



## April Newsletter 2020

### *Principal's Message:*

This is an extremely difficult newsletter to write. As I sit in my office there are no sounds of children in the halls and rooms. No talking, no laughing, basically no energy in the building, no life. St. Francis has its staff here but is missing the real heartbeat of the school, our children.

However saddened we are by this turn of events, we also know that it is the right thing to do and it is incredibly important as social distancing will literally save lives. And right now our number one priority is to make sure all of you are safe.

Please know that we realize we are a community school. We want you to be part of our daily lives and want to work with you to make sure your children are safe and doing well. If you need some help or want clarification, please call the school and we will do our best to address your needs.

Online learning started on Monday. If you have not received instructions on how your child can access his/her classroom, please phone the school or email us at [8216web@ecsd.net](mailto:8216web@ecsd.net). Also if you are having trouble getting your child/children to complete tasks, stay focussed, or even start working, please contact us as we have many Support Staff who are essential to the school and can help you with these issues.

Please visit both the school and the Division's website for more information on how we are continuing learning in our Catholic schools as well as some useful information about the Co-vid 19 Pandemic.

As part of all of the Co-vid Pandemic, we are asking that all families come to pick up their child's belongings from the school. We will have all the students belongings bagged and in classroom rows in the small gym. Please see the schedule and instructions on the next page.

We did have some school in March, so we would be remiss not to thank you for coming to our Demo of Learning where our students were able to show off some of the great work they had done. The Edmonton Police Services joined us for the night to help remind everyone that they are here to help. The grade 5 classes went to play sledge hockey. All of these events were a huge success and the students had a great time.



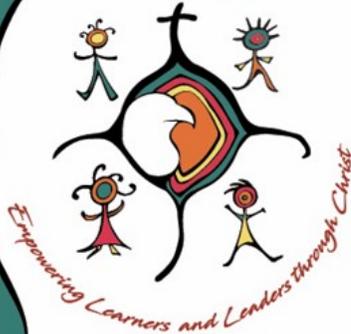
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In the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> we are asking that parents/students come to the school to pick up student possessions.



In order to keep the number of visitors to the school small, we are asking that parents/guardians come at the following days and times for pick up. The chart has been created with the **last name of the students**. If you have children with different last names, you are free to pick up all your possessions together. If at all possible please do not bring your children with you as we are trying to limit traffic in the school.

Time:	Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9
8:00 - 10:00	<b>A</b>	<b>F, H, I</b>	<b>Me - N</b>	<b>T, U, V</b>
10:00 - 12:00	<b>B</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O, P</b>	<b>X, Y, Z</b>
12:00—2:00	<b>Ca - Ch</b>	<b>J, K</b>	<b>Q, R, W</b>	If you missed your time
2:00—4:00	<b>Ci - D, E</b>	<b>L - Me</b>	<b>S</b>	If you missed your time

## Internet for Good (message sent to ECS D from Telus)

In situations where families do not have access to internet connectivity, TELUS is offering Internet for Good. The Internet for Good program offers \$9.95/mo Internet to low income families with speeds up to 25 Mbps and 300GB of data. This offer is for 24 months then it goes up to regular in-market price or the customers can apply again. They have enabled customers to apply for the Internet for Good program directly with TELUS now rather than having to wait for a letter from the government.

They are asking customers to send their most recent Canada Child Benefit notice to [internetforgood@telus.com](mailto:internetforgood@telus.com) and if Telus can determine that they are a recipient of the maximum Canada Child Benefit they will be eligible for the Internet for Good offer. Telus will issue a code directly to them that they can use to call the call center. The CCB notice needs to show the following: • Household income of less than \$31,120 • Eligible children as indicated on page 2 of the notice • Once your application is approved they will email you back at that same address with a unique access code and instructions on how to sign up. **For more information go to <https://www.telus.com> then search *Internet for Good***

Finally we know many families may be struggling with providing food at this difficult time. As of now almost all auxiliary places to get food are not open because of Covid 19. At this point the main food bank is your best bet to get supplies if needed.

Please take care of yourself and the little ones. We are praying for you daily and miss your involvement at the school.

God Bless,

St Francis of Assisi Staff

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