

Friday, Dec. 4, 2020

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the month of December and the First Week of Advent! Although our students are now working at home, online, until the New Year, we want everyone in the Cardinal Léger community to know that the school is open and staff are working hard to provide the best possible education to your child in these challenging times. Please remind them to continue to follow their regular class schedule and meet through MS Teams in their core subjects, Music, French and Italian classes. As was noted in last week's Special Friday Update, other option courses and PE classes are meeting once per week on Teams during a block that was communicated to the students by their teacher. I have again attached the Nov. 27th Special Friday Update document with this current Bi-weekly update. Please review this important information with your child so they know the learning expectations for them until we return to in-school classes. I would also encourage parents and guardians to contact their child's teachers directly, if they have any questions about their schedule and/or programming during this period of online learning.

Although still new to the Cardinal Léger community, I do know that a big part of the faith filled, holiday tradition at the school has been to support those members of our own school community who struggle to put a Christmas meal together for their family. Through the collection of food items and monetary donations, students and staff have prepared Christmas food hampers for those who truly need it at this time of the year. Despite the current "at home" circumstance we find ourselves in this year, we would like to continue with this wonderful tradition! Beginning Monday, Dec. 7th, opportunity will be available to all of our families who would like to contribute to this year's hampers, either financially or with a non-perishable food item. Please see the main attachment and body of this email for further information as to how you can contribute during this season of giving.

As we begin our preparations for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is important that we take time to pray together. A simple prayer has the power to focus our thoughts and intentions and provide God's insight when we struggle to see the answers to our questions.

Almighty and gracious Father, you sent to us your Word as the Sun of truth and justice.

Give light to our eyes that throughout this Advent season we may discover your presence in the many works of your hand; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything that is happening at the school, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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 be posted on the website after they are delivered by email. The next update will be sent on Friday, Dec. 18th.

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Christmas Hampers

Cardinal Léger's annual Christmas Hamper drive has begun. One of our main Social Justice activities of the year, the school community is challenged to collect enough food and cash donations to create hampers for Cardinal Léger families in need during the holiday season. Due to the move to online learning, as well as Covid-19 protocols, the format to collect donations will be as follows:

Financial/Cash donations – in the Parent PowerSchool Portal

An optional fee has been created (named Christmas Hampers) where parents/guardians may contribute whatever they feel is appropriate. Parents who wish to donate in this manner should log into the PPS portal and go into the school fees section to access this option. Although no amount is too little, for those that choose to donate, even a \$5 contribution will go a long way to helping us achieve our goal.

Food Item donations – directly at the school

Those who would like to donate non-perishable food items to the Christmas Hampers are asked to see the recommended item list below, grouped by grade. Please note that items can only be accepted at the front entrance of the school between 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on school days. Upon your arrival, push the intercom, at which time the doors will be opened and donations can be placed into the bin directly inside the school foyer. A reminder to please wear a mask, sanitize your hands before and after you leave your item, practice social distancing and do not linger inside the school.

Hamper Food Items	Approximate Amount for a Family of 6-8	Requested Donation by Grade
Canned Ham	3 kg	9
Potatoes	10 lb	8
Vegetables (canned)	5 x 398 gm	7
Cranberry sauce or jelly	398 ml	9
Soup (Canned or dehydrated)	5 x 284 ml	8
<u>Real</u> fruit juice	4 litres	7
Tea or instant coffee	250 gm	9
Peanut Butter	1 Jar (~1 kg)	8
Jam, honey or marmalade	500 ml	7
Fruit (canned)	4 x 398 ml	9
Stove-Top dressing	2 x 250 gm	8
Turkey Gravy	3 x pkgs	7

Thank you to everyone for your anticipated generosity!

Our School Charism

Did you know that Cardinal Léger has its own charism? Charism comes from the Greek word for “gift” or “favour”. Charisms are anything that contribute to the greater good in the church and in society for the greater Glory of God. Cardinal Léger’s charism is “*tender-hearted mercy and kindness*”. Throughout the school year, students and staff will reflect on our charism to better understand how our lived charism permeates the school culture. We will continue to share more about our school charism in future Bi-weekly updates.

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.

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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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.

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.

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

The last day of online, at-home school before Christmas Break is an early dismissal day, Friday, Dec. 18. Please note that Thursday, Dec. 17th will be a full day of learning. The Dec. 17th and 18th class schedules are switched for these two dates.

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.

Please be sure to view the important information found in the attachments provided with this email. These include the messages from our Chief Superintendent and our ECSD Chaplain.

Have a wonderful weekend!