

## Edmonton Catholic Schools – Alternative Education Monthly Update

**Month:** December

### PASS

Important Dates	Key Information	Contact
January 13	Semester 2 Registration Opens	Email: <a href="mailto:alternativeeducationprograms@ecsd.net">alternativeeducationprograms@ecsd.net</a>
January 21	Last day of Semester 1 PASS classes	

### Dual Credit

Important Dates	Key Information	Contact
December 5, 2025	Semester 2 Dual Credit Registration opens	Email: <a href="mailto:dualcredit@ecsd.net">dualcredit@ecsd.net</a>
	<p><b>New</b> dual credit course launches at MMM, Second Semester,</p> <p>Fundamental Kitchen Skills and Trade Calculations (CULA 1100). Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master <b>fundamental knife skills</b> and learn the secrets to proper handling and care.</li> <li>• Get <b>hands-on experience</b> with professional kitchen tools and commercial equipment.</li> <li>• Explore <b>basic trade calculations</b> that every chef needs to know.</li> <li>• Unlock the <b>flavor matrix</b>, the key to creating balanced, mouthwatering dishes.</li> </ul>	

### Second Language Course Challenge

Important Dates	Key Information	Contact
October 20, 2025	Registration Opened	Email: <a href="mailto:alternativeeducationprograms@ecsd.net">alternativeeducationprograms@ecsd.net</a>

January 30, 2026 at 3 pm	Registration closes	
February 6, 2026 at 3 pm	Projects due	
February 14, 2026 (all day)	Oral examination at Lumen Christi – examiners will arrange appointment time to meet with the students in person	
March 7, 2026 at 9 am	Written exam at Lumen Christi	
	<p>Students must see their school Second Language Course Challenge designate for registration information</p> <p>In collaboration with Learning Services, we have new course requirements for the SLCC. For more information, please visit:  <a href="https://www.ecsd.net/second-language-course-challenge">https://www.ecsd.net/second-language-course-challenge</a> </p>	

## Careers

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	<p><b>The School of Alternative Education</b></p> <p><b>Supporting Student Pathways: Presentations Available</b></p> <p>School Engagement Coordinators from ECSD and <i>Careers: The Next Generation</i> are available to connect with your students through engaging presentations. These can be delivered to Grade 9 Health and CALM classes.</p> <p><b>Presentations focus on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career pathways</li> <li>• Supporting students in making informed decisions</li> <li>• Learning more about opportunities in the trades</li> <li>• What the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) is</li> </ul>	<p>Email: Anastacio Domenic Esposito</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How students become involved in RAP</li> <li>• How students prepare to be a RAP student in high school</li> </ul> <p>To schedule a session or learn more about RAP, please contact our coordinators directly at: Nick Anastacio: <a href="mailto:dominique.anastacio@ecsd.net">dominique.anastacio@ecsd.net</a> Domenic Esposito: <a href="mailto:domenic.esposito@ecsd.net">domenic.esposito@ecsd.net</a></p>	
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### Trades Careers Semester Program

Important Dates	Key Information	Contact
<p>Start date: February 2, 2026 End date: June 5, 2026</p>	<p>All high schools have received an email regarding students who will be participating in Trades Careers Semester Program</p> <p>A few spots are still available.</p> <p>Please visit the website for more information : <a href="https://www.ecsd.net/semester-trades-careers-program">https://www.ecsd.net/semester-trades-careers-program</a></p>	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:AETrades@ecsd.net">AETrades@ecsd.net</a></p>

### Miscellaneous

Important Dates	Key Information	Contact
<p>January 28, 2026 6 pm – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>The School of Alternative Education is hosting an Information Evening for ECSD families and staff.</p> <p>The following message was shared in the Swag in Week 14.</p> <p><b>School of Alternative Education – Family Information Evening</b></p> <p>Join ECSD families and learn about the programs and services offered by Student Services through the School of Alternative Education.</p>	<p>Orysia Huk-Richards</p>



	<p><b>January 28, 2026   ① 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre</b> (Leadership Hall – 2nd floor, west side)</p> <p>Explore pathways for high school completion, post-secondary, trades, and careers, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trades &amp; Careers</li><li>• Work Experience/RAP</li><li>• Dual Credit &amp; Certificate Programs</li><li>• PASS</li><li>• Summer School</li></ul> <p><b>Staff are encouraged to attend and discover how these programs support student success!</b></p> <p><b>RSVP by emailing Orysia Huk-Richards by January 21, 2026.</b></p>	
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**Student Services:** 780-441-6080

**Alternative Education Website:** <https://www.ecsd.net/alternative-education>

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