

Friday, May 28, 2021

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

What a wonderful week! It was with great joy that we returned to in-person learning and the sounds of our students back in the school. As the hallways filled with student conversation and laughter, and as COVID-19 case numbers continue to drop in Alberta, there is a sense of optimism and renewal that is growing with each day of Spring!

When students entered Cardinal Leger on Tuesday, they were met with our brand-new digital signage and student information system. Nine new TV monitors in our hallways, including a large display at the front entrance of the school, will now provide our students with up-to-date news on school events and activities. The ability to better engage and acknowledge our students and school community is most welcomed, and we appreciate the support of the Cardinal Leger School Fundraising Committee who provided the majority of funds necessary, through volunteering efforts, to make this project happen.

This upcoming week of May 31 – June 4 is Pride Week in Edmonton. We are proud to acknowledge the important work our school's LIFE Group is doing at Cardinal Leger JH. Our LIFE Group/GSA is called the Safe Spaces group and we are working to ensure a safe, caring, and welcoming space for all students at the school.

May is the month of Mary, the Mother of God. One way we honor Mary is by praying the rosary. We use a set of beads with a crucifix attached. We pray the rosary by praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory to the Father over and over again. Through this peaceful rhythm of prayer, we reflect on the special moments in the lives of Mary and Jesus. I invite everyone in the school community to pray the rosary as we end the month.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death.

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, June 11th.

COVID Screening and Protocols

With only a few weeks of regular classes 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.

Grade 7 & 9 Immunizations

Please note that the school nurses will be coming out on Tuesday June 1, 2021 to provide the Gr 7 & 9 in-person student's immunizations at Cardinal Leger School.

Gr 9 parents and guardians, if your child has NOT returned their immunization consent forms, please do so ASAP, absolutely no later than the morning of Monday May 31. Only students who have a signed consent form will be immunized.

Gr 7 immunizations will be given to those students who submitted consent forms in grade 6 at their past elementary school. Further information was provided in the SWIFT communication that was sent out on Thursday, May 27.

Just a reminder that the recommendation is to wait a minimum of 14 days after routine vaccines, before getting the COVID vaccine. Alternatively, if your child receives the COVID vaccine first, the recommendation is to wait a minimum of 28 days before receiving any other routine vaccines. The school nurses will be assessing each child individually as they present to us to ensure this spacing is followed.

If your gr 9 child is an online learner, a school nurse has tried to reach out already regarding booking an appointment. However, if you have not been able to touch base with a school nurse, please call the number below to book an appointment at the health centre (space permitting).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-686-9583 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you kindly,

Nova Yan, RN, BScN, BSc

Public Health Nurse, School Team

Public Health- Edmonton Zone

Northgate Public Health Centre

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Throughout the year we have regularly reminded the school community of the Cardinal Léger School Charism, "Tender-hearted mercy and kindness." As we returned to in-person learning this week, and as the school year draws to a close, we continue to reinforce the importance of treating each other with patience, understanding and above all kindness and love.

Virtual priest visits have resumed at Cardinal Leger! These opportunities to hear from our spiritual leaders are an important part of connecting with our local Parish and reaffirming our students'

membership in the Catholic Faith community. Next week, we are fortunate to have Father Glenn McDonald, one of our ECSD Chaplains, visiting our grade 7 classes!

Edmonton Catholic Schools is excited to launch our new Faith Alive website and welcome our ECSD students and families to explore the beauty of our faith. The Division created this digital space after the ECSD's Student Voice advocates identified this project as an area of opportunity. Faith Alive will provide students and families with a wealth of information and resources to help you become active in prayer, worship, and study.

Visit [faith ALIVE](#) to start your journey.

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.

Census 2021

You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on your busy to-do list; however, I would like to encourage you to complete your census, if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries, and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.

The Census Communications Team
Statistics Canada, Government of Canada

ETS Bus Pass Purchase for June

Students who require ETS bus passes for June 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 with the final date for purchase being Friday, June 4th. The link to Parent PowerSchool can be found here: <http://powerschool.ecsd.net>

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. 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 procedures, including a MS Form for parent permission to leave school after writing each exam, will be provided in a SWIFT email to all guardians on Monday, May 31st.

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

Grade 9 Farewell has been confirmed for the afternoon of June 23. This 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. 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.

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

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.

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!

Chanda Junck - chandajunck@gmail.com
Vice-chair - Cardinal Leger JH Fundraising Association



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.

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)**

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. These include the messages from our Chief Superintendent and our ECS D Chaplain.

Have a wonderful weekend!