

Friday, May 14, 2021

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

Despite the challenging times presented by our most recent provincial lock down and move to online learning, it is with much excitement and relief that we also received news of the ability to book COVID - 19 immunization appointments for our students aged 12 and above. I would encourage all families with children that fall into these new guidelines to take advantage of the opportunity to be vaccinated. This “light at the end of tunnel” provides real hope that our schools and classrooms may slowly begin to resume their usual operations for the start of the 2021-22 school year in September. The link to the AHS Immunization Booking site can be found here:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17295.aspx>

As we prepare to return to in-person schooling after the upcoming long weekend, beginning on May 25, I will repeat my message from the past bi-weekly update: 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. There will only be 16 regular school days remaining before the start of Final Exams, when students return on the 25th, and we want everyone at Cardinal Leger to remain healthy over this time period!

This past week has been Catholic Education Week and yesterday, May 13th was World Catholic Education Day! In celebration of this important time, let us pray together:

Loving God, teach us your ways, make them known to us, and help us to live according to your truth. Direct our hearts and minds to pray for our Catholic schools. Help us to lead in faithfulness, wisdom and charity, to create welcoming and inclusive schools, to commit to the vital work of prayer, dialogue, and action, and to inspire and sustain us to make love our way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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, 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 on Friday, May 28th.

Student Learning when Required to Isolate at Home/Move to Online Learning – May

Those students who are required to self-isolate due to close contact with a confirmed COVID19+ individual (or who are required to move to online learning due to AHS and ECSD directives) will continue their education from home through regular check-ins with their normal classes' MS Teams groups and Google Classrooms. When entire classes are required to isolate, teachers, wherever possible, will look to connect with their classes at the appropriate scheduled time in their timetable, via Teams, in order to provide live interaction and instruction. Students whose entire class is isolating should sign into their core (ELA, Math, Sci., Social), religion and health classes' MS Teams group, at the regularly scheduled time during the day, to connect with their teacher. Attendance will be taken through PowerSchool for these classes. Students will not be required to connect with their option classes, nor will the teacher be available for live instruction in these courses. Attendance will not be taken for options during isolation. As always, teachers will also continue to post appropriate notes, assignments, and activities for students to work on while they are away, so that they maintain the pace of their learning for when they return to school at the completion of their isolation. It should be noted, however, that students who are isolating will not be switched to a dedicated online learning class.

News from our Public Health Nurse

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. There is a new virtual hub for school health promotion! As a valued partner and champion for school health, we invite you to check out schools.healthiertogether.ca in English or [French](#).

[Schools.healthiertogether.ca](https://schools.healthiertogether.ca) is a virtual space to explore comprehensive school health as a framework to help students, staff, and school communities stay well during COVID-19, and beyond. It will help you:

- Get ideas to boost mental health, nutrition, and physical activity during the pandemic
- Access high-quality, practical resources for your classroom, school, or school authority
- Find out about school health programs, services, and supports from Alberta Health Services
- Get the latest on school health news, grants, and virtual events in Alberta

[Schools.healthiertogether.ca](https://schools.healthiertogether.ca) is a project of Alberta Health Services (AHS). It's a coordinated effort by many health professionals, AHS zones and provincial teams to come together to support our education partners in these challenging times.

As we look to brighter days ahead, we hope you'll turn to schools.healthiertogether.ca for trusted information to support school health promotion. We look forward to hearing about your experiences with the site, and your thoughts on how to make it even better. We welcome your feedback by email to healthy.schools@ahs.ca. Please note that as many of our team members continue to support the pandemic response, it may take us some time to reply.

Thank you for all you do support healthy schools!

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Registration and Complementary Option Course Selection - 2021-22 School Year

The registration process at Cardinal Leger for the 2021-22 school year continues! At this time, the choice of all students in our feeder schools, who live in our catchment and who selected the school as their next year choice have been recorded and the ability to change these through Parent PowerSchool has been closed. If for some reason parents and guardians need to change your original intention choice, we ask you to contact our school to discuss.

Confirmation of next year's registration and acceptance to Cardinal Léger will occur on the last day of May. Please check your email for the confirmation letter from the school.

The deadline for online option choice selection for next year has now passed. Cardinal Leger Admin Support staff have been calling the homes of students who did not submit their option choices by the required date. If you did not choose your options for next year, please call the school to indicate your preferences. Those students who do not submit their option choices will be placed in classes based on space and availability. Because of the complexity of developing a timetable, once options are selected and assigned, students will not be allowed to change their choice other than in exceptional circumstances.

If you have any questions regarding the option selection and registration process, please contact Cardinal Léger JH at 780-475-6262 for assistance.

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Cardinal Leger Mental Health Week – May 25-28

After much delay, Cardinal Léger looks forward to acknowledging Mental Health Week upon our return to in-class learning on Tuesday, May 25th. Each day of that week, students are encouraged to wear a hat corresponding to the theme of the day, all in support of positive Mental Health ... and in order to win class prizes! There will be food treats awarded each day for the class with the greatest number of students wearing a hat corresponding to the day's theme. In addition, at the end of the week, the class in each grade that has worn the most hats combined will win a scheduled Mental Health Break during a future day. The hat themes for the week are:

- Tuesday, May 25 – Winter Toque
- Wednesday, May 26 – Sports
- Thursday, May 27 – Beach
- Friday, May 28 – Almost anything goes ... be creative, be wacky!

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. In May, support staff will begin to call those families who are owing fees, in order to clear their accounts before the end of June. Parents and guardians who have any questions about fees are asked to contact the school.

2020-21 Yearbook

Final call for orders for the current year's student Yearbook! If you would like your child to have a Yearbook, as a memento of the 2020-21 school year, and have yet to select and pay for it on the Parent PowerSchool portal, please do so as soon as possible. The final deadline for ordering is Friday, May 28th.

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

As we move into May, plans for June and the various activities and events that take place are well under way. AHS COVID protocols and ECSD guidelines will dictate what we are able to do at that time; however, we are planning for a few scenarios, with the underlying recognition that large group gatherings will not take place before the end of the school year. Please see the following abbreviated calendar of the last two weeks of school for an indication of our student Final Exam Schedule, as well as the proposed dates of some of the year end events including Awards Recognition, Grade 9 Farewell, and the final school Liturgy and celebration. Please be reminded that because of the uncertainty of the current pandemic situation, all dates and activities are subject to change. Further details of Final Exam expectations, as well as the abovementioned events, will be provided as we get closer to June. We appreciate your patience and understanding, as we plan for these important events at the end of the school year.

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 Grade 9 Farewell - PM	24 Awards – AM Classroom Cleanup & Activities - PM	25 School Ending Liturgy – AM Early Dismissal - Noon

*All grades 7-9

Grade 9 Farewell

There is still much uncertainty over what the next month holds and the implications for grade 9 Farewell. As mentioned in our last update, I can assure grade 9 students and their families that we have begun to plan for an appropriate event to acknowledge your time at Cardinal Leger. We have set the date of Wednesday, June 23rd for Grade 9 Farewell. Given current AHS and ECSD protocols, we unfortunately do not anticipate that we will be able to gather for any group activities. As a result, we will look to plan a day where we can meet virtually as a grade 9 community, in conjunction with an

opportunity to celebrate individually in a smaller setting. What this exactly looks like will again depend on COVID regulations for that time; however, it may include a formal awarding of the grade 9 certificate (individually, on stage) to those students who wish this opportunity. The virtual component of the day will potentially include a Farewell liturgy and presentations from the Principal, staff, and students. As we get closer to June, further details of the day's program will be provided.

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.

ETS Bus Routes - Plan ahead - major changes to Edmonton bus routes coming April 25, 2021

On April 25, 2021, all Edmonton Transit bus routes changed. There are 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 are different from prior to this date. These were 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 and the Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association

School Council

The next virtual School Council meeting will be held on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. (note the change from the original date of May 26th). Our Ward 72 representative, and Chair of the ECSD Board of Trustees, Sandra Palazzo, has been invited, as has the new Cardinal Leger Principal for 2021-22, Carmelina Shim. 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 May. If you have already attended prior meetings, you need not resubmit your request. All prior attendees will be added to the Teams invitation.

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

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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Community News

Soccer

The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit organization, is excited to host our 29th annual summer soccer day camps. There are amazing opportunities to volunteer or become a CIT (Counsellor-in-Training) during any or all of the 9 weeks in July and August. Our program is designed to encourage and promote personal development, team building and life skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. We have 8 locations across Edmonton (details available on our website). For any questions or to apply, visit our website at royalsoccer.com or contact us at 1-800-427-0536 or by email at volunteer@royalsoccer.com. See the attachment to this email for further information.

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

Please be sure to view the important information found in the attachments provided with this email.
Have a wonderful weekend!