

Friday, Nov. 20, 2020

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

We continue to remind the entire school community of the importance of following all the COVID-19 protocols laid out by AHS, ECSD and Cardinal Léger School. Despite the temptation to succumb to “COVID weariness” we encourage everyone to continue to follow the basic practices of wearing a mask, washing and sanitizing your hands, social distancing and minimizing social gatherings. Please review with your children the expectations for the school, so that we can provide as safe an environment as possible for everyone as we finish the month and enter the blessed Christmas season in December.

Give the recent increases in COVID cases that we have seen in our city and province, and all of the uncertainty that they bring with them, I thought it appropriate that we invite, through prayer, the Holy Spirit into our lives to provide us strength to face these challenging times.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise
and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything that is happening at the school, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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 replace the monthly newsletter and will be posted on the website after they are delivered by email. The next update will be sent on Friday, Dec. 4th.

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 by **Nov. 30th**. Parents and guardians who have any questions about fees are asked to contact the school.

Student Learning when Required to Isolate at Home

Those students who are required to self-isolate due to close contact with a confirmed COVID19+ individual will continue their education from home through regular, check-ins with their normal classes' Google Classrooms and Teams groups. Their usual teachers will 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. Wherever possible, when scheduling allows, teachers will also look to connect with their classes at the appropriate time in their timetable, via Teams, in order to provide live interaction and instruction. Students who are isolating should sign into their classes' Teams group at the regularly scheduled time during the day to connect with their teacher, *if they are available*. If the teacher is not free to meet at that time, students are encouraged to use the chat feature of Teams to leave questions they may have about the lesson's topic. It should be noted, however, that students who are isolating will not be switched to a dedicated online learning class.

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.

Monitoring Your Child's Academic Progress

Although Parent-Teacher Conferences are now complete, your child's progress can always be monitored by logging into your PowerSchool account and clicking on their marks; this will allow you to review all grades and assessments. We urge you to review your child's progress on a regular basis. There are also email links in PowerSchool for all your child's teachers, should you wish to contact them.

ETS Bus Pass Purchase for December

Students who require ETS bus passes for December 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 will be open for bus pass purchases on Nov. 26 until Dec. 4th. The link to Parent PowerSchool can be found here: <http://powerschool.ecsd.net>

Before Coming to School Each Day

A continued reminder to all our families, before sending your child to school each day, we ask that you complete the Daily COVID Screening Tool for Parents. We thank you for helping ensure the health and wellbeing of our community, by keeping your child at home when they are ill. The checklist, can be found [here](#) and is designed to help determine if you should send your child to school.

School Council News

The next virtual meeting will be held on Nov. 25th 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 November.

Celebrating our Partners



A huge thank you to all Cardinal Léger's partners and sponsors who enrich the school community in so many unique and diverse ways:

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| St. Matthew Catholic Parish | Capital Care – McConnell Place North |
| Dante Alighieri Society | EISA (Edmonton Immigrant Services Association) |
| Franco's Pizza (128 Ave and 50 St) | Junior Achievement – Northern Alberta & NWT |

Bullying Awareness Week – Nov. 16-20

Bullying Awareness Week (November 16-20, 2020) is the third week in November. It is a time to promote awareness and understanding of bullying and its impacts.

Bullying is a relationship problem that involves a power imbalance, which is why it can be so challenging to overcome it by ourselves. Regardless of where bullying happens – in school, the office, at home or in the community – there are people and resources that can help. This year's theme, #WhereToTurn, encourages everyone to learn where to turn when dealing with bullying.

You can also find information on welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments and supporting practices [here](#).

Staff, students or parents who require help or information regarding bullying or abuse can call trained staff at any time of day, or chat online from noon to 8:00 p.m. at alberta.ca/bullying-find-supports.aspx. The Bullying Helpline (1-888-456-2323) is available 24 hours, 7 days a week, and offers help in more than 170 languages. Online chats and calls to the helpline are anonymous.

Winter Weather and Student Dress Expectations – Before School and at Lunch Hour

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the colder conditions and be prepared to remain outside, both upon their arrival at school in the morning and at lunch hour recess. A reminder to all caregivers that the doors to the building do not open in the morning until the first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. and so students are encouraged to arrive at school as close to the start time as possible. During extreme cold conditions, typically -20C or lower, and at the discretion of the administration, the students may be admitted entrance to the school earlier than the regular start time. In these circumstances, upon entry, students must proceed directly to their Homeroom classrooms and stay in their regular seating plans until the day begins. Similarly, if outside lunch hour recess is cancelled due to cold temperatures, students will remain in their homeroom seats until the start of the regular afternoon schedule. Students cannot remain in the hallways during these times due to social distancing and other COVID protocols.

With the addition of winter coats, boots, hats, and mittens as part of the normal daily wear for our students, storage of these items during the day becomes a concern, particularly as they still do not have access to lockers as per COVID-19 protocols. Wherever possible, students will be allowed to keep their winter clothing in their Homeroom class, as long as there are no other new student cohorts using the room. Students should always keep any valuables on their person throughout the day. We appreciate the students' efforts to clean their footwear upon entrance to the school, so that our custodial staff can keep our hallways and classrooms as clean as possible when wet weather is in the forecast.

EISA News

INVITATION TO ATTEND INFORMATION SESSION (English & Tigrigna)

Hello Parents,

I am inviting you to an upcoming online information session. The information session will be in English and Tigrigna. Below are the details:

4 – 5 pm, Thursday, November 26, 2020

PowerSchool Presentation

Learn how to make the best use of PowerSchool to support you and your child in school. You will also have a chance to ask questions.

To register for this session, please call me at 780-802-8815. I look forward to supporting you.

Zipporah

In School Settlement Practitioner

Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)

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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Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Holodomor Memorial Day



Holodomor

Memorial Day

NOVEMBER 27, 2020

На вічну пам'ять мільйонам жертв ГОЛОДОМОРУ 1932-1933 РОКІВ.

In memory of the millions who died during the
Holodomor (Ukrainian Famine Genocide) of 1932-1933.

Several years ago, our Board of Trustees unanimously declared the last Friday in November as Holodomor Memorial Day in the Edmonton Catholic School District. On Nov. 27th, the last Friday in November, many of our staff and students will be observing Holodomor Memorial Day.

As we honor the millions of Ukrainians who died as a result of Famine Genocide of 1932 - 1933, and as we recall the dramatic events of the Holodomor, let us pray for the repose of the souls of the dead, asking God to grant eternal rest to all those who were unjustly deprived of the gift of life.

Help us to remember the victims, the country's children, and to pray that, with God's assistance, the lessons of history help us to find lasting encouragement for mutual understanding, harmony and peace.

Protected by our Mother of God, we celebrate today with splendor. Gazing at your most pure image, we humbly say: Cover us with your precious veil and deliver us from all evil by asking your Son, Christ our God, that He may save our souls.

Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

For further information about Holodomor: [Holodomor Basic Facts](#)

Christmas Hampers

Cardinal Léger's annual Christmas Hamper drive is right around the corner. One of our main Social Justice activities of the year, every Homeroom will be challenged to collect enough food to create a hamper for a family in need during the holiday season. More information will be provided to classes and the entire school community as we get closer to December.

Our School Charism

Did you know that Cardinal Léger has its own charism? Charism comes from the Greek word for "gift" or "favour". Charisms are anything that contribute to the greater good in the church and in society for the greater Glory of God. Cardinal Léger's charism is "*tender-hearted mercy and kindness*". Throughout the school year, students and staff will reflect on our charism to better understand how our lived charism permeates the school culture. We will continue to share more about our school charism in future Bi-weekly updates.

Have a wonderful weekend!