

Friday, Apr. 30, 2021

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

A new month is now upon us and the promise of May flowers after April rain (snow?) showers has many of us excited about the prospect of moving outdoors and enjoying God's creation in all its Glory (with appropriate distancing and masking of course!). Despite the move to online learning, there is still a lot happening in the Cardinal Léger school community! We recently celebrated Cardinal Leger Day with a virtual liturgy and had the opportunity to be inspired through the Young Leaders World Conference. Once we have settled back in our classrooms, we will look to participate in some of our Social Justice initiatives, by creating cards for seniors for delivery through Meals on Wheels, cleaning up our school yard as part of Earth Day, as well as recognize Mental Health Week through a variety of activities, including "Hats On" days, now tentatively beginning May 17th.

We once again are reminded of the importance of diligently following all COVID protocols and going through the daily health [Screening Questionnaire](#) before coming to school. When we return to school, tentatively, Monday, May 17th, we ask that all parents/guardians review the [form](#) with their child each day before they leave from home. Any student who displays symptoms should refrain from coming to school and should follow the advice of AHS as indicated on the document.

This week, in closing, let us pray together:

Almighty God, your Son has made us children of the light. We proclaim the greatness of your love and rejoice in your gift of salvation. Accept our prayers this day and grant that we may always walk in the light of your glory. All praise and honor are yours, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

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, May 14th.

Student Learning when Required to Isolate at Home/Move to Online Learning – Apr/May

Those students who are required to self-isolate due to close contact with a confirmed COVID19+ individual (or who are required to move to online learning due to AHS and ECSD directives) 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.

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 Immunization Program – Grade 9 Students



Because of Cardinal Léger's move to online learning, the routine immunization of **in person grade 9 students**, originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, has been cancelled. At this time, AHS has indicated that they will either inform the school of a possible new date for in person vaccinations, pending return to school directives, or they will directly contact the families of students (both in person and online students) about accessing their immunizations in the future.

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 Leger 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 choice information and online selection forms for next year, for all new and returning students, were sent out via SWIFT email on April 23rd. We thank all of you have responded! For those students who have yet to fill out the MS Form, we ask that you submit by the end of the **deadline, today, April 30th at 6 p.m.** Those students who do not submit their option choices form will be placed in classes based on space and availability. 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.

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

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Young Leaders.World Conference – April 29

On the morning of Thursday, April 29th, all students, and staff at Cardinal Leger were fortunate to participate in the Young Leaders.World Conference, "The Story of My Life: Writing the Next Chapter". Cardinal Léger students joined schools across the country in a virtual morning of motivational speakers, music, and activities. Students were provided with a reflective workbook for the event and after they completed the associated activities, feedback was very positive. The engaging presentations provided our children with inspiration, hope and motivation, as they move forward through the challenging times presented by the COVID pandemic.

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](#). As we near the end of the current school year, we ask that all fees be paid in full, as soon as possible. Our complementary and option programs, in particular, rely on these fees to maintain robust programs for our students who choose these courses. In May, support staff will begin to call those families who are owing fees, in order to clear their accounts before June. Parents and guardians who have any questions about fees are asked to contact the school.

Year End Calendar/Final Exam Schedule – June 14-28

As we move into May, plans for June and the various activities and events that take place are well under way. AHS COVID protocols and ECSD guidelines will dictate what we are able to do at that time; however, we are planning for a few scenarios, with the underlying recognition that large group gatherings will not take place before the end of the school year. Please see the following abbreviated calendar of the last two weeks of school for an indication of our student Final Exam Schedule, as well as the proposed dates of some of the year end events including Awards Recognition, Grade 9 Farewell, and the final school Liturgy and celebration. Please be reminded that because of the uncertainty of the current pandemic situation, all dates and activities are subject to change. Further details of Final Exam expectations, as well as the abovementioned events, will be provided as we get closer to June. We appreciate your patience and understanding, as we plan for these important events at the end of the school year.

June 2021

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 14 Regular Classes | 15 Final Day of Regular Classes | 16 ELA Final Exam* 9 AM | 17 Math Final Exam* 9 AM | 18 Social Studies Final Exam* 9 AM |
| 21 National Indigenous People's Day | 22 Science Final Exam* 9 AM | 23 Exam Conflicts* - AM Grade 9 Farewell - PM | 24 Awards – AM Classroom Cleanup & Activities - PM | 25 School Ending Liturgy – AM Early Dismissal - Noon |

*All grades 7-9

Grade 9 Farewell

There is still much uncertainty over what the next few months hold and the implications for grade 9 Farewell. As mentioned in our last update, 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 23rd 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 grade 9 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 changed. There are 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 are different from prior to this date. These were significant changes and you can plan ahead with the most up to date information at 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 \(impacts 30 neighborhoods\)](#)

School Council News and the Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association

School Council

The next virtual School Council meeting will be held on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. (note the change from the original date of May 26th). Our Ward 72 representative, and Chair of the ECSD Board of Trustees, Sandra Palazzo, has been invited, as has the new Cardinal Leger Principal for 2021-22, Carmelina Shim. 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 May. 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



Any questions, just ask!

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Vice-chair - Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association

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
Phone: 780-802-8815



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

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.

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*see attachment to this email for the full FSLW newsletter

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Have a wonderful weekend!