

Weekly Newsletter

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Upper School Canoe Trip

Upper School completed another successful canoe trip down the Red Deer River! Students in Grades 9 to 12 worked together to make sure everyone was comfortable and happy during the trip. Thursday was a rainy day, which resulted in quite a few cold students (and Mr. Cartwright). Cooking lunch on the banks of the river was less than ideal that day, but spirits remained high. Excellent work to all participants. Hold your heads high for completing a rough and rugged journey.



Elementary Cross Country

Our first cross country race for Grades 1 to 6 students is taking place next Wednesday, September 23, at St. Mary's School in Okotoks. We have a total of 34 excited participants who signed up this year! Registration is now closed, as totals have been submitted to the hosting schools. Students will begin practicing during part of their lunch hour on Mondays and Fridays with the first practice occurring this Friday. Our second race is coming up on Wednesday, October 7, at Good Shepherd School in Okotoks. Go Eagles, Go!

Open House/Family Picnic

On Wednesday, September 23, from 6:00-7:30PM, we are excited to once again be hosting an Open House and Family Picnic for our students and their families. If you wish to participate in the Family Picnic, please bring a nut-free potluck item to share, as well as any necessary serving utensils. The school will provide plates, cups, and eating utensils. We also suggest bringing a picnic blanket and/or lawn chairs, as well as plenty of water or juice. In the event of poor weather, please bring your potluck items to the K/1 building (the building attached to the back of the main gymnasium).

There will be some carnival-style activities for the children (and children at heart!) to participate in, and plenty of time for parents, students and staff to mix and mingle. In the event of poor weather, these activities will take place in the main gymnasium.

Please come with your child(ren) and take a look at their classroom and what they have been working on for the first few weeks of school. Teachers will be available in their classrooms as follows:

Lower School Teachers: 6:00-6:30

Middle School Teachers: 6:30-7:00

Upper School Teachers: 7:00-7:30

Be sure to stop by and pick up an Edison Scavenger Hunt when you arrive, and try your best to complete as much as possible. Before you leave, drop off your completed sheets for a chance to win some prizes! We hope to see you all there!

2025/2026 Yearbooks

A few extra yearbooks are still available for purchase. If your child would like one, please send \$50 by e-transfer to office@edisonschool.ca, or have them bring in \$50 cash. Yearbooks can be picked up in Ms. Armstrong's room in the Lower School.

Uniform Office

The Uniform Office is open Mondays and Wednesdays, but requests can be made anytime at uniforms@edisonschool.ca.



Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox was 18 years old when he was diagnosed with bone cancer in his right leg. He had his leg amputated 15 cm above the knee, and while going through this, he decided to help raise money for cancer research by running across Canada. He started his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, in St. John's, Newfoundland. On September 1, 1980, Terry had to quit his run as the cancer returned. He ended his run in Thunder Bay, Ontario, after completing 5,373 km. He died in 1981. The school library has books and a video about the Terry Fox story. To show support for a true Canadian hero, we participate in the annual school Terry Fox Run. **Our official Terry Fox Run Day will be on September 25 at 10:30AM.** Students are encouraged to 'bring a twonie for Terry' as a donation to cancer research. Our school goal is \$600, or approximately \$2 per student. Please email your student's homeroom teacher for further information.

Grade 4 Field Trip

On Friday, September 18, the Grade 4 students will be visiting OH Ranch in Longview as part of our study of Alberta's land. We will be leaving school promptly at 8:40AM and returning by 3PM. All children will need to bring a snack, bagged lunch, and water (please bring enough water for the whole day). Sturdy footwear is required and children are encouraged to dress western. Depending on the weather, please ensure that your child has a rain jacket, hat, bug spray, sunscreen, or mitts. Since OH Ranch is a working ranch, there will be exposure to animals and hay, etc. If your child has allergies related to these or anything similar, please ensure their allergy medication is at hand and that their homeroom teacher is aware.

Middle School Field Trip

Please mark your calendars! Students in Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be visiting Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site on Monday, October 5. This will be an all-day trip and more details will be sent home soon!

Unlock Your Potential: The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Looking to build life skills, make a difference in your community, and push your limits? The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a globally recognized program for youth aged 14 to 24 designed to empower you to set goals, track your progress, and get recognized for your achievements outside the classroom.

Edison School is proud to have both current and former students who have achieved Duke of Edinburgh Awards at all levels.

How it Works:

Participants design their own program across three progressive levels:

Bronze: Entry at age 14+ (takes a minimum of 6 months)

Silver: Entry at age 15+ (takes a minimum of 6 to 12 months)

Gold: Entry at age 16+ (takes a minimum of 12 to 18 months)

The Core Sections:

For each level, participants set personal goals across key areas:

Volunteering: Serve your community and support causes you care about.

Physical Recreation: Improve health and fitness through sport or dance.

Skills: Learn or develop a new practical, creative, or social hobby.

Adventurous Journey: Plan, train for, and execute an outdoor expedition.

Gold Residential: A 5-day shared project away from home (Gold level only).

Whether you're aiming to boost university and scholarship applications, gain confidence, or try something new, the Award lets you earn recognition for activities you might already be doing. If you have already started or registered, please speak with Mr. Tonak so we have a record of what level you are working toward achieving.

