

# Edmonton Classical Academy

## School Council Newsletter

November 2025

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### Message from the School Council

#### ECA Winter Concert – Important Details & Ticket Information

We are excited to share that our ECA Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 17 in the ECA gym. We look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating our students and the music program at ECA.

##### Performance Times

- K–3: Doors open at 2:00 PM, performance begins at 2:30 PM
- Grades 4–9: Doors open at 3:30 PM, performance begins at 4:00 PM  
Students are asked to wear their formal uniforms.

##### Ticket Information

Each family may reserve up to 2 tickets at \$10 each during the initial release.

Students and siblings do not require tickets.

Tuesday, December 9, is the final day to secure your guaranteed family tickets.

On Wednesday, December 10, all remaining tickets will open to all families with no purchase limit, pending availability.

👉 [Ticket link:](#)

Full ticketing details were released separately, and families are encouraged to secure their tickets promptly.

##### Parking

Our friendly neighbors at Refinery Church have graciously offered their parking lot for families attending the concert. Please use their lot or nearby street parking, as the school parking lot will not be available during the K–3 performance to avoid interfering with pickup and bussing.

##### Additional Notes

- Grade 6 students will not be performing in this concert; they will have a separate Band Showcase later this year.
- Students not enrolled in music class will participate in the Spring Concert.
- If your child will not be participating in the Winter Concert, please notify Mr. Steeves and the school office so we can update bus lists and supervision plans.
- Students performing in the 4–9 show will remain at school after dismissal and will not take the bus home beforehand. Please send extra snacks or lunch for those staying after school.

- We will also be seeking parent volunteers for set-up, decorating, and student supervision. Volunteer sign-up information will be included in the full concert communication.

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## Council Meetings

Mark your calendars, everyone is welcome to attend!

- **Thursday, December 18, 2025**
- **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**
- **Thursday, February 19, 2026**
- **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**
- **Thursday, April 16, 2026**
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**
- **Thursday, June 18, 2026**

Meetings alternate monthly between Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Please join us to hear updates, share ideas, and connect.

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## Get Involved – Join a Committee!

Whether you can volunteer once a month or once a year, there's a spot for you!

**1-hour helpers:** Hot lunch or PlayPod support.

**Creative planners:** Join Events or Festivals Committees.

**Organizers welcome:** We're seeking a **chair for the Minor Repairs, Playground and Playpod Committees**

**Communications:** Share updates and keep families informed and connected.

Anya Yahnishchak

**Festivals Committee:** Help plan and run fun seasonal school festivals (2 every year - Winter and Spring).

Maria Laura Giordani, Anya Yahnishchak

**Playground Committee:** Planning and fundraising efforts for a future playground.

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**Playpod Committee:** Running and maintenance of the playpod.

Kelsa Unruh

**Library Committee:** Help with organizing library initiatives.

Rhamona Barber

**Events Committee:** Help plan extra events outside of the festivals (Mother-Son Kickball, Father-Daughter Dance, and more!)

Meagan Jakubec

**Teachers & School Support Committee:** Coordinate appreciation efforts and classroom support.

Faith Bodnarek, Colyssa Stoik

**School Concerts Committee:** Support with school concerts.

Oksana Shyshyna

**Grant Writing Committee:** Help identify and apply for funding opportunities.

Jeff Jakubec

**Movie & Games Committee:** Help organize and run movie nights and fun family game events.

Simran Chawla

**Hot Lunch Committee:** Help run the school's hot lunch program.

Busi Mangena

**School Minor Repairs Committee:** Assist with small improvement projects around the school.

Currently No Chair - apply by [clicking here](#)

## NEW Volunteer Opportunity

Our art teacher could use a few extra hands in the classroom! If you love art, enjoy working with kids, and have a knack for staying organized, we'd love your help.

Volunteers will assist with:

- Classroom set-up and clean-up
- Supporting students during class projects
- Organizing and packaging art materials so everything is ready for students to dive in and get creative!
- Each day is divided into two time slots — you can sign up for one or both if you're available for a full-day commitment.

Parents of younger students are also very welcome to help, especially if you have a passion for art and want to contribute to a fun, creative environment!

If you are able to help - sign up [HERE!](#)

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## Upcoming Events & Dates

Date	Time	Event	Details
December 17th, 2025	TBD	Winter Concert	<p><b>K-3:</b> Doors open at 2:00 PM, performance begins at 2:30 PM</p> <p><b>Grades 4-9:</b> Doors open at 3:30 PM, performance begins at 4:00 PM</p> <p>Students are asked to wear their formal uniforms.</p> <p>Buy Tickets <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
December 18th, 2025	6:00PM	School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings	<p>Monthly School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings. Everyone is welcome!</p> <p><b>Do you have a topic, idea, or question you'd like to bring forward to the School Council?</b></p> <p>Please submit it <a href="#">HERE</a>. Requests will be reviewed by the School Council Executive and Principal to determine whether the item will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda.</p> <p>You'll be notified if your item is selected or if it requires follow-up outside of the meeting.</p>

January 31, 2026 (tentatively)	12 PM - 4 PM	Winter Fair	Pinocchio-themed Winter Fair filled with creative activities, festive treats, and heartwarming school-community fun - <i>more detailed coming soon!</i>
February 20th, 2026	TBD	Father Daughter Dance	Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information on this event.

## Active Fundraisers:

### Skip the Depot - Bottle Donation Pick-up

Turn your empties into school support — from your doorstep!

Download the **Skip the Depot** app or visit [skipthedeport.com](http://skipthedeport.com), create an account, and select *Edmonton Classical Academy School Council* as your charity.

Your refundable bottles are picked up and credited directly to the school — no trip required!

### Mabels Labels - Year Round Label Fundraiser

Keep your kids' items out of lost-and-found while giving back to the school!

Visit [mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca) and choose *Edmonton Classical Academy School Council* from the fundraising list before checkout. A portion of every order goes directly to ECA initiatives.

Perfect for water bottles, uniforms, and gear!

### Healthy Hunger

We have added 3 new healthy hunger lunches! The new ones are indicated in red in the image below. To participate, please visit [HEALTHY HUNGER](http://HEALTHY HUNGER) to create an account and place your lunch orders for your kiddos.

If you are able to volunteer to help distribute the lunches please sign up [HERE](#)



### General Donations

Can't volunteer or participate in fundraisers right now? You can still help! While we're not able to issue tax receipts at this time, **every dollar directly supports school initiatives** such as classroom enhancements, library growth, and playground planning.

**Ways to Give:**

- e-Transfer: treasurer@ecaegschoolcouncil.com
- Online: [Zeffy](#)
- Cash or cheque: payable to *ECA Fundraising Society* via school office

Thank you for helping us continue to build a vibrant, well-supported school community!

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## Casino Volunteer Update — One Spot Left!

We have just one remaining volunteer position to fill for our upcoming Casino fundraiser:

**Evening General Manager**

**Friday, March 14  
7:45 PM – 3:30 AM**

If you're able to take on this important role, please let us know — it would be a huge help to the school.

We're also building a waitlist of backup volunteers, in case we have last-minute cancellations. If you're open to being a backup, we'd love to add your name.

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to support this major fundraiser for our school community!

If you're available or willing to be a backup, please sign up below:

👉 [Sign Up for March 14](#)  
👉 [Sign Up for March 15](#)

Thank you for helping us reach our goal and supporting our school community — we couldn't do it without you!

Warmly,  
Laura Milroy  
*ECA Casino Director*

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## Stay Connected

Council Email: [scchair@ecaegschoolcouncil.com](mailto:scchair@ecaegschoolcouncil.com)

Telegram: Join our parent community chat for updates and reminders.

Website: [www.ecaegschoolcouncil.com](http://www.ecaegschoolcouncil.com)