St.Oscar Romero Braided Journeys

Fall 2026 Newsletter



Tansi & Welcome to Braided Journeys!

Whether you are returning to St. Oscar Romero or joining our school community for the first time, welcome! My name is Lindsay Makinaw, and I am the Braided Journeys Graduation Coach at St.Oscar Romero. I am honoured to support our vibrant community of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students by providing academic, career, cultural, and transition supports throughout each student's educational journey.

Throughout the school year, the Braided Journeys room will offer a variety of resources, events, and opportunities, including:

- Academic Support
- Career Development
- Cultural Enrichment
- Leadership Development
- Transition Support

This newsletter will share important updates, upcoming events, and opportunities available through Braided Journeys. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or stop by the Braided Journeys room—we are here to support you and celebrate your journey!

Lindsay is currently on leave. Please see the next page for the covering Grad Coach's contact information.

Important Romero Information

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Tansi!

Hello families,

My name is Dawn Lameman, and I will be covering for Lindsay during her leave until her return to work. I am excited to be supporting students, families, and the school community during this time and look forward to getting to know you.

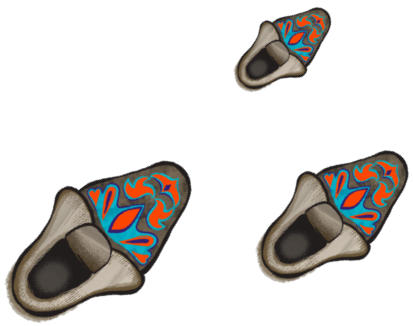
Please be assured that regular programming will continue as planned, and students can expect the same opportunities, supports, and activities.

I believe that strong relationships are at the heart of student success, so I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would simply like to connect. I am always happy to support families and work together to ensure students have a positive and meaningful experience.

I look forward to connecting with you and your family soon!

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Programming











Smudge

We are very fortunate to offer cultural enrichment within the Braided Journeys program, for those students who wish to learn more about their ancestry. Levi Wolfe, our wonderful Cultural Facilitator, will be joining us on Friday's at lunch time to lead us through a Smudging ceremony and gathering circle. Smudge day is by far the most popular day in the Braided Journeys room!

Tutoring Tuesday

Need a little extra support with schoolwork? Join us for tutoring every Tuesday after school from 3:00–4:30 PM, beginning Tuesday, September 29. Tutoring will take place in the Braided Journeys Room and will continue every Tuesday thereafter. Students are welcome to get help with assignments, review challenging concepts, and build confidence in their learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wellness Wednesday

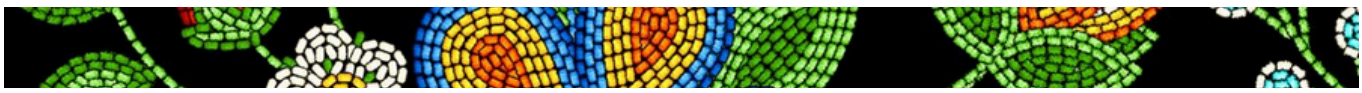
Need a midweek reset? Come hang out with us at lunch for fun activities, good vibes, and easy ways to boost your well-being. Connect with friends, de-stress, and take a break from the hustle of the school day. Bring a friend, drop by, and see what Wellness Wednesday is all about!

Thursday Leadership

Students who participate in Braided Journeys are often natural born leaders! Braided Journeys Leadership will take place most Thursdays after school, and students will have the chance to earn volunteer hours, go on field trips, and learn valuable skills!

Monthly Meet and Mentors

My favourite part of my job is when I get to have meaningful conversations with individual students. This typically takes place through monthly Meet and Mentors. During this time, we discuss academics, careers, resumes, and wellness as a few examples. Together, we keep track of successes and create strategies to combat challenges.



Important Upcoming Dates

Note: Dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please check the following below:

https://stoscarromero.ecsd.net/calendar

https://www.instagram.com/braided_journeys_romero

October 2026

- **October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** - Smudge with Levi Wolfe
- **October 5** - Visit with Enoch K-12 Coordinator
- **October 6, 13, 20, 27**- Tutoring Tuesdays
- 3:00pm-4:30pm
- **October 12** - NO SCHOOL
- **October 13** - NAIT Lunch & Learn
- **October 14** - Indigenous Student Legal Careers Day ALL DAY Field Trip
- **October 15** - After School Leadership Bannock Bake Off with Gary Gagnon
- **October 19** - NO SCHOOL
- **October 20** - Slime Making at Lunch
- **October 26** - Visit with Jess Moen
- **October 30** - Halloween Activities ALL DAY



Looking Ahead

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

First Day of Operation
August 31, 2026
First Day of Instruction
September 2, 2026
Last Day of Instruction
June 28, 2027
Last Day of Operation
June 29, 2027

Labour Day	Sept 7
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 12
Election Day	Oct 19
Remembrance Day Wknd	Nov 11-13
Christmas Vacation	Dec 21 to Jan 1
Family Day	Feb 15
Faith Development Day/PD	Feb 24
Teachers' Convention	Feb 25- 26
Professional Development Day	Mar 25
Spring Break	Mar 26 to Apr 2
Good Friday	Mar 26
Easter Monday	Mar 29
Victoria Day Wknd	May 20-24

Stay tuned and watch your email inbox for Braided Journeys monthly highlights and important upcoming dates for each month!