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Newsletter

JUNE 2020

KEY YEAR END DATES FOR JUNE

- 8 School Advisory Council Meeting - 6:30 pm – On-line Live Event
[Click Here to Join the Meeting on June 8th at 6:30 p.m.](#)
- TBA Year End Virtual Celebration
- 26 Last Day of School Report Cards available online beginning at 4:00 pm

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

The entire staff of Father Michael Troy wishes to express our gratitude to all of our parents for supporting the learning opportunities of our students. Thank you for assisting your children with their studies and in their participation on school teams, music practices, social justice efforts, and on-line events. ***Without your ongoing involvement and encouragement, our students could not achieve their personal best!***

School Council

Many thanks go out to our School Council who met bi-monthly throughout the school year to provide critical input to make our school year a most successful one.

We also wish to express our appreciation to those parents who assisted

with the wide variety of school activities held these past ten months including fieldtrips, and in-school or on-line events. These undertakings wouldn't be possible without your support!

The Meadows Community League

A big thank you to The Meadows Community League for supporting our school as always.

PAPERLESS REPORTING

A reminder that in support of safeguarding our environment FMT has embraced the practice of paperless reporting. As in the past, please log into PowerSchool at: <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/> and click on the "Report Card" icon any time after 4:00 pm June 26th to access your child's report card.

RE-ENTRY PLANNING

There are many steps being undertaken by the Division to plan for September school start-up, given the three scenarios as presented by Education Minister LaGrange.

The three scenarios identified in the 2020-21 Re-Entry Plan provided by Alberta Education are:

- 1) Normal Operations
- 2) Schools are open for in-person classes with some health restrictions that affect operations (hybrid model)
- 3) At-home/remote learning continues

What you can expect in the meantime:

1. Alberta Education to set a direction, or a "most-likely" scenario (date to be determined, but somewhere between June 12 and August 1)
2. Division to roll out implementation of scenario response (upon direction provided by Alberta Education)
3. Messaging to stakeholders with FAQ document to support implementation strategy (TBA)

KEY SEPTEMBER 2020 DATES – IF RE-ENTRY SCENARIO 1

2	Grade 8 Registration and Photos (8:40-10:40)
2	Grade 9 Registration and Photos (11:00-1:00)
3	Grade 7 Registration and Photos (8:40-1:00)
4	Grade 7, 8, and 9 Retreat Day
7-11	Teacher - Parent Contact Week
10	Program Information Evening
21	School Council Meeting
21-25	“The Spirit of Father Troy” Week
24	Father Troy Day Celebration (11:00)
30	Orange Shirt Day

***All Textbooks, Instruments, loaned
Chromebooks and Library books will be
returned in mid June***

**Students will be charged for any lost
or damaged books.**

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Cancelled



Walking TOGETHER in the Light of Christ

June 2020

*... Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works ...
(Matthew 5:16)*

We began our year of Walking Together in the Light of Christ with this scripture, and it is fitting that we end the year with it as well. We have experienced great adversity this year in many ways, yet we have persevered. Knowing that we are a community that is united in Christ, our constant companion, has sustained us, and so many people have been instruments of Christ's love for others. The stories of love, compassion, joy, and mercy that we have heard throughout the year have all borne witness to #ECSDfaithinspires.

Each year, the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta sponsors the Excellence in Catholic Education Awards. These awards honour individuals who provide our students with exceptional learning experiences that are deeply rooted in our Catholic faith. We are delighted to share that three of our staff have received this prestigious award: Pascal El Cid, teacher at Sister Annata Brockman Catholic Elementary/Junior High School; Patricia Liogier, Principal of St. Leo Catholic Elementary School; and Theresa Volk, Principal of Bishop David Motiuk Catholic Elementary/Junior High School. Congratulations Pascal, Patricia, and Theresa!

Our Division is currently working with Alberta Education to determine what September re-entry will look like. They have directed us to prepare for three possible scenarios: return to normal classroom instruction, partial return to classes/return with restrictions in place and remaining in a remote learning situation. Which scenario we end up beginning the year with is entirely dependent on the pandemic status at the end of the summer and our ability to ensure that our students and staff can maintain their health and safety. The Ministry has indicated that they will decide what re-entry will be by August 1st in order to allow us ample time to be prepared for learning in the 2020-21 school year. We will let our families know what fall classes will look like as soon as this has been determined.

As Father's Day approaches and we celebrate all those who have filled the role of father, grandfather, or mentor, let us take a moment to pray for them and give thanks.

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Heavenly Father,
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers
for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You
exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.
We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort;
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity;
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;
for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives.
May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships,
and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.
We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving
embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

Amen

(Adapted from A Christopher Prayer for Father's Day)

Pope Francis shared a thought on Twitter that is the perfect punctuation mark on our theme for this
year. He said, "If we are transparent before the Lord like a crystal, His light – the light of mercy – will
shine in us and, through us, in the world." (05/19/20)

Have a wonderful June!

Sincerely,

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent

Grade 9 Farewell

More info to Follow

On Thursday, May 30, the Grade Nines would have Celebrated their time at Father Michael
Troy School with a special celebration and ceremony at Corpus Christi Parish. This would
have been a time for sharing memories of their journey at FMT! We want to extend a
special thanks to all the parent and teacher volunteers who are working on an alternate
plan for the students that aligns with Alberta Education, Alberta Health and our Division
Guidelines. A very big thank-you to the Farewell Committee!

We wish the fabulous class of 2020 all the best in their new school adventures!

Pentecost: “Going for the Green and Gold”

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever!

Go Eskimos Go!

You got it. I’m an Edmonton Eskimos fan. And why not? The Eskimos have won the Grey Cup fourteen times of the modern era, and an unmatched five consecutive wins between 1978 and 1982, most recently in 2015.

The colours green and gold live forever in my heart. Not only are they the colours of the Eskimos, but they are also the colours of the Feast of Pentecost....

After Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, Jesus instructed the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and to wait there for the promise of God the Father.

“When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them ability” (Acts of the Apostles, 2: 1-4).

On that first Pentecost, fifty days after the glorious resurrection of Jesus, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon his disciples that the Good News of the Gospel would be preached through them to all nations.

As we celebrate this Feast, let us remind ourselves our own Pentecost, that is, our own baptism in the Holy Spirit, when we were anointed with the gifts of the Spirit so that we too might proclaim the Good News of salvation to all peoples of our time.

For the Holy Spirit continues to act today, not just 2000 years ago, through the gifts given to us for God’s glory – the great virtues of faith, hope and charity; the seven gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear of the Lord; and the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Let us rediscover these gifts in ourselves, in our families, schools, churches, and communities, that we may be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and in turn, renew others by our Christian witness.

For each of us can relate stories of how the Holy Spirit has touched us in some special way – through the steadfast faith of a family member that all would be well when little light seemed to escape the darkness encompassing us; or the wisdom of a teacher or colleague to trust God completely; or the kindness of a friend during times of trouble or illness.

And what about the colours of green and gold?

Well, in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, another name for Pentecost is Green Holydays, *Zeleni svjata*. Our churches and homes are decorated with the greenery of branches and such in celebration of

the Feast. Green is a symbol of the newness of life – divine life – brought to us by the Holy Spirit. The priests even wear green vestments for the Feast of Pentecost!

And gold? Well, we were created in the image and likeness of God the Father. By living in the love of Christ, we gradually grow into this image and likeness. We call this process theosis, deification or divinization. The colour of the Divine is gold. And it is the Holy Spirit who helps us grow in the divine life, into holiness, sanctity.

Green and gold. Pentecost. The Divine Life.

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us; cleanse us of all that defiles us, and O Good One, save our souls (Prayer to the Holy Spirit).

Bishop David Motiuk

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton