

Friday, Jan. 22, 2021

## Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of January and planning has already begun for the 2021-22 school year. This past week we held our first ever *virtual* EAP Information Evening for interested students and we are preparing to host our virtual Open House on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We encourage you to send anyone who is interested in this event to our website for more information, including the link to this Teams live event ([www.cardinalleger.ecsd.net](http://www.cardinalleger.ecsd.net)).

As we all know, the current COVID-19 pandemic can have an impact on all of our mental health, including our students, their families and our staff. As taken from their website, "[Bell Let's Talk Day is Thursday, January 28](#), when people throughout Canada and worldwide have the clear opportunity to make our voices heard in the conversation about mental illness. Consider finding new ways to practice self-care and stay connected, such as reading with a virtual book club, having a video call over dinner, texting with friends or streaming a group fitness class. These are just some of the things that could support good mental well-being. Please refer to some of the tips and online resources from our partners to support and help manage your mental health through this difficult time. Maintaining good mental and physical health will help ensure we get through this together. Now more than ever, let's talk."

In closing, as we work through these challenging times, we continue to turn to our Faith in prayer. Monday is the celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle. In honor of this Feast day we pray together:

*Almighty God, the radiance of your Son illumines our days and nights and brings warmth to the hearts of all who serve you. Through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today. May our praise, inspired by the Spirit of love, fill us with the glory of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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. 5<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.

## 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.

## **Immunizations – Grade 7 and 9**

Please read the following notice from our school's Public Health Nurse:

Due to COVID-19 response priorities for Public Health the scheduled immunization date for your child's school is being temporarily postponed. Public Health is working on a plan to address deferred immunizations by the end of this school year. No additional appointments in clinic are available at this time. If your child has an appointment booked already, please note there will be no change to this unless a Public Health Nurse contacts you and lets you know otherwise. The School Health Nurse for your child's school will communicate pertinent information to the school as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience in this matter as we support the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## **ETS Bus Pass Purchase for February**

Students who require ETS bus passes for February are reminded that they are only available pre-purchased, online, through Parent PowerSchool. Absolutely no cash or debit/credit can be accepted at the school. The Parent PowerSchool Portal will be open for bus pass purchases on Wednesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. The last day for purchase and distribution will be Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. The link to Parent PowerSchool can be found here: <http://powerschool.ecsd.net>

## **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.

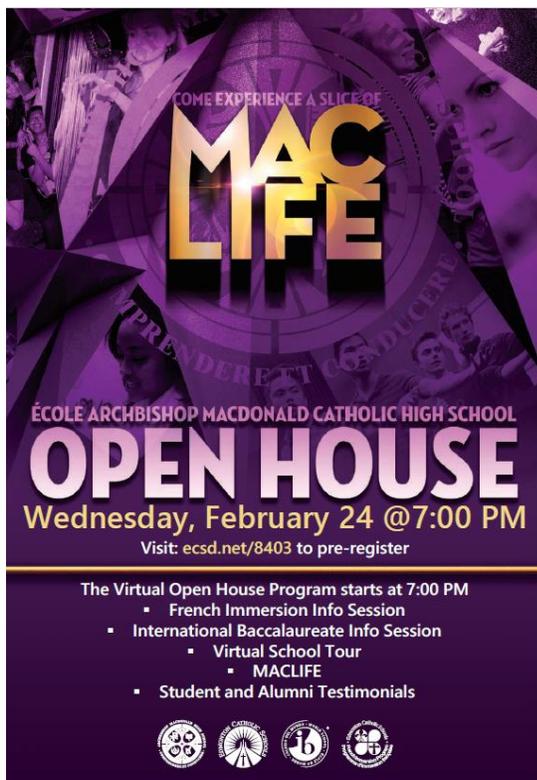
The O'Leary website will also have a digital and interactive view book, explaining all of the different programs and courses that are available to all students.

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.



## School Council News

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

## Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

### Our School Charism

As mentioned in prior Bi-weekly Updates, Cardinal Léger's charism is ***"tender-hearted mercy and kindness"***. Our charism permeates the school culture and is founded in the relationships that are established here including those **WITH** self, God, others, the local and world community, and creation, as well as **BETWEEN** academic subjects, faith and reason, faith and culture, faith and learning and faith and life. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we live our school charism through our daily activities, as well as special events and school traditions.

Did you know that each and every day, students and staff begin the Homeroom block with a prayer and reflection that our school Chaplain Mr. Hansen has prepared? It is this simple act that allows all of us to connect with one another and celebrate the relationship with our faith as a unified community.

We will continue to share more about our school charism in future Bi-weekly updates.

### 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



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

### 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 58 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.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**