Below are some common questions that are being asked regarding what will happen in the event of a teachers strike on Monday October 6th, 2025,

Q: Are schools closed?

A: Schools are closed starting Monday October 6th, 2025. Students will not attend school in person or online. There is no instruction, supervision, or extracurricular activities. Student transportation services are also suspended until the strike is over. Students will need to take home their personal belongings this week.

Q: Can I contact my child's teacher or the school office during the strike?

A: Teachers will not be responding to emails, or inquiries on other platforms during the strike. Parents are welcome to reach out to the division office for urgent matters at (780) 986-2500 or by email at communications@starcatholic.ab.ca All relevant information will be shared with families via email and shared on the division website.

Q: What is STAR Catholic's role in the negotiation process?

A: STAR Catholic School Division is **not directly involved** in this phase of teacher bargaining at the provincial level, and maintains a positive relationship with The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) representing Alberta's teachers, and The Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA).

Q: Can I get a refund for my child's school fees, program fees, extracurricular fees, hot lunch fees, and/or student transportation fees?

A: You can expect an adjustment for missed time and services due to the strike. Once the school reopens, fees will be reviewed and reassessed. A prorated adjustment will be made and credit issued back to the student account. October payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled.

Q: Are the Provincial Achievement Tests and or diploma exams cancelled?

A: For labour action *up to 5 days*:

- November diploma administration will continue.
- January diplomas and PATs will continue.

If labour action *lasts beyond 5 days*, additional information will be provided by Alberta Education, which will communicate to you.

Q: Will school-based extracurricular activities and sports continue as scheduled?

A: All extracurricular activities—field trips; school council, parish and community meetings will be cancelled. Fine Arts rehearsals, student clubs, sports competitions, practices, tournaments, and games, etc. will be suspended.

Q: How will my child be supported during the strike with learning? Are teachers providing resources, can students take textbooks home?

A: Resources assigned to individual students may be taken home. Teachers will not be programming for students. Alberta Education has created a toolkit for parents, with materials available on the Learn Alberta website. These materials have not been assessed by STAR Catholic staff and our board was not consulted in their creation, thus we cannot comment on them.

Q: Will principals and assistant principals be in school during the strike?

A: In Alberta, principals and assistant principals are full ATA members, and will be on strike with the ATA.

Q: If there are staff working in the building during the strike, is there access to the building for parents/students?

A: Parents and students *will not* have access to the schools during the strike, other than as outlined below for community groups.

Q: If I need to get a hold of school staff for any reason, how do parents do that?

A: Parents can contact the Division office at (780) 986-2500 or by email at communications@starcatholic.ab.ca

Q: Are daycares still operating within STAR Catholic schools?

A: All Out of School Care, Before and After School, KinderCare programs, etc. will not be operating at STAR Catholic during the strike. This is due to the fact that the direct supervisors of these programs are ATA members.

Q: Are community user groups that offer programming in the evenings still operating?

A: User groups that have current contracts with STAR Catholic to run community programs at any of our school sites will continue to operate as scheduled.