

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

As most everyone in our school community already knows, it was with great sadness that we learned of the death of one of our grade 8 students this past week. This was a very difficult and challenging time for us. On Monday when the news was shared with our students, we had the opportunity to pray as a school community for strength and understanding, to reflect on the tragic loss, and to share feelings with colleagues, teachers and members of the ECSD Critical Response Team. On behalf of the school community, I reached out to the family to offer condolences and support. As was mentioned in the letter, this may be a good opportunity to speak with your child about the incident and to discuss the feelings they may be experiencing. The supports in place at our school will be available for as long as they are needed. The family has asked us to share that there will be a vigil in her memory this evening, Oct. 8th, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sands Inn & Suites. Those who knew her or would like to show support are invited to attend. Please keep the students, staff, friends and family of this student in your prayers.

Take Care and God Bless,

Duncan Buchanan
Principal, Cardinal Léger JH

As part of an effort to communicate information more regularly to the school community, please see the attached Cardinal Léger bi-weekly update. Bi-weekly updates will replace the monthly newsletter and will be posted on the website after they are delivered by email. The next update will be sent on Friday, Oct. 23rd.

Changes to Student Learning Stance – In-School vs Online

A reminder to all families, students who wish to change their learning stance from in-school to online, or visa versa, may now only do so one more time. ECSD announced on Oct. 5th that students have until Oct. 15th, to make their final choice as to how they will learn for the remainder of the school year, until the end of June. Any changes made will go into effect on Nov. 10th. **All parents/guardians, regardless of whether they want to change their stance, or not, must log into their [Parent PowerSchool](#) account by Oct. 15th, to indicate the final learning stance for their child for 2020-21.** It is very important that all families indicate their choice by the deadline, to determine if changes to our school timetable and class structure need to be made before the Nov. 10th term begins. If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will do our best to answer your inquiries.

PPE – Students Required to Wear Masks

All students are required to wear masks upon entrance to the school, and must continue to wear those masks throughout the day, other than when eating at lunch or when a teacher indicates that it is safe to remove the mask because social distancing is possible. This also holds true for all staff, parents/guardians, and visitors to Cardinal Léger. All students were provided with two cloth masks at the start of the year, to supplement any other masks they may also have purchased. Please continue to use them and wash them regularly. As we enter the winter season this safety precaution is absolutely necessary to reduce the likelihood of COVID19 transmission and keep the school open and safe for the entire school community.

In the past few weeks, we have noticed an increasing number of students regularly coming to school without their masks. The school has a limited supply of disposable masks to accommodate this situation. Moving forward, we are not able to supply masks for everyone who arrives without this mandated PPE. Students who regularly arrive without masks will be asked to contact their caregiver and will not be allowed to enter their classes until a mask is provided from home. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to work to ensure the safety of our school community

Student Registration Verification

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have completed the verification of student registration documents through [Parent PowerSchool](#). We still do have a number of families that must complete this very important process. We implore all families who have not done the verification to do so immediately. If you require assistance, please call the school and one of our administrative assistants would be happy to help you through the process.

Student Learning when Required to Isolate at Home

Those students who are required to self-isolate due to close contact with a confirmed COVID19+ individual will continue their education from home through regular, check-ins with their normal classes' Google Classrooms and Teams groups. Their usual teachers will continue to post appropriate notes, assignments, and activities for students to work on while they are away, so that they maintain the pace of their learning for when they return to school at the completion of their isolation. Wherever possible, when scheduling allows, teachers will also look to connect with their classes at the appropriate time in

their timetable, in order to provide live interaction and instruction. It should be noted, however, that students in this circumstance will not be switched to an online learning class.

Student Photos

All students who had their school picture taken by Lifetouch, will now have received a proof sheet. On this proof there will be a portrait ID # and an access code for parents to view and order their student's photos online. To meet COVID protocols, parents should order photos online to reduce the amount of handling of the packages for the school staff.

Parents should call Lifetouch customer service and ask for their child's unique codes. The customer service # is 1-866-457-8212. Customer Service will email them a form to fill out to ensure we are giving access to the correct person.

Shutterfly is offering a gift with purchase when parents order online. Parents can also choose to have their photos delivered to their home.

Desk Sanitizing and PPE

Effective immediately, a new process will be used by students to sanitize their desks each day. ECSD has provided schools with spray bottles containing an approved sanitizing solution of low concentration hydrogen peroxide (Oxivir). This will be sprayed on each desk at student transition times and wiped down to provide the necessary disinfectant of the surface. Students will continue to be expected to use the provided hand sanitizer and wear their face masks throughout the day. Thank you to all our students and staff for their cooperation in this matter as we work to keep the school environment safe for everyone.

Before Coming to School Each Day

A continued reminder to all our families, before sending your child to school each day, we ask that you complete the Daily COVID Screening Tool for Parents. We thank you for helping ensure the health and wellbeing of our community, by keeping your child at home when they are ill. The checklist, which is attached to this email, is designed to help determine if you should send your child to school.

ECSD Virtual Parent Evening: Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

On Tuesday, October 20th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., ECSD will be offering a Virtual Parent Evening to anyone who would like more information about supporting your child's mental health. Parents are asked to register in advance using the link below. The registration form provides space to enter any questions that caregivers would like addressed during the evening, including those dealing with stress and anxiety, coping strategies and/or supporting the health of their child during COVID 19.

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/10563/ecsd-virtual-parent-evening-supporting-your-child-s-mental-health>

Introduction to our EISA Program

At Cardinal Léger, we are fortunate to have the support of the Edmonton Immigration Services Association (EISA) and our own Settlement Practitioner Zipporah Greenslade. If you are new to Canada or know anyone who is new to the country, and would like to learn more, you are encouraged to contact Zipporah. All information, including Zipporah's introduction, can be found on the [Inclusive Communities](#) page of the Cardinal Léger website.

NEW TO CANADA?

Or: Do you know anyone who is New To Canada?
(Has lived in Canada for FIVE years or less)

Settlement Services are available at the following Schools:
Cardinal Leger, Dickinsfield, , Evansdale & St. Philip.

Information & Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Life in CanadaHealth/ Health InsuranceTransportationHousingImproving English/ FrenchEducation/ TrainingEmployment/ Job SearchMoney and FinancesCommunity Connections	Referrals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community ServicesSocial ServicesESL/ Language ClassesRecreation ServicesImmigration IssuesCitizenship ClassesGovernment ProgramsInterpretation/ TranslationRights & Responsibilities
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For more information please ask our Settlement Practitioner:
Zipporah Greenslade
Email: ZGreenslade@eisa-edmonton.org
Phone: 780-802-8815



This Program is funded by **Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)**

YMCA Program - Family Resource Network in North Central Edmonton

Families located in North-Central Edmonton are introduced to the brand-new Family Resource Network that will be operating out of the Castledowns YMCA. The Family Resource Network is meant to help families in North Edmonton by connecting them to resources and family support.

Please see the attached brochures for the FRN Home Visitation Program which provides a support worker to expecting parents and parents with children aged 0-6 and the similar Family Support Program for parents of children 7-18. Support workers in both programs will help parents and caregivers with parenting strategies and with resource navigation. They are able to meet with families regularly to help with any concerns or provide support as needed. These programs are free and accessible to anyone in the North-Central region.

For more information about any of the new programs please email infoHUB@northernalberta.ymca.ca .

School Council News

The next virtual meeting will be held on Nov. 25th at 6:30 p.m. It is not too late to be part of the Council and attend our meetings. If you would like to attend, please email the school email at 8287web@ecsd.net with the subject heading: School Council and you will be provided the link to join us in November.

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Thanksgiving Celebration

On Thursday, Oct. 8 during block 2, our school community celebrated Thanksgiving together with the help of our Chaplain, Mr. Hansen, and members of the grade 7 classes. As was the case with our opening paraliturgy, students participated within our classes while being led virtually over the school broadcast system.

Cereal Drive

Cardinal Léger students began their annual Thanksgiving Cereal Drive this past week. Students are asked to bring in boxes of cereal to contribute to the giant box in the front entrance of the school. The Drive will continue through Friday, Oct. 16, so there is still time to bring in cereal! All boxes collected will be donated to the ECSD breakfast programs.

Staff Professional Development Day – Oct. 9

There will be no school for students on Friday, Oct. 9 as staff will be engaged in their fall Professional Learning opportunity.

Thanksgiving Holiday - Oct. 12

There will be no school on Monday, Oct. 12th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy the extra-long weekend.

Please be sure to view the important information found in the attachments provided with this email.

Have a wonderful long weekend!