



ARCHBISHOP MACDONALD SEPTEMBER NEWS

September 2021:

We are so happy to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to Archbishop MacDonald High School! We are looking forward to another happy, productive school year filled with wonderful learning and happy memories. We would like to welcome our new staff:

Mr. Breitreutz: Science/Religion
Ms. G Carducci: English
Ms. Enokson: English/Religion
Mr. Filipic: Assistant Principal
Mr. Harkins: PE/Social/Religion
Mr. Manderscheid: Social/PE
Ms. Nicholson: Math
Ms. Zvonkovic: PE/Fitness/Religion

* Mr. Ferguson has taken a year leave to teach internationally. We wish him all the best and look forward to his return for the 2022-2023 school year. Our new Chaplain is Mr. Zdunich.

Our Division Theme for the year, ‘God Calls Each of Us by Name’ invites us to reflect upon Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to give you a future with hope.” This is definitely an appropriate message as we continue to work with students in the midst of a pandemic. As we begin the new school year, let us remember that each of us belongs to God, who loves and protects us. Our school charism is: Bless our MAC community ... to know God, to love God, to serve God. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children!

Mask Use/COVID Protocols

This year, we have 1091 students enrolled at our school. The sheer number of students means that hallways and classrooms will be crowded. While we recognize that people have diverse views about COVID protocols and mask use, our goal as we begin the new school year is to keep all of our students and staff as safe as possible. We will continue to provide hand sanitizer at the doors and in classrooms. Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently. This will keep everyone safer when physical distancing is not always possible.

The division plan requires students in all grades to wear masks inside the school building. Students may remove masks to eat.

Parents are only allowed to enter the school with an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Health Screening/Positive Covid 19 Cases

As per AHS guidelines and the division Back to School Plan, please make sure your child completes the Alberta Health Daily Checklist to determine whether they can attend school or should stay home. **If you are sick, you MUST stay home.** At the direction of Alberta Health, students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine and cannot attend school. AHS no longer requires contact tracing or quarantining of close contacts, so we will not be notifying parents when we have a positive case of COVID 19 in the school. We ask that parents of children who test positive for COVID 19 still notify the school. This information will be kept confidential, but we will make sure that electrostatic cleaning is used to supplement regular cleaning in the classroom(s) the student frequents. Electrostatic cleaning is done in the evening.

Teacher Contact Information

Teachers are accessible through their email on PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact them immediately and they will either call you back or email you to set up a meeting time. Dialogue between parent student and teacher needs to be ongoing. If you or the teacher have any concerns, please make an appointment to meet with the teacher.

School News/Website: <https://www.ecsd.net/8403/page/1979/monthly-updates-information>

The school will **not** be sending out monthly newsletters. All of our information is posted to our **school website**. Please visit our school website for our updated calendar and all current school and district information. When viewing our school calendar, green events are division wide and red events are our school events. Please view the red events for current school information.

Grade Coordinators

All students will journey through their three years of school with a grade coordinator.

2021-2022 grade coordinators are as follows:

Grade 10: Mr. Filiplic ferdinand@filiplic@ecsd.net

Grade 11: Mrs. Cleave shelley.cleave@ecsd.net

Grade 12: Mrs. Antonakis theresa.antonakis@ecsd.net

We look forward to working with you over the coming school year.

Updating Registration Information

ECSD now uses digitized student records. Parents are able to view registration information and update it online. Parents are asked to check this information over carefully and make any necessary changes. It is extremely important that we have accurate information regarding our students in the event of an emergency.

Property Taxes

All property owners are encouraged to examine their Tax Notice to ensure that their support is assigned to Edmonton Catholic Schools. If you own a business or are in a business partnership, please check to see that your taxes are being allocated to our district (partial allocations can also be designated). If there is an error, please contact the City of Edmonton using their 311 number or through email: taxinquiry@edmonton.ca

Meet the Staff Evening

As per guidance from the division, our annual Meet the Staff event will be virtual this year. Information will be sent out via Swift closer to the date. Parents...please mark your calendars. Our Meet the Staff Evening will take place on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 PM.

School Council AGM

The first School Council meeting of the year, which is also our Annual General Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be virtual. A link for the meeting will be sent to all parents through Swift K-12 messaging. All parents are welcome to attend this virtual meeting. Typically, the School Council meets on Wednesdays starting at 6:30PM and every other month, with meetings in September, November, January, March, and May.

Upcoming Holidays

Don't forget...

- Monday, September 6: Labour Day - No School
- Thursday, September 16: School PD Day – No School
- Thursday, September 30: Truth, and Reconciliation Day – No School

Welcome to Music at Mac!

Ms. Wong, Ms. Olsen and Mr. Chapman are excited to welcome you to the music program.

Ms Olsen will be having auditions for MACappella so watch for time and dates outside the music room.

Ms. Wong has already started sign-ups for the Mac Honour Band. This is an auditioned band and every student (even those who were in it last year) must audition. The Google classroom for audition material is: a3o6pg5

Mr. Chapman will be posting announcements on the music room bulletin board regarding Jazz Band.

For grade 10 students who are not trying out for Honour Band or Jazz Band, please wait two weeks before coming to the music room to ask about signing out an instrument. We realize that you are excited to get back on your instrument and start practicing - - please be patient.

We are looking forward to a year of concerts and festival performances as well as our incredible, annual “Night of Music”.

IB Newsletter School Opening Sept 2021

Welcome to another year of IB at MAC!

The IB Diploma Programme is a highly respected and recognized educational experience that encourages students to be engaged in their communities and become life-long learners. We are blessed to offer this outstanding opportunity to our MAC students. Our school offers the opportunity to be a part of the IB experience as a course candidate or take on a Full IB Diploma. Students who are a part of the IB Programme recognize its value as they move into post-secondary. The skills and knowledge learned helps students to be successful far beyond high school.

Our IB Team is looking forward to being back in person with students this fall and to being able to engage in activities as a group. On Friday, September 10th, there will be an IB retreat for year 1 and year 2 Full IB candidates. In addition, we would like to invite grade 11 IB students who are registered in 5 or more IB classes this year. Please contact Mrs. Vandendooren at jennifer.vandendooren@ecsd.net to register.

ECSD Parent Chromebook Purchase Program

As a support for our students, we are offering a Parent Chromebook Purchase Program. It is not a requirement, however many of our students like their own device. For more information, please view this link or go to our website.

ECSD Parents Chromebook Purchase Program link:

<https://emerge.compugen.com/emerge/Access?GUID=ce5f0c831fbe300f2516beac45c039ff>

Order Process

Once the transaction is complete you will receive a confirmation notification via email. In this notification you will find a link to the status of your order. As your order progresses through, this link will provide updates about your order including; waybill # and invoice.

For questions related to the product (not working, slow, software installs etc) please contact your local school.

For questions related to your order please contact **salescentrewest@compugen.com** or by calling us at **1-844-365-6123**. Please include your school district in your e-mail.

Chromebooks purchased via Compugen come with a 3 year warranty. **Please contact your local school before reaching out to Compugen or HP, regarding warranty.**

1. Compugen Service Depot – Compugen is an HP Warranty Authorized Service and Solution partner. To book a Chromebook repair, email Compugen **Service at service@compugen.com** or call **1-800-353-2933**.

Please including the following information in your e-mail.

- Contact information (name and phone #)
- Serial # (typically found on the bottom of the device)
- School district
- Description of the error
- Product model #

2. HP Canada Warranty Support Line – HP Canada's 24/7 online Warranty Support at **1-800-474-6836**.

Terms and Conditions

1. All sales are final.
2. If your item arrives damaged or non-functioning Compugen must be notified within 30 days of delivery date. Please email **salescentrewest@compugen.com**.

Please include;

- Pictures of damage • School district
- Description of problem • Contact information
- Order # or reference # • School district
- Contact information

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FAQ:

Q. Is stock readily available?

A. Compugen has reserve inventory dedicated to students however due to recent demands in Chromebook some orders may be delayed.

Q. When will my order be delivered and how do I track my order?

A. Compugen will proactively communicate an estimated shipping date within one week of ordering. Students can track their orders through the link in the order summary e-mail. The link within the e-mail will be updated with waybill # once the order ships.

Q. Why has the model change from what was advertised with the school board?

A. Frequently ordered models can change due to availability. Compugen ensures we have the most available product for students

Q. Why has price changed?

A. Price variances may occur due to;

- Change in warranty level
- Variances in the supply chain
- Promotional price decreases from manufacturer

Compugen works closely with our manufacturer partners to ensure we can provide students the best possible price.

Q. Can I change the model, size or components of the product offered?

A. Compugen and Alberta School Board have pre-selected one Chromebook model for all students. This model may change due to demand however there will only be one option.

Q. Can Compugen provide accessories for my Chromebook?

A. Compugen is committed to providing support to Alberta School Boards however at this time we are not offering accessories to students. Check back often as this may change.

Q. My child's gaming software is not working (ie. Minecraft, Fortnite etc)

A. For all inquiries related to software please contact your local school

Q. How do I install Teams on my Chromebook?

A. For all inquiries related to your child's online learning please contact your local school

Q. My Chromebook is slow or laggy

A. For all inquiries related to the performance of the device please contact your local school.

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