# St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School





St. Francis Xavier High School is steeped in tradition. "Caritas Christi", or the Love of Christ, has been our school motto since those early days and forms the foundation of the philosophy that we strive to live every day. It involves mutual trust and respect, and the acceptance of responsibility for our actions. St. Francis Xavier strives to provide an environment in which each student can develop his/her spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional potential.



#### **Principal**

Fernando Runco Fernando.Runco@ecsd.net

Grade 10 Assistant Principal Kimberly.Bremault@ecsd.net Grade 11 Assistant Principal Kerri-Ann.Koelmans@ecsd.net Grade 12 Assistant Principal Dana.Hutton@ecsd.net

#### **OUR VALUES**

<u>Mission Statement</u> - The mission of St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to lead with integrity in Christ's values, academics, and athletics by fostering faith, excellence, and sportsmanship.

Charism - Caritas Christi - The Love of Christ

**School Vision** - A Family that Builds Great Wonders



#### **Traffic Construction - 163 st**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well as we begin another exciting school year at St. Francis Xavier.

We want to inform you about the ongoing heavy construction directly in front of the school and on either end of 163rd. Currently, only one lane is open in each direction, which is significantly impacting traffic flow during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, and to help everyone arrive on time, we kindly ask for your cooperation with the following:

Please do not park directly in front of the school before or after school. This area must remain clear to avoid congestion and potential collisions.

We strongly encourage families to drop students off a block or two away from the school. Walking the short distance will help ease traffic, improve safety, and ensure timely arrival.

Keeping the front of the school clear also allows FX staff to access the parking lot, which is currently being blocked by parked vehicles.

We understand that construction can be frustrating, and we appreciate your patience and support as we work together to keep our school community safe and running smoothly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.

# SAFETY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN CONVENIENCE.





#### Principal's Message - Fernando Runco

Dear St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School Community,

As we stand on the threshold of the 2025–26 school year, it is with great joy, anticipation, and a renewed sense of purpose that I welcome you all to another year at St. Francis Xavier – a place where faith, learning, and community come together in meaningful and transformative ways.

Our school motto, Caritas Christi – the Love of Christ – continues to anchor all that we do. It is this guiding light that calls us to foster a culture rooted in compassion, respect, and service, where every student and staff member is empowered to grow in heart, mind, and spirit.

At FX, we are proud to offer a wide range of opportunities that reflect the diverse talents and aspirations of our student body. Through our ongoing faith journey, we come together in Mass, celebration, and daily practice to grow spiritually and deepen our shared commitment to living out Christ's love.

In the classroom, we pursue academic excellence through a dynamic and rigorous curriculum that includes Advanced Placement offerings and academic pathways designed to challenge and inspire. Our specialized Sport Academies in Hockey, Soccer, Golf, and Baseball/Softball continue to provide outstanding programming that nurtures talent and supports a variety of athletic and career pathways.

Our Fine Arts and CTS programs remain a cornerstone of creative expression at FX, allowing students to explore their passions and showcase their talents in innovative ways. Our Athletics program fosters school pride and sportsmanship while developing teamwork and perseverance on and off the field.

Through our Braided Journeys program, we are committed to honoring and integrating Indigenous perspectives into our school community, building deeper cultural understanding and relationships rooted in truth and reconciliation. Student voice remains strong at FX through initiatives such as the Xavier Union and a wide variety of student and staff-led clubs, ensuring every student can find a place where they belong and contribute.

It is a privilege to work alongside an incredible team of Assistant Principals who will continue to support our students at each stage of their high school journey: Kim Bremault for Grade 10, Kerri-Ann Koelmans for Grade 11, and Dana Hutton for Grade 12. Their leadership and care are integral to the success of our school. Our dedicated Faculty Council leads professional growth and innovation in each department, while our School Advisory Council provides essential support and partnership to our school community. Our Learning Support and Student Services teams continue to walk alongside students with compassion, advocacy, and individualized care throughout their high school years.

# Principal's Message - cont.

As we begin this new chapter together, let us move forward with the spirit of Caritas Christi in all our endeavors, lifting one another up, striving for excellence, and embracing the joy and challenges of the journey ahead.

May the Love of Christ fill our hearts and guide our steps. May our school be a place where every person is seen, heard, and valued. May this school year bring abundant blessings, meaningful growth, and the continued

joy of learning in faith and community.

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year at FX!

With faith and gratitude, Fernando Runco, Principal



#### **Class Timetable**



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Block 1	8:15-9:40am	8:15-9:40am	8:15-9:40am	8:15-9:14am	8:15-9:40am
(85 minutes)				(59 minutes)	
Block 2	9:43-11:04am	9:43-11:04am	9:43-11:04am	9:16-10:11am	9:43-11:04am
(81 minutes)				(55 minutes)	
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(28 minutes)					
LUNCH			LUNCH		
11:32-12:12pm			LUNCH		
(40 minutes)					
Block 3	12:14-1:35pm	12:14-1:35pm	12:14-1:35pm	10:13-11:08am	12:14-1:35pm
(81 minutes)				(55 minutes)	
Block 4	1:38-2:59pm	1:38-2:59pm	1:38-2:59pm	11:10-12:05pm	1:38-2:59pm
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#### School Council Meeting AGM - September 18 6:30pm

Our School Council Executive will be hosting our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm in our FX Cafetorium. We are looking to fulfill these positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

Chair: Open Position
Vice Chair: Open Position
Secretary: Open Position
Casino Chair: Open Position



We are looking forward to have our parents be part of this meeting to learn more about our amazing school.

### Post Secondary Evening - September 18 - 7pm

FX will be hosting our very popular Post Secondary Information Parent Evening on Thursday, September 18th at 7pm in FX Cafetorium. This will be a very informative evening will be led by our FX Counselor/ Teacher -Megan Thomas in which parents and students will learn the processes of how to apply to post-secondarinstitutions. If you would like more information about this evening, please contact our – Megan Thomas

(Megan.Thomas@ecsd.net).

## Student/Parent Handbook

Please click on the link below to review our 2025-2026 Parent/Student Handbook.

You will learn about:

- Student Fee Schedule
- Book Store Information
- Student School Information
- Student Services
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities
- Emergency Procedures
- Student Responsibilities such as Student Code of Conduct Policy
- Attendance
- · Assessment Policy & Academic Integrity
- Course information
- Diploma Requirements
- Counselling Program
- School Council



https://stfrancisxavier.ecsd.net/student-parent-handbook

### **Attendance Policy**

#### **FX Student Attendance**

Student attendance is critical to a student's academic success. In accordance with section 7 of the Education Act, regular school attendance is required and expected of all students from the age of 6 to 16, although this policy applies to all students at St. Francis Xavier. Supporting student attendance is a shared responsibility shared by the school, the teacher, the student, and the parent/guardian and the community.

The responsibility for regular attendance lies with the student and the parent. Students must also accept the consequences of their actions should they choose not to fulfill this responsibility. Students have an obligation to contribute to, as well as benefit from, the learning experience. Irregular attendance curtails a student's ability to contribute and often hinders the progress of the class.

Excused Absence - home and school agree that absences are acceptable, thus excusable. Examples may include: personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, pre-approved family vacation, approved cooperative work programs, field trips, suspensions, and more. Unexcused Absence – This refers to instances where a student may have missed class without a valid reason. While a student's home may consider this absence justifiable, the school does not view it as acceptable. To avoid confusion, it's advisable to verify any questionable absences with the school in advance.

Students of St. Francis Xavier has the academic responsibility to:

- · Regularly attend class punctually with the necessary materials to be successful
- Demonstrate strong effective study habits
- · Participate fully and complete any assessments to the best of their ability
- · Refrain from any academic plagiarism or cheating

Work is expected to be submitted on the due date posted on the Google Classroom or in PowerSchool (as per St. Francis Xavier Assessment Policy)

**Student Responsibility** 

- Attend each class registered in and attend punctually.
- In all absences, it is the responsibility of the student to check google classroom, approach and/or email the teacher and inquire what materials/homework were assigned during the absence, and to complete the missed work in timelines agreed upon by both parties.
- If the student knows in advance, that they will be away for a scheduled exam for a legitimate reason, the student will alert the teacher beforehand.

Students are expected to not exceed a 10% Unexcused attendance rate. If 10% is exceeded:

Students may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities

Students may not be permitted to retake the course if they fail at FX

Students have two opportunities to complete an assessment after initially missing it. These opportunities are available during Flex time or Friday Exam Hall. However, students are not permitted to use this option if there is a pattern of missed assessments or classes.

Students may be placed on an attendance contract outlining expectations for attendance.

A parent/student meeting may be booked to address attendance concerns.

#### Attendance Policy - cont.

Vacations (2 weeks or more)

Students are responsible for informing the teacher in advance and picking up a vacation form from the main office.

Students are responsible for completing missed major assignments and assessments upon return in a timely manner

This will be agreed upon with the teacher's discretion

If a student is going to be away for longer than 6 weeks, there will be a discussion with the Grade Coordinator Assistant Principal that an alternative form of education may be required.

Teacher/Grade Coordinator Responsibility

Attendance serves as an official record, and it is the teacher's professional responsibility to accurately document it.

1. Teacher/Student Meeting (prior to 5 absences or 7% absent)

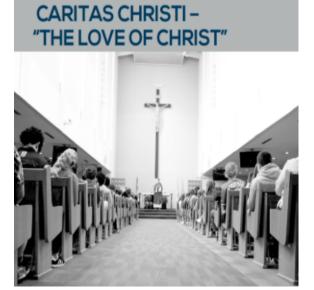
The teacher will review a copy of this attendance policy with the student and direct him or her to take it home to be reviewed with a parent or guardian.

2. Parent Contacted by Teacher (5-7 absences or 10% absent)

The teacher will contact the parent and affirm that information regarding the students' attendance and progress has been received.

- 3. Administrative or Guidance Referral #1 (8-10 absences)
- a. If contacting home does not reduce the AU, the teacher will alert the Grade Level Coordinator.
  - i. A meeting will occur between parents, student and grade coordinator to:
- 1. Review previous attempts at contact and interventions
- 2. Outline consequences
- 3. Develop a plan for resolution (attendance contract)
- 4. Keep weekly attendance review and monitor student progress
- 4. Administrative or Guidance Referral #2 (behavior has not changed after previous meeting)
- b. If attempts at remediation have not improved, an administrator will take action to bring an abrupt change to students' behavior. This could include:
- o Outline and create an attendance contract to be signed by parents and student
- o Daily attendance monitoring
- o Class withdrawal
- o Alternative Education





## **Cell Phone Policy**

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I want to inform you about the use of personal mobile devices and social media in our school. These updates are in alignment with Alberta Education's announcement to limit distractions in classrooms across the province. A personal mobile device is any device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet and includes:

- · Cellphones
- Tablets
- Laptops
- Smartwatches

#### **General Restrictions**

No Use of Personal Mobile Devices During Instructional Time



Students will not be allowed to use personal mobile devices during instructional time UNLESS approved for use by the teacher (ie. A chromebook brought from home to be used for education purposes). We encourage students to bring their Chromebooks or laptops to school to be used for their education provided they can be used properly and responsibly.

#### **Devices Must Be Silent or Powered Off and Stored Away**

If students bring personal mobile devices to school, they must be kept silent or turned off and stored in their locker or in their bag unless being used for an educational purpose as directed by their teacher. If your child does not have a locker assigned, please ask them to come see their Cohort Assistant Principal (Grade Coordinator).

#### No Access to Social Media

Students will not be able to access social media on school networks or school devices. Known social media sites will continue to be blocked from Division networks.

#### **Exceptions**

Students who require personal mobile devices for health reasons or specialized learning needs can coordinate with school administration to receive appropriate accommodations. Exceptions will be made to ensure that these students have the necessary tools to support their well-being and educational requirements.

#### **Consequences**

A. First Offense: The cell phone or personal device will be powered off and put away and the student will be sent to their Grade Coordinator. An email will be sent home to parents notifying them of the infraction and then the future consequence of a subsequent suspension. Log entry will be made by the Grade Coordinator. If immediate cooperation does not occur, other consequences will be put in place.

<u>B. Second Offense</u> (Automatic one (1) day Suspension following the infraction) If a student refuses to follow the rules listed above, consequences will be immediate.

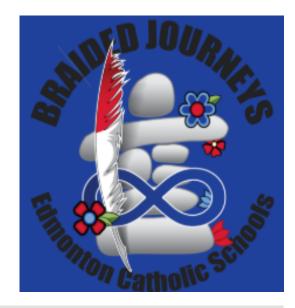
As we get ready for the first day of classes, I encourage you to discuss these changes with your child and help them understand the importance of minimizing distractions during school hours. Please contact the school office if you need to reach your child during school hours.

We understand this may be an adjustment, and we appreciate your understanding as we work together to make this a successful school year for everyone. More information can be found on our website, ecsd.net/devices.

https://stfrancisxavier.ecsd.net/cell-phone-policy

#### **Braided Journeys**

Braided Journeys programming is intended to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth to become leaders of character, vision and action. FNMI youth are provided multi-component, culturally-based programs that challenge their creativity, build on their skill set, and increase their support network. In addition, youth have the opportunity to develop citizenship skills, thus enhancing self-esteem and confidence. Participants also gain skills from a variety of cultural and leadership activities.









### **Student Services**

At St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School, our Student Services Department is supported by a team of specialized staff members who are dedicated to assisting students with academic, emotional, spiritual, social, economic, and psychological needs. We are fortunate to have such an exceptional team providing guidance and support to help our students thrive in all aspects of their lives.

# STUDENT SERVICES

Position	Name		
Counsellor	Megan Thomas (Student Services Office)		
Social Worker/FSLW	Megan Edmonds and Robel Araya		
SRO	Cst. Jody Coughlan (Student Services Office)		
Instructional Coaches	Barbara Macknight and Alecia Stefaniw (Office in Learning Centre)		
Braided Journeys	Kathy Davis (Braided Journeys room, next to cafe ramp)		
EAL Designate	Alena Pavone (Student Services Office)		
Graduation Coach	Jocelyn Chong (office upstairs to right of main staircase)		
Athletics Director	Helena Parker (office in main gym)		



## September Message from Chief Superintendent Anderson



Read the full message

Here.

https://www.ecsd.net/29c53358fc3a-4ea5-9f12-b89ac5ab2733





Chief Superintendent Anderson's September message is posted on the ECSD website and can be found through the link below:

#### Meet Our Staff

We are excited to welcome all students, parents, and families to a new school year at FX! Our dedicated staff is ready to walk alongside our students as they grow in faith, learning, and school life experiences. Together, we will continue building a vibrant and supportive community where every student feels a sense of belonging and purpose. With faith at the center of all we do, we look forward to the many opportunities ahead to learn, celebrate, and grow together. Here's to a wonderful year filled with connection, discovery, and success!



# Meet Our Staff

FX STAFF LIST 2025-2026							
NAME	NAME	NAME					
ADMINISTRATION	TEACHERS con't.	OUT OF SCOPE					
Runco, Fernando (Principal)	Sanregret, Warren (Hockey	Anderson, Karissa (Fitness					
(	Academy Director)	Instructor)					
Bremault, Kim (AP/Gr. 10's)	Schwarz, Nicholas	Araya, Robel (FSLW)					
Hutton, Dana (AP/Gr. 12's)	Stefaniw, Alecia (IC)	Coughlan, Jody (SRO)					
Koelmans, Kerri-Ann (AP/Gr. 11's)	Stefaniw, Marko (IA)	Davis, Kathy (BJ)					
	Stephens, Ryan (DH Rel)	Edmond, Megan (FSLW)					
	Thomas, Joshua	Spencer, Leanna (Manager)					
Abbott, Daniel	Thomas, Megan (Counselor)	Wade, Danielle (FSLW)					
Bacinski, Catherine	Vandevalk, Phillip	Wolansky, Brad (Baseball Academy Director)					
Bauer, Darrin (Work Ex.)	Williams, Lauren						
Bober, Angie	Wojcicki, Nathaniel						
Boulton, Kathy (DH Science)	Yarovenko-Szewczuk, Thea (Art)						
Bunch, Jordan	Yen, Josh (DH Social)	A					
Chong, Jocelyn (Grad Coach)	Zipp, Stephen (HP Hockey)	Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Window					
Crowley, Jesse	Kumblathan, Kathy (WIN)						
Dubon Chanchan, Ethan							
Dvorak, Joe (DH English)							
Farish, Brad							
Fehr, Brandise							
Fiorillo, Tina							
Fritz, Francesca (Baseball)	SUPPORT STAFF						
Gnutel, Ulana (DH Math)	Afsar Khan, Samia						
Gouveia-Parker, Helena (DH PE/A)	Bertrand, Maureen						
Greschner, Ben (DH CTS)	Chan, Petrina						
Hobbs, Narda	Dozorec, Stacey						
Johns, Dylan (Music)	Durocher, Vanessa						
King, Sandra (DH AP)	Kuthokathan, Julie						
Kohn, Zach	Omosebi, Bosede						
Leblanc, Tammy	Owolabi, Monsurat						
Leonard, Brendan	Pal, Laurie						
Lintz, John	Palahniuk, Monica (Head)						
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McInnes, Seaghda	Wei, Charlene						
Mills, Hailey (Drama)	CUSTODIAL STAFF						
Milne, Andrea	Henault, Christine						
Motkoski, Lucas	Lubieniecki, Eddie						
Nordhagen, Jennifer	Nataee, Fekadu						
Olson, Breana	Palisoc, Gerardo (Head)						
Ostapowicz, Olivia	Woyessa, Mekedash						
Pavone, Alena (EAL Designate)	CAFÉ						
Peters, Fergal (Soccer Academy	Luckzkweicz, Marta						
Director)							
Pinto, Nancy	BUS DRIVERS						
Poplawski, Nicole	Blaney, Calvin						
Posteraro, Jeremy (Golf Academy Director)	Lehodey, Francois						
Raposo, Richard	Manhas, Renu						

# September Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	Gr. 10 Orientation No School for Gr. 11/12	First Day of School for all Grades	4	5	6	7
Gr. 12 Assembly	Gr. 11 Assembly	Gr. 10 Assembly	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 School Council AGM Meeting-6:30pm Post Secondary Parent Evening-7pm	19	20	21
NAIT Info Session during lunch	Concordia Info Session during lunch	24	25 Grant MacEwan Info Session during lunch	FX BOOM VB Tournament	FX BOOM VB Tournament	28
29	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day-No School					





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