, please visit ecsd.net/reportingabsences. There, you will find step-by-step instructions and a video on downloading and using the app. To ensure easy account setup, please use the same email address and phone number you use for PowerSchool. The SafeArrival system will also be able to notify you quickly in the event of an unexpected absence. This will also be done by email, text, or phone call, and the system will continue to contact you until the absence is explained. We hope this new system will enhance our communication with you and improve the efficiency of our attendance processes. Thank you for your

continued partnership as we strive to provide your child with the best possible Catholic education. Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Medical Information

If your child has a life-threatening or serious medical condition (asthma, diabetes, etc.), please obtain the necessary medical forms so that all staff at the school are aware and able to respond in the event of a medical emergency. If your child requires medication at school, [forms are to be completed by your child's physician every school year](#). These can be obtained from the office as well.

School Council Updates

Dear Katherine Therrien Families,

Join the amazing KT School Council, and help plan amazing experiences for your child/children. On Tuesday, September 24th, we will be having the AGM for the School Council at 6:30 pm. Many hands make light work, and we are hopeful to have the team grow!

Coming home will be an order for Little Ceasars Pizza! See if your family and friends want to order some tasty treats, all while helping to bring funds in for the school!