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**For Immediate Release**

**First Day of School is August 31, 2009  
Welcome Back EICS Students!**

Sherwood Park, AB – Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) welcomes everyone back to another enriching and fun-filled school year. “On behalf of the EICS family, I offer a big welcome to all of our new students and families. We look forward to getting to know you as we work together in your child’s educational journey,” said Dr. Chris Diachuk, Superintendent of Schools.

While EICS’ 5700 students have been on summer vacation, EICS staff have been hard at work preparing for the new school year. “Our facility services staff have done an amazing job over the summer to prepare our schools for another safe school year. This is especially important when you consider the upcoming flu season, as well as H1N1 influenza. For example, all of our schools are now equipped with hand sanitizers and we are following all recommendations from Alberta Health Services,” said Dr. Diachuk.

Students and parents are reminded that the first day of school is Monday, August 31, 2009.

EICS, part of Alberta’s publicly funded education system, is committed to developing educational opportunities in the context of Gospel values. EICS is dedicated to providing quality, faith-based learning environments to students of any background and faith, where their skills are nurtured and celebrated by dedicated, caring staff.

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