

Friday, June 11, 2021

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

And so, we come to the final two weeks of the school year! It is still hard to believe that last September's uncertain return to school is 10 months behind us. Much has happened since that time, but I am reassured by recent events in our world and believe that we can look forward to September 2021 with optimism and the promise of a better world. I can now imagine a time and place where we can all re-engage in a learning community that will truly allow our students to grow and flourish.

This will be the final Bi-weekly Update for the current school year. I want to again thank everyone for the warm welcome that I received at Cardinal Léger JH in 2020-21 and I wish everyone all the best next year as I move on to my new school. I know that you will all show the same spirit of acceptance and kindness to Mrs. Shim as you did to me, as she begins her time at the school.

Please take time to read all of the following information in this update. Details about yearend Final Exams, as well as the other dates and events are provided. Please note, much of this information has already been shared in prior email SWIFTs from the school; however, we ask you to continue to monitor your SMS and email communication for any further updates. Finally, an important update from ECSD about student Learning Choice for September is included in this update as a separate attachment; please make sure to read through this new information carefully.

And so, in closing, I ask you to pray together

*God of wisdom,
We thank you for all the gifts you have given us
Throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ,
And for choosing us to be your people.
As we come to the end of this school year,
We voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us,
And we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.
We ask you to bless them in your love
And give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Who lives and reigns 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, Bi-weekly Updates will usually be sent by email to parents and guardians every second Friday during the school year, and subsequently posted on the Cardinal Leger website. The next update will be sent in the Fall once the new school year begins.

COVID Screening and Protocols

With only a few weeks remaining in the school year, please continue to follow all COVID protocols and go through the daily health [Screening Questionnaire](#) before coming to school. We ask that all parents/guardians review the [form](#) with their child each day before they leave from home. Any student who displays symptoms should refrain from coming to school and should follow the advice of AHS as indicated on the document.

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](#). As we near the end of the current school year, we ask that all fees be paid in full, as soon as possible. Our complementary and option programs rely on these fees to maintain robust programs for our students who choose these courses. Support staff have begun to call those families who are owing fees, to clear their accounts before the end of June. Parents and guardians who have any questions about fees are asked to contact the school.

Year End Calendar/Final Exam Schedule – June 14-28

Please see the following calendar for the various activities and events that will take place during the final two weeks of June. Current AHS COVID protocols and ECSD guidelines dictate that large group gatherings will not take place before the end of the school year; however, plans are in place to hold certain virtual events including Awards Recognition, Grade 9 Farewell, and the final school Liturgy and celebration.

Final Exam Expectations and Student Permission to leave school after Final Exams

Final Exam expectations and procedures, including a MS Form for parent permission to leave school after writing each exam, was provided in a SWIFT email to all guardians on Monday, May 31st and then repeated on Monday, June 7. Please ensure that if you want to allow your child to leave after writing their exams, you must fill out the following [MS form](#) and respond for each day of the exams. If you have any questions, please call the school and we would be happy to answer.

Textbook Returns

All students are asked to return their Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science subject textbooks to their Homeroom the morning of the corresponding Final Exam. Religion and Sightline textbooks can be returned to their homeroom beginning Monday, June 14. Online students can return their textbooks on the morning of June 23 or the afternoon of June 24.

Exam Conflict Morning – June 23 - a.m.

Exam conflict morning is scheduled for the morning of June 23. This time is set aside for students who were unable to write a Final Exam at the regularly scheduled time and have communicated with their subject area teacher, in advance, to make arrangements to write the exam at this time. The Exam Conflict writing time is only for special circumstances and eligibility to write at this time is determined by the teacher and administration in consultation with the student's parents/guardians.

There are no regularly scheduled classes for any students on this morning.

National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21

On June 21, we celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. Students will report to their homeroom on this day and will follow a schedule that includes opportunities to learn more about indigenous culture, acknowledge and participate in an activity that remembers the 215 children of the Kamloops Residential School, as well as join in Social Justice Activities that support our Care for Creation and the Seniors in our Community. In addition, some time will be set aside for students to study for their Science Final on June 22. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

Homeroom

Blk 1 – Indigenous Peoples Activity

Blk 2 – Study Hall – study for Science Final

Blk 3 – Indigenous Peoples Activity

Blk 4 – Study Hall – study for Science Final

Lunch Break

Blk 5 – Care for Creation - Grounds Clean Up

Blk 6 – Meals on Wheels Cards for Seniors

Blk 7 - Meals on Wheels Cards for Seniors

Grade 9 Farewell – June 23 – p.m.

Grade 9 Farewell has been confirmed for the afternoon of June 23. This mostly virtual event will include a Farewell liturgy and presentations from the Principal, staff, and students. Although current AHS and ECSD protocols will not allow for any large group activities, and unfortunately parents/guardians will not be allowed to attend, we are planning for a formal awarding of the grade 9 certificate (individually, on stage), by classroom cohort, to those students who wish this opportunity. Grade 9 students should arrive at school for the afternoon no earlier than 12:15 p.m., in preparation for a regular 12:33 p.m. start time. Students should go directly to their Homeroom class to view the liturgy and presentations. At the conclusion of the presentations, students will be invited down to the gym, by class, to walk across the stage and receive their grade 9 certificates. As students receive their certificate, a staff member will take an individual photo of them. This photo will then be provided digitally, through email, to parents and guardians after the event.

We ask that any student in the online class, 9A, contact the school to make arrangements for attending this ceremony, if they would like to participate in person.

There are no grade 7 or 8 classes on this afternoon.

Photo Memories

There will be no formal grade 9 Farewell photos scheduled at the school. LifeTouch Photography, however, will be scheduling individual appointments, at their studios, for the beginning of June for those families who wish to pursue this option. Phone LifeTouch at 780-437-2431 to book your appt.

Awards – June 24 – a.m.

Cardinal Leger Academic and other Special Award winners will be acknowledged virtually the morning of June 24. At this time, all students who are at the school will be able to watch a video presentation, from their classrooms, that highlights the wonderful achievements of our students. After the proceedings, award winners will have opportunity to pick up their certificates, medals, and other awards from the main office that day. Students who are not at school that morning can pick up their awards during regular school hours, up until Friday, June 25th at noon.

Classroom Cleanup and Movie Afternoon – June 24 - p.m. – Full Day schedule

The afternoon of June 24th will be spent in the homeroom, taking inventory, organizing, and doing final classroom cleanup. Once complete, students will have a chance to enjoy the remainder of the day celebrating year end and watching a movie. Note that this Thursday is a full day schedule with dismissal at 2:58 p.m.

Final Day of School – Liturgy and Farewells – June 25 – a.m. – Early Dismissal

The morning of Friday, June 25, students will participate virtually in a liturgy celebrating the end of the school year and the many gifts God has given us during the past ten months. They will have an opportunity to say farewell to their classmates, after which they will be dismissed, as per the usual early dismissal time of 11:58 a.m.

June 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 Regular Classes	15 Final Day of Regular Classes	16 ELA Final Exam* 9 AM	17 Math Final Exam* 9 AM	18 Social Studies Final Exam* 9 AM
21 National Indigenous People’s Day	22 Science Final Exam* 9 AM	23 Exam Conflicts** - AM (no regularly scheduled classes) Grade 9 Farewell – PM (no grade 7, 8 classes)	24 Awards – AM Classroom Cleanup & Activities - PM	25 School Ending Liturgy – AM Early Dismissal - Noon

*All grades, 7-9 – **Online students** will write their exams **online** during the designated times.

**As arranged with subject area teacher. Special circumstances only.

Final Grade Report Card

Edmonton Catholic Schools has moved away from paper report cards and all final grades will be available digitally through [Parent PowerSchool](#). Your child(ren)'s final report card for the 2020-2021 school year will be available online on Friday, June 25th at the end of the school day. If you do not have access to your Parent PowerSchool, please contact the school office.

School Summer Hours

The school will be closed for the summer starting 12 p.m. on Monday, June 28. The office will re-open on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

School Council News and the Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association

School Council

The final School Council meeting of the school year was held on May 19th. We were fortunate to have our Ward 72 representative, and Chair of the ECSD Board of Trustees, Sandra Palazzo, attend and speak about the role of the Trustee and the initiatives undertaken by the Board this school year. In addition, the new Cardinal Leger Principal for 2021-22, Carmelina Shim was introduced and welcomed to the school. Please look for communication from the school, in the fall, for the date of the opening Annual General Meeting of the School Council.

Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association

The Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association, comprised of parents and guardians of students at our school, is excited to announce a new fundraising initiative through FlipGive, a free funding app that serves as a way to support our students and the activities that go on in the school i.e. Numeracy Week prizes and treats, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast.

The Fundraising Association earns cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is purchase an eGift card through FlipGive and shop anytime with the brands you already love, including:

Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless.

Join our Cardinal Léger Chargers FlipGive team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=KZM6ZW>

Enter the code: KZM6ZW when prompted and you are on your way to supporting the activities

If you would like to learn more, feel free to check out this 2 minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80

Any questions, just ask!

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Vice-chair - Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association



Family School Liaison Newsletter

Please be sure to check out the helpful information provided in the attachment from our Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) Ms. Gutteridge.

*see attachment to this email for the full FSLW notice.



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)**

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

Have a wonderful, final few weeks of the school year, and to all of our families, have a Blessed and restful summer holiday!