

Friday, Jan. 8, 2021

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Happy New Year!

I hope that each and every one of our Cardinal Léger families had a blessed and restful holiday break and that all of our students are ready for a positive and productive year in 2021. The start of every calendar year gives us opportunity to reflect on the previous 12 months (what a year!), to look at what we did well, what we can improve upon, and most importantly *optimistically* set new goals in our personal lives. These goals may include promises to become more fit, to work to the best of our ability in and out of school, to pray more often, and to treat one another with kindness and respect. Regardless of our resolutions, all of the staff at Cardinal Léger continue to be here to support your child in their learning, and their growth as a person in the upcoming year, and we are excited to welcome back our students to the school next Monday, Jan. 11 after our most recent period of online learning.

We remind all caregivers to continue to support the school community and the safety of our staff and students by using the daily COVID-19 screening questionnaire with your child (found [here](#)) and by reminding them of the importance of following all of the AHS and school protocols including consistently wearing a mask, social distancing where possible, and hand sanitizing on a regular basis. Please do not send students to school if they show symptoms of COVID-19 and in the event of a positive COVID-19 case or exposure, inform the school as soon as possible so that we may respond appropriately.

Although we are starting a new calendar year, we are nearing the end of the first semester for all of our courses and many of our students will be moving onto new options on Feb. 1st. Final marks for first semester options and interim marks for other subjects will be live on PowerSchool on Friday, Jan. 29th. Of course, caregivers are always encouraged to check Parent PowerSchool for current grades and assessments. Questions or concerns about a particular subject should be directed to the specific teacher, whose email is also found in PowerSchool.

In closing, we are reminded of the great gift God bestowed upon us with the birth of his Son at Christmas and so pray together:

Loving God, you sent us your Son, Jesus. Help us to open our hearts in welcome Jesus with joy. May we share his comforting love and live in his peace and justice. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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, Jan. 22nd.

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.

Hockey Jersey Day – Wed. Jan. 13th

All students and staff are invited to celebrate the start of the NHL hockey season by wearing their favorite hockey apparel, including jerseys, t-shirts, hats, or whatever you have that shows support for "your team". Whether it is the Oilers, Red Wings ... yes, even the Flames or Maple Leafs ... we look forward to sharing in the excitement of the return of our national pastime.

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 or call the school at 780-476-6251.

ETS Bus Pass Purchase for January

Students who require ETS bus passes for January 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 is now open for bus pass purchases until Jan. 15th. Pre-purchased passes will be distributed to students starting on Monday, Jan. 11th. The link to Parent PowerSchool can be found here: <http://powerschool.ecsd.net>

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.

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.

ECSD Virtual Parent Evening: Increased Screen Time & Social Isolation: Strategies to Support Your Child's Mental Health

Tuesday, January 19th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Join the Edmonton Catholic School Division's Board of Trustees for a virtual parent evening.

This session will address how to support the mental health of your children and youth during increased screen time, online learning, and times of isolation. With social distancing limiting our ability to connect and physically interact, it is important to find a balance in our lives.

This session will have strategies, in which you as parents and caregivers can share and embrace within your family.

We are pleased to welcome mental health experts from Alberta Health Services and Division Chaplain, Father Glenn MacDonald.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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



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

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. If you have already attended prior meetings, you need not resubmit your request. All prior attendees will be added to the Teams invitation.

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.

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!