

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021

## Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Welcome to February!

This month we have many important activities, events, and pieces of information to highlight in our Bi-weekly update! From next week's virtual Open House, to information on Registration for the 2021-22 school year, to recognizing the start of Black History Month, to a new school initiative we call Friendly February, please make sure to read the main body and attachments of this email to learn about all of the exciting things that are happening at Cardinal Léger JH!

We also want to remind everyone of our second Staff Professional Development Day, next **Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**. PD days are so important for the ongoing growth of our staff; we appreciate the opportunity to continue our journey of lifelong learning, so that we are able to provide the best possible education for our students, your children. In addition, we wish everyone a safe and blessed Family Day holiday, on **Monday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no classes for students on either of these days. Enjoy the extra long, long weekend!

This month, I would also like to highlight our ECSD prayer. This prayer allows all of us, who work in Edmonton Catholic Schools, to focus on the great gifts that God has given us and to remind us of our mission to love and serve him.

*Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us today to make us stewards of your gifts and witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ, in our schools and in our world.*

*We were created in your image and likeness; each of us a precious gift. Through the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, we ask you to protect and guide our students and staff; caring and watching over us at all times.*

*Come live in our hearts and strengthen us to love and serve you. Let us glorify your name, being kind and generous to everyone we meet. With Christ as our model and our teacher, we celebrate and witness our faith, learning together, working together, and praying together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.*

*We pray this through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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, 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, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Cardinal Léger JH Virtual Open House**

After our recent, successful virtual EAP Information Evening, we are now ready to host this year's Cardinal Léger Open House on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to share the following news with all interested students and their families!

### **CARDINAL LEGER VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**



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

WEB: [www.cardinalleger.ecsd.net](http://www.cardinalleger.ecsd.net)

**Cardinal Léger JH will be hosting our online, virtual information evening 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.**

### **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. 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, are now on the Cardinal Léger website.

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.

## **Registration at Cardinal Léger for the 2021-22 School Year**

We have begun to hear questions from students, parents, and guardians about registration at Cardinal Léger for the 2021-22 school year. This year, throughout ECSD, registration for both new and returning students to our schools will take place online only, beginning Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. On Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, the Edmonton Catholic School Division will send information out to parents and guardians of returning students with instructions on how to access their next year registration intentions through the Parent PowerSchool Portal. Please note that you must have an active Parent PowerSchool account in order to complete the registration process; unlike in prior years, there will be no paper registration documents. Detailed instructions on how to confirm Cardinal Léger as your school of choice for next year will be provided in the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> email from ECSD. Please note, if your child is moving on to High School, or another school site, the email will also provide information on how to proceed to confirm or select your new school.

If you do not have a Parent PowerSchool account, are having difficulties accessing your current account, or if you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Cardinal Léger JH at 780-475-6262 for assistance.

## **Student Registration Verification – Current 2020-21 School Year**

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have completed the verification of student registration documents through [Parent PowerSchool](#). We still have 56 families that must complete this very important process. It is important that you complete and/or update this information immediately in order to ensure that next year's upcoming registration process is not impacted. If you require assistance, please call the school and one of our administrative assistants would be happy to help you through the process.

## **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.

### Yearbook Payment

Also related to School Fees, some parents/guardians may have noticed that on your Parent PowerSchool account, those families that had an overpayment from last year, the money was automatically allocated toward the purchase of this year's Yearbook. If you do not wish to purchase a yearbook for the current 2020-2021 school year, please email our head Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Fabiano at [Maria.Fabiano@ecsd.net](mailto:Maria.Fabiano@ecsd.net) and she will reallocate the monies to school fees. If you have any questions about this aspect of school fees, please feel free to call the school for clarification.

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

### Father Michael Mireau Youth Day: Serve Like A Superhero

Every year, grade 8 students from Catholic school boards in and around the Edmonton area gather together for the annual Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau Faith Development Day. Father Michael Mireau was ECSD's first district chaplain. It was his desire to have a faith retreat for grade 8 students to help them reconnect with one another and with their faith. Sadly, Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau passed away before his vision could become a reality. In his honour, ECSD proudly celebrates his memory by hosting the annual 'Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau Youth Faith Day'. This year, the retreat will be held virtually on Thursday, February 11 in the morning. Grade 8 students will participate virtually with their homeroom classes as together they explore this year's theme: "Serve like a Superhero!"

### Ash Wednesday and the Start of Lent

This year, Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is the first day of the Easter season, and marks the beginning of Lent; it is a time when we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. The ashes that we place on our foreheads remind us of the things that we have done wrong in our lives and are a sign that we are looking for forgiveness. It is also encouraged during the season of Lent for individuals to find something in their lives to do away with, or fast from, in order to make more room for God in their lives and to help connect with the sacrifice that Jesus will make on our behalf at Easter. This year we will be having our Ash Wednesday celebration virtually in homeroom classes on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Friendly February**

This past Monday saw the start of a new initiative at Cardinal Léger, as we started “Friendly February”. With the challenges that the first semester has brought to everyone in our community, from COVID to recent cold weather, it is easy to forget about the importance of all of the small acts of kindness that we can be part of to make our school a better place! In order to recognize those actions that make a difference, each day of the month we will start our day with a reminder of something that we can do to make somebody else’s day just a little bit better and we will acknowledge someone in each homeroom class who has been a positive impact at Cardinal Leger. Each of our Homeroom teachers received a monthly calendar which they have posted in their room with a simple suggestion for each day as to what our students and staff can do to encourage someone in their life ... Monday’s idea, “Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you!”. Let’s make each day in February a Friendlier one!

## **Black History Month**

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of Black History Month. Black History Month is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn about the many contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to this country. This year’s theme for Black History Month is “The Future is Now”, a call to action for us all to build on the legacy of those who came before us, and to recognize the transformative work that Black Canadians and their communities are doing now. At Cardinal Leger school we celebrate our diversity and continue to work harder to educate ourselves on the importance of Black Canadians and their accomplishments. In order to honor the contributions of the members of our Black Community, during each Friday Broadcast in February, we will highlight the talents and achievements of Black Canadians.

## **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://www.edmonton.ca/newbusroutes) .

## **School Council News**

The next virtual School Council meeting will be held on Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## 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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## Archbishop O'Leary HS - Open House 2021

A message from Archbishop O'Leary HS with regard to their Open House and registration for the 2021-22 school year:

Following the pandemic protocols, the O'Leary Open House this year will be virtual and held on March 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. By the end of January, the O'Leary website will have all of the information on what this event will look like, how to participate and what will be needed for the registration of new students.

The O'Leary Open House will be comprised of:

- A presentation from school staff on the different programs and opportunities at O'Leary that will have components that are live and others that were previously recorded.
  - This full presentation will be recorded and available for viewing at any time following the scheduled event.
- A virtual map and video tour of different areas of the building
- A legacy video that interviews staff, current students and alumni, highlighting different programs and experiences that O'Leary offers.

Grade 9 students who attend the O'Leary feeder schools will have Teams presentations on high school programming in the weeks prior to the scheduled Open House. This Teams presentation will be provided to each of the Catholic junior high feeder schools in the O'Leary catchment.

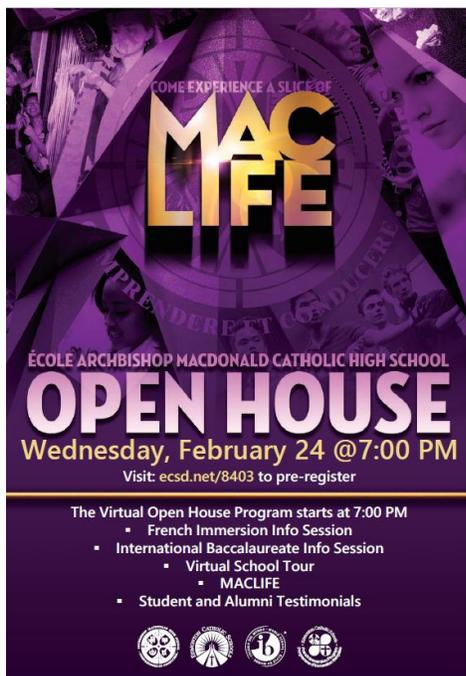
The O'Leary website will also have a digital and interactive view book, explaining all of the different programs and courses that are available to all students.

The registration for Grade 9 students who live in the O'Leary catchment is automatic for the 2021/2022 year. The process for incoming students to select courses will be digital and that information will be shared with all students and parents in the next few months. If you have any questions, please email O'Leary at [8404web@ecsd.net](mailto:8404web@ecsd.net) or call the school at 780-476-6251.

### **Archbishop MacDonald HS - Open House 2021**

A message from Archbishop MacDonald HS with regard to their Open House and registration for the 2021-22 school year:

Archbishop MacDonald is a school of choice open to all students in Edmonton Catholic who meet the entrance requirements. Our virtual open house is on Wednesday, February 24 @ 7:00pm. We ask that parents register prior to the event and they can do so on our website. Also on the website are all the application documents that students need to fill out and submit by March 8, 2021.



### **Staff Professional Development Day – Feb. 12**

There will be no school for students on Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> as staff will be engaged in their Spring Professional Learning opportunity.

### **Family Day – Feb. 15**

There will be no school on Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Family Day holiday. Enjoy the extra-long weekend.

**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!**