

October 3, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject line: Important Information Regarding the ATA Strike on Monday

At this time, we have no reason to believe that the strike scheduled for Monday, October 6, will be averted, delayed, or amended. Accordingly, it is prudent to prepare our school communities for school closures on Monday. Should anything change over the weekend, we will communicate with families as soon as possible, understanding that circumstances can shift quickly.

We want to assure families that you will hear from us regardless of what happens. A confirmation will be sent by email at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, followed by a phone call at 7:00 a.m. We understand that the phone call may be an extra step, but clear communication is deeply important to us, and this ensures that even families who may not have received the email are kept fully informed.

Student Access During the Strike:

Students will continue to have access to:

- GSACRD Gmail accounts
- Google Classrooms and Moodle (in their current state only)
- GSACRD Google Drive
- Textbooks and other signed-out materials

To ensure the safe use of these platforms, teachers will disable commenting and chat features, as they will not be available to moderate them.

Students will NOT have access to:

- Communication with teachers
- Engagement, live instruction, or clarification from teachers
- Evaluation or feedback of work, including assignments that have already been submitted but not yet assessed



Fees and Refunds

We understand the concerns of parents and guardians regarding school fees in light of the potential province-wide teacher strike. At this time, the Division is unable to provide a definitive list of refundable *program and school fees.

Once the strike has been resolved and regular school operations resume, Division staff will carefully review all fees to determine which are eligible for refund. This review will ensure that refunds are managed fairly, consistently, and with accuracy. Families will be updated as soon as this process is complete.

**Please note that programs of choice, including Pre-Kindergarten, Full-Day/Nature Kindergarten, and Sports and Recreation Academies, are also subject to the above process for fee review and refunds.*

Stay Informed

All information related to labour disruption, including FAQs, past communication to families, and essential updates, can be found on our dedicated [webpage here](#). The FAQ's currently include details related to the following topics:

- About the Bargaining Process
- Impact on Classes and Instruction
- School Operations During a Strike
- Extracurricular and Academies
- Assessments and Exams
- Family Supports
- Communication and Updates

**The above topics can change quickly depending on updates regarding labour disruption*

A Note of Gratitude

We recognize that this time of uncertainty is challenging for families. We want to assure you that, as a Catholic school division, we are committed to walking together with faith, hope, and love. Your partnership and patience mean so much to us, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us to serve your children.

We also extend our thanks to our teachers, many of whom are also parents in our schools. We know this situation affects you in unique and difficult ways, and we hold you, along with all our families, in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we place our students, families, and staff in Your care. Bless our community with courage, compassion, and trust in Your plan. May we continue to walk together with hearts full of hope. Amen.

Sincerely,
Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools