

Friday, Apr. 16, 2021

## Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

Spring is always known as a time of change. Not only do we see the warmer weather bring about transformations in the outside environment, but often we are also provided with new opportunities: to plant a new garden, to take on a new job or responsibility, to meet new people, to grow in love and Faith. Sometimes the changes that occur, whether we are a student, a staff member, or a caregiver, are completely unexpected, but we turn to family, friends, and our Lord to provide us with strength and guidance to meet the new challenges. It is within this context that I wish to share that I will be moving on to a new school, in September, for the 2021-22 year. Although my time at Cardinal Leger has been brief, I feel blessed that I was able to be part of this community for this school year and will leave at the end of June grateful for my chance to know and work with the students, staff and many parents. I am pleased to announce that the new Principal of Cardinal Leger will be Ms. Carmelina Shim, who will be coming from right next door at St. Philip. I am also happy to say that Ms. Diane Lefebvre will remain as the Assistant Principal at the school. Please see the attachment from ECSD that officially acknowledges next year's change in administration.

### Spring Prayer

*Dear God,*

*Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.*

*May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.*

*Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

*Rev. Mark Bekkedahl*

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, Bi-weekly updates will usually be sent by email to parents and guardians every second Friday during the school year, and subsequently posted on the Cardinal Leger website. The next update will be sent on Friday, April 30th.**

## 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' MS Teams groups and Google Classrooms. When entire classes are required to isolate, teachers, wherever possible, will look to connect with their classes at the appropriate scheduled time in their timetable, via Teams, in order to provide live interaction and instruction. Students whose entire class is isolating should sign into their core (ELA, Math, Sci., Social), religion and health classes' MS Teams group, at the regularly scheduled time during the day, to connect with their teacher. Attendance will be taken through PowerSchool for these classes. Students will not be required to connect with their option classes, nor will the teacher be available for live instruction in these courses. Attendance will not be taken for options during isolation. As always, teachers will also 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. It should be noted, however, that students who are isolating will not be switched to a dedicated online learning class.

## School Immunization Program – Grade 9 Students



At this time, all parents, and guardians of **in person grade 9 students** at Cardinal Léger should have received information via email about their planned routine immunization date on Wednesday, April 21, at the school. In addition, permission forms were sent home with students on Wed., April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the day, with the expectation that they be signed and returned by today, Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason you have not returned your child's form, we ask that you return it with your child when they are back to school on Monday. In addition, if you never received the permission form from your child, please contact the school. AHS has indicated that they will directly contact the families of those students who are **learning online** about accessing their immunizations at a later date.

The Grade 9 School Immunization Program is an important part of public health safety. Your patience and cooperation in this endeavor is most appreciated.

Northgate School Team

## Registration and Complementary Option Course Selection - 2021-22 School Year

The registration process at Cardinal Léger for the 2021-22 school year continues! At this time, the choice of all students in our feeder schools, who live in our catchment and who selected the school as their next year choice have been recorded and the ability to change these through Parent PowerSchool has been closed. If for some reason parents and guardians need to change your original intention choice, we ask you to contact our school to discuss.

Confirmation of next year's registration and acceptance to Cardinal Léger will occur towards the end of April and into May.

Option choices for next year, for students in all grades, will occur via an online MS Form, which families will receive by email no later than the end of Friday, April 23. We ask that each student ranks all of the option choices, in order of preference, and submit the form, as soon as possible. A reminder that grade 7 students must all take music and must choose from either French or Italian language as part of their complementary courses. Timetabling of options is a challenging process and we will endeavor to schedule at least one of a student's first three choices in their ranking. The options offered depend on numbers of requests and not all choices may be offered at the school. Because of the complexity of developing a timetable, once options are selected and assigned, students will not be allowed to change their choice other than in exceptional circumstances.

Note that a separate form for each child in your family must be completed and submitted. Again, please check your email in the upcoming week for the option selection form.

If you have any questions regarding the option selection and registration process, please contact Cardinal Léger JH at 780-475-6262 for assistance.

### **MS Teams Use**

The MS Teams application is a very useful tool for students to connect with their teachers, particularly if they are required to self-isolate at home. We encourage all students to check in with their different subject area teachers on a regular basis and use the features in Teams to communicate with them, in addition to using the Google Classrooms that are also vital to staying current with their courses.

\*A reminder to all students and their caregivers that the Teams accounts associated with Cardinal Léger and their classes are for educational use only. When using the Teams Meeting features, including the Chat option, please be appropriate and respectful in your dialogue. All inappropriate interactions are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and will be addressed by the teachers and/or administration. School associated Teams accounts are not to be used to create Teams groups for social, personal, or other unauthorized calls or chats. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **School Council News and the Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association**

#### School Council

The next virtual School Council meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (note the change from the original date of May 26<sup>th</sup>). 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](mailto:8287web@ecsd.net) with the subject heading: School Council and you will be provided the link to join us in January. If you have already attended prior meetings, you need not resubmit your request. All prior attendees will be added to the Teams invitation.

#### Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association

The Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association, comprised of parents and guardians of students at our school, is excited to announce a new fundraising initiative through FlipGive, a free funding app that serves as a way to support our students and the activities that go on in the school i.e. Numeracy Week prizes and treats, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast.

The Fundraising Association earns cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is purchase an eGift card through FlipGive and shop anytime with the brands you already love, including:

Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless.

Join our Cardinal Léger Chargers FlipGive team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:  
<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=KZM6ZW>

Enter the code: KZM6ZW when prompted and you are on your way to supporting the activities

If you would like to learn more, feel free to check out this 2 minute video:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO\\_Qg4n80](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80)

Any questions, just ask!

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Vice-chair - Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association



## **Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities**

### **Cardinal Leger Day – April 23**

Friday, April 23 marks the annual Cardinal Léger Day. Once again, the pandemic has made this year's event different from prior years. This year, we will take the afternoon of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to honor the namesake for our school. We will begin by holding a virtual liturgy for all of our classes, followed by a Social Justice activity whereby students will create cards for delivery to Edmonton Senior Residencies through Meals on Wheels. We will finish the day with a socially distanced schoolyard cleanup endorsed by the City of Edmonton and the Earth Day Capital City Clean Up program. Please note that there will be regularly scheduled classes in the morning of this day.

### **Young Leaders.World Conference – April 29**

On Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, we are thrilled to be part of the Young Leaders.World Conference, "The Story of My Life: Writing the Next Chapter". On this day, Cardinal Léger students will join ECSD schools, as well as others across the city, province, and country in a virtual morning of motivational speakers, music and activities. Students will stay in their Homerooms for the morning, as they engage with presentations that provide hope, motivation, and excitement, all in preparation for what is to come after the challenging times of the COVID pandemic.

Please click on the following link for a preview of the day:

[https://youtu.be/LuN\\_giDj\\_Bo](https://youtu.be/LuN_giDj_Bo)

## **School Fees**

School fees for the current 2020-21 year have now been posted in Parent PowerSchool. Fees can only be paid online through the [PowerSchool Portal](#). We ask that all fees be paid in full as soon as possible. Parents and guardians who have any questions about fees are asked to contact the school.

## **Grade 9 Farewell**

As we return from our Spring Break, thoughts begin to turn to the end of the school year and what this means for our grade 9 students as they move on to high school and bid farewell to Cardinal Leger. Although there is still much uncertainty over what the next few months hold, I can assure grade 9 students and their families that we have begun to plan for an appropriate event to acknowledge your time at Cardinal Leger. We have tentatively set the date of Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for Grade 9 Farewell. Given current AHS and ECSD protocols, we unfortunately do not anticipate that we will be able to gather for any group activities. As a result, we will look to plan a day where we can meet virtually as a grade 9 community, in conjunction with an opportunity to celebrate individually in a smaller setting. What this exactly looks like will again depend on COVID regulations for that time; however, it may include a formal awarding of the grade 9 certificate (individually, on stage) to those students who wish this opportunity. The virtual component of the day will potentially include a Farewell liturgy and presentations from the Principal, staff, and students. As we get closer to June, further details of the day's program will be provided.

### Photo Memories

There will be no formal Farewell photos scheduled at the school. LifeTouch Photography, however, will be scheduling individual appointments, at their studios, for the beginning of June for those families who wish to pursue this option. Phone LifeTouch at 780-437-2431 to book your appt.

## **ETS Bus Routes - Plan ahead - major changes to Edmonton bus routes coming April 25, 2021**

On April 25, 2021, all Edmonton Transit bus routes are changing. There will be 44 new School Special bus routes and many new regular routes to take you to junior high or high school. The route names, where the route goes, and time schedules will be different from today. These will be significant changes and you can plan ahead with the most up to date information at [edmonton.ca/newbusroutes](https://edmonton.ca/newbusroutes) .

Additional information can be found through the two following links provided by ETS and the City of Edmonton

- [Information around the new bus network \(launch April 25, 2021\)](#)
- [Information about the new On Demand Transit services \(impacts 30 neighborhoods\)](#)

## **EISA News**

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.**

For more information please ask our Settlement Practitioner:  
**Zipporah Greenslade**  
**Email: [ZGreenslade@eisa-edmonton.org](mailto:ZGreenslade@eisa-edmonton.org)**  
**Phone: 780-802-8815**



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### Family School Liaison Newsletter

Please be sure to check out the helpful information provided in the attachment from our Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) Ms. Gutteridge.



\*see attachment to this email for the full FSLW newsletter

**Please be sure to view the important information found in the attachments provided with this email.  
Have a wonderful weekend!**