

Friday, Nov. 6, 2020

Cardinal Léger JH – Bi-weekly Update

Hello Everyone,

As we enter the month of November, our thoughts turn to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Remembrance Day is a school holiday and most importantly a day when we can take a moment to honor those who have died defending the rights and freedoms of Canadians and citizens of other countries around the world, a day to support our current members of the military, and a day to pray for peace in an uncertain world. Please pause for a moment on November 11th and, in the words of our District Chaplain Father Julian Bilyj, “reflect in silence, to remember those who have died in the war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. Remembrance Day is a day to pray for peace and as the Body of Christ, to bring God’s peace into the world.”

As the school community now knows, Cardinal Léger has had its second instance of a positive COVID-19 individual. Currently there are 65 students and 5 teachers isolating because of this confirmed positive case. We ask parents and guardians to regularly check their email and/or texts for announcements from the school relating to any COVID cases. Note that only students and staff who were in close contact to a positive case, as determined by [AHS guidelines](#), are required to isolate. Please see the main Bi-weekly Update attachment for further information on student learning when required to isolate.

Other important news found in the attached Nov. 6th Bi-weekly Update includes information for students who have switched their learning stance for the Nov. 10th new term start date, procedures for booking Parent-Teacher Phone Conferences, and information for online Student Fee payments, which come into effect on Nov. 16th. Please review the Update with your child to make sure that you are current with all new Cardinal Léger JH communication.

Finally, a warm Cardinal Léger welcome to Ms. M. Coleman, our new Win Jr. teacher, and Ms. C. Underwood, our new grade 9B Homeroom, Science and PE teacher. Best wishes to Mrs. Ayotte and Mrs. Rogozinski who leave us to begin their new family adventures. A complete staff list can always be found in the School Information section of the Cardinal Léger website.

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, Nov. 20th.

Nov. 10th – Important Date for Students who Changed Learning Stance

A reminder to all students who changed their learning stance from in-school to online, or visa versa, at the Oct. 15th deadline; those changes will go into effect on Nov. 10th.

For the students who are moving to online learning, your new class schedule will be provided to you (in person or via email) by the end of Nov. 9th. Your new online teachers will reach out to you to via Teams to explain procedures and protocol for your classes for the remainder of the school year. Expectations are that you sign onto Teams for live instruction during the scheduled block for your core courses and Religion. Attendance will be taken in each of these classes. Please note that your current in-class mark will carry over to your new online class. Note that it may take some time for this mark transition to take place. We ask for your patience in this matter.

For the students who are returning to in-school learning. Please meet in the gymnasium, after the first bell, when you arrive at school on Nov. 10th for your back to school orientation. Your timetables will be provided to you at this time. Before this date, please make sure to read the updated Cardinal Léger school re-entry plan found here: [School Re-entry Plan](#). Parents and students, it is vital that you review the plan in order to be aware of the protocols and procedures of in-school learning.

For those students who did *not* request a change their stance, there is nothing further that you need to do. Please continue to attend as usual. If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will do our best to answer your inquiries.

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.

School Fees

Final submission and approval of school fees for the current year have been completed. Now that final student in-school and online learning stances have been declared, parents and guardians can expect to see their child's school fees owing in Parent PowerSchool on **Nov. 16th**. 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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences/Demo of Learning – Nov. 19 – 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 Thursday, Nov. 19th.

Beginning Monday, November 9th, at 9 a.m., parents who wish to speak with a teacher(s) on Nov. 19th 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 1-5 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 November 9th, 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 **4b34c**
- 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 November 9th 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 Oct. 29th.

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.

Monitoring Your Child's Process

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 marks and assessments. Whether you plan on making a phone appointment for Nov. 19th, or not, 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.

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.

EISA News

INVITATION TO ATTEND INFORMATION SESSIONS (English & Tigrigna)

Hello Parents,

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

4 – 5 pm, Thursday, November 12, 2020

Sources of Information: EISA Settlement Services

Learn about the many services and supports that are available for you and your children.

Learn about the new homework support program for your children.

Ask questions and make suggestions of services that could be helpful for you and your family.

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 one or both of these sessions, 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



This Program is funded by **Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)**

Halloween Activities

Cardinal Léger students and staff finished the last week in October with a wonderful day of activities and fun. From the sounds of classic Halloween songs, to door decorating, pumpkin carving, and costume contests the school was full of the excitement and energy we all expect from a Junior High school on one of everyone's favorite days of the year!



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

As mentioned in the past update, the fall season has quickly turned into blustery winter weather. 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.

Student Photos – Final Opportunity to Order

Any student who has had their school picture taken by Lifetouch, including retakes, receives a proof sheet. On this proof there will be a portrait ID # and an access code for parents to view and order their student's photos online. To meet COVID protocols, parents should order photos online to reduce the amount of handling of the packages for the school staff.

Parents should call Lifetouch customer service and ask for their child's unique codes. The customer service # is 1-866-457-8212. Customer Service will email them a form to fill out to ensure we are giving access to the correct person.

Shutterfly is offering a gift with purchase when parents order online. Parents can also choose to have their photos delivered to their home.

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.

Our Catholic Faith and Social Justice Activities

Remembrance Day Celebration

On Tuesday, Nov. 10th, in our block 4 classes, Cardinal Léger students and staff will hold an online celebration to honor Remembrance Day.

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.

Remembrance Day – Nov. 11th

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th is a statutory holiday, as a result the school will be closed.

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 ECSD Chaplain.

Have a wonderful weekend!