

Friday, Mar. 5, 2021

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

Once again, we were grateful to welcome back many of our students from isolation and remote learning in the past two days. It is always a joy to have the hallways full of faces looking to return to the regular routine of daily in person classes. The important connection we all make with friends, classmates, teachers, and support staff cannot be underestimated. As always, we continue to do our best to keep all of our school community safe while providing the best possible learning environment.

The time for Parent-Teacher Conferences is again upon us! On Wednesday, March 17th, parents and guardians will have the opportunity to connect with their child's teachers through a scheduled phone conversation. Online bookings for phone appointments will open on Monday, March 8th at 9 a.m. Please see the main body of this Bi-weekly Update for further instructions on how to book a time to speak with their teachers.

This Bi-weekly update contains many attachments, including the March Messages from our Chief Superintendent and District Chaplains, as well as information from AHS about various support programs available to our families. Please be sure to read each of these important documents.

Finally, I have again attached important information about school registration for next year and the process for declaring your learning intentions. This is a repeat of the email that was sent out last week in a special update. Parents are reminded that the deadline to submit your child's intentions for next year, through the Parent PowerSchool Portal, is March 22. Please ensure that you complete this important step in our planning for the 2021-22 school year.

We are now fully immersed in the blessed Easter season; let us 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. As we draw nearer to you, 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, Mar. 19th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences/Demo of Learning – Wednesday, Mar. 17 – Phone Call Meetings Only

Due to COVID protocols and rules minimizing visitors to the school, we are not able to hold any in-person Parent-Teacher interviews at this time. We recognize how important it is to have a scheduled time to speak with your child's teachers, however, and so will be providing this opportunity through phone call meetings on Wednesday, Mar. 17th.

Beginning Monday, March 8th, at 9 a.m., parents who wish to speak with a teacher(s) on Mar. 17th are asked to go online to book a time(s) and to provide a preferred phone number where the teacher can reach you. Note that teachers will be available at 10 min intervals from 4-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on this date. Due to the nature of this new format, we ask parents to respect the time limit of the meeting and understand that it is only possible to book 3 teachers maximum on this date.

Instructions for Booking an Appointment

- On March 8th, beginning at 9 a.m., please click on the following direct link to book your child's interview: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Alternatively, you can go online to <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/> and click on "Make a Booking" at the top of the webpage.
- On the subsequent page you will be prompted to enter an event code. The event code for the Cardinal Leger P-T Conferences is **CARDN**
- Click the green "GO" box to proceed.
- Follow the instructions to book your child's interviews.

Again, note that the booking process will not open until 9 a.m. on March 8th and that when you book your phone appointment you must provide a best contact number in order for the teacher to call you.

If you are unable to access the website, you can call the school office and they will assist you in booking your interviews. No interviews will be booked prior to 9:00am on Mar. 8th.

If you have any difficulties with the process, or you have any questions, please feel free to call the school and we would be happy to assist you.

Registration and Intentions - Cardinal Léger for the 2021-22 School Year

Registration at Cardinal Leger for the 2021-22 school year has begun! 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.

On Monday, February 22nd, Edmonton Catholic School Division sent out a letter to all families outlining the requirement to identify and select their child's learning intention for the 2021-2022 school year. For most families, this simply means logging into the Parent PowerSchool Portal, checking off your intention to return to Cardinal Leger JH (or your designated high school, if you are in grade 9) and clicking submit. Please note that this feature will only be available on the Parent PowerSchool Portal until March 22nd. Please click on the following link, in order to view a video that assists in navigating this process.

<https://youtu.be/KPMC3FY7yDo>

Please know that completing this intention page for your child is very important in assisting us, as we begin planning for the next school year at Cardinal Leger JH.

Again, 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/intention process, please contact Cardinal Léger JH at 780-475-6262 for assistance.

MS Teams Use

The MS Teams application is a very useful tool for students to connect with their teachers, particularly if they are required to self-isolate at home. We encourage all students to check in with their different subject area teachers on a regular basis and use the features in Teams to communicate with them, in addition to using the Google Classrooms that are also vital to staying current with their courses.

*A reminder to all students and their caregivers that the Teams accounts associated with Cardinal Léger and their classes are for educational use only. When using the Teams Meeting features, including the Chat option, please be appropriate and respectful in your dialogue. All inappropriate interactions are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and will be addressed by the teachers and/or administration. School associated Teams accounts are not to be used to create Teams groups for social, personal or other unauthorized calls or chats. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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.

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 .

Additional information can be found through the two following links provided by ETS and the City of Edmonton

- [Information around the new bus network \(launch April 25, 2021\)](#)
- [Information about the new On Demand Transit services \(impacts 30 neighborhoods\)](#)

School Council News

The next virtual School Council meeting will be held on Mar. 24th 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.

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.

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 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.

Have a wonderful weekend!