

Friday, Dec. 18, 2020

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

The Christmas break is finally upon us and the hopeful promise of a better year ahead is in our minds and our hearts. Although there have been many challenges to our school community since September, we have faced them all together, secure in the knowledge that God is always with us to provide his strength when we need it the most. I feel blessed to be part of such a warm and welcoming group of students, staff, parents and guardians, and I look forward to 2021 and a return of the opportunity to see you all in person in order to celebrate the gifts that you bring to our lives at Cardinal Léger.

Please take the most recent COVID restrictions as an *opportunity*; to stay at home, whenever possible, to safely be with your family and rejoice in the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Take a moment to pray and joyfully prepare for the arrival of the Son of God.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Lord God, your eternal word took flesh on our earth
when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service
of your plan. Excite in us a joyful heart to hear the voice
which announces his glory and open our minds
to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Note the important information, in the main body of this week's attached bi-weekly update, on reporting a student Covid positive case to the school over the holiday break, as well as a reminder of the dates of online schooling and return to school in the New Year.

Finally, please take a moment to view the following video from our Cardinal Léger staff, as we share our Christmas wishes, and a favorite holiday story, to all of our students and their families.

<https://youtu.be/4H8X5VIICuc>

Take Care and may you all have a sacred and most Holy Christmas and a Blessed and prosperous New Year!

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 be posted on the website after they are delivered by email. The next update will be sent on Friday, Jan. 8th.

Reporting Student Covid Positive Cases over the Christmas Break

In order to provide ECSD and our school with tracking information, and so that we have advance identification of students who are anticipated to be away once we return to classes in January, we ask that over the Christmas break, caregivers of any newly identified COVID-19+ students notify Cardinal Léger by email at 8287web@ecsd.net. This would include the time period from 12 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18th through Sunday, Jan. 3. We ask that parents and guardians follow all health orders related to the case and any associated isolation, as provided by AHS. Once school returns to online learning on Jan. 4, please phone the school directly to inform us of any new Covid+ cases that would normally impact our school. Note that the school will not be sending out any community notification letters about COVID-19+ cases over the Christmas break.

Christmas Break – Dec. 21, 2020 - Jan. 3, 2021

Students will return to online schooling on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, through Friday, Jan. 8th, 2021.

At this time, students are scheduled to return to in-school learning on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Christmas Hampers

Through the wonderful contributions of our Cardinal Léger families, as well as Vince from Franco's Steak & Pizza on 50th street, we were able to prepare and distribute Christmas hampers for 7 of our school's families. Thank you to everyone who brought in your hamper items and donated financially through PowerSchool. Even in these challenging times, it was amazing to see the kindness and generosity of our school community.



Vince, with Mrs. Fabiano, and the turkeys that were donated for our Christmas hampers by Franco's on 50th street. Thank you Vince!

Cardinal Léger JH Virtual Open House and EAP Information Evening

This year's Cardinal Léger Open House and EAP Information Evening will be upon us shortly and all in a new virtual format! Please feel free to share the following news with all interested students and their families!

CARDINAL LEGER VIRTUAL ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFO NIGHT & OPEN HOUSE



8808-144 Ave, Edmonton, AB, T5E 3G7, TEL: 780-475-6262, FAX: 780-475-5882

WEB: www.cardinalleger.ecsd.net

Cardinal Léger JH will be hosting two separate online, virtual information evenings to introduce you to the programming available at our school. Please note that due to the current Covid restrictions in place, there will no in-person school meetings or tours at this time.

ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm

The Jan. 19th online presentation is designed to provide further information to families about the EAP program and registration requirements. The presentation, available on our website, will also be supplemented by a virtual question and answer meeting through the MS Teams Live Event platform. Instructions on how to join the event, including the online link, will be provided on the Cardinal Léger website the week leading up to the meeting date.

GENERAL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30pm

This evening is an opportunity for families to virtually explore the school and learn about our programming, including our District Italian Language & Culture Program. In addition to the PowerPoint presentation that will be available on the Cardinal Léger website the evening of Feb. 8th, there will be a chance to navigate the hallways and classrooms of the school via a video tour of the school. Finally, a live, virtual question and answer meeting will occur through the MS Teams Live Event platform. Instructions on how to join the event, including the online link, will be provided on the Cardinal Léger website the week leading up to the meeting date.

If you have any questions regarding junior high registration, please contact the school Principal, Mr. Duncan Buchanan or the Assistant Principal, Ms. Diane Lefebvre at 780-475-6262.

Student Registration Verification

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have completed the verification of student registration documents through [Parent PowerSchool](#). We still have 61 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.

School Emails and Bi-weekly Updates – Check SPAM and Junk mail folders

We have received a number of calls from caregivers indicating they have not received some of the email correspondence from the school. In many circumstances, we have been able to determine that these emails have in fact been sent successfully and received, but not opened. Upon further investigation, it appears that email filters in place with some email programs are automatically moving the school emails into SPAM or Junk folders. Please check your email settings and/or your SPAM/Junk folders for these important school communications. This is particularly critical in these times, as COVID-19 case information for the school, as well as Bi-weekly Updates are all sent via email.

School Council News

The next virtual School Council meeting will be held on Jan. 27th 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 January.

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



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

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.

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

Have a wonderful weekend, a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!