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September 2021

Administrators' Message



We are so happy to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to École J.H. Picard. As an Admin Team, we are honoured to have the privilege of working with your child and are grateful for the trust you place in us.

By now, we are sure that most of you have read the ECSD Back to School Plan located on the ECSD website and linked here:

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/7013/back-to-school-plan-for-the-2021-2022-school-year>

If you have not yet read the plan, please take a few minutes to do so. As noted in ECSD Back to School Plan, we are pleased to announce that a number of extracurricular activities and sports teams have resumed.

Local day fieldtrips are also scheduled for this month and listed in the Dates to Remember section below.

The Elementary and Secondary Student Code of Conduct are posted on the school website at the link below. All students received a paper copy of the Student Code of Conduct. The elementary document is included in the student agenda. We ask that you please review this important school document with your child, sign it and return with your child to school as soon as possible. <https://www.ecsd.net/8410/page/35270/student-code-of-conduct>

Guided by our school mission, we are committed to providing an inclusive learning community where students develop linguistic competency and critical thinking skill in a faith based French Immersion education.

We look forward to a wonderful year with your children!

Guitta Kodersshah
Principal

Brigitte Levasseur
Assistant Principal

Mark Huculak
Assistant Principal

School Mission

J.H. Picard's mission is to provide a faith based French Immersion education. We are committed to creating an inclusive learning community for all students to develop linguistic competency and critical thinking skills as engaged citizens who humbly serve God and one another.

Daily Health Screening



As per AHS guidelines and the division Back to School Plan, students and staff are required to complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) to determine whether they can attend school or should stay home.

At the direction of Alberta Health, students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate and cannot attend school. AHS no longer requires contact tracing or

isolation of close contacts, so we will not be notifying parents when we have a positive case of COVID 19 in the school.

We ask that parents of children who test positive for COVID 19 still notify the school. This information will be kept confidential, but we will make sure that electrostatic cleaning is used to supplement regular cleaning in the classroom(s) the student frequents. Electrostatic cleaning is done in the evening.

Health and Safety Measures



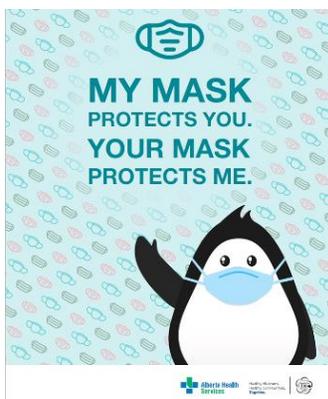
Sanitizer and Hand Cleaning

We will continue to provide hand sanitizer at the doors and in classrooms. Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently. This will keep everyone safer when physical distancing is not always possible.

Illness while on site

Should a student exhibit signs of illness at school, they will be moved to a designated private area within the school/site.

Parent/caregivers will be notified and required to pick up their child. Please ensure that student emergency contact information is up-to date in the event that parents cannot be reached.



Wearing Masks- *ECSD Back to School Plan*

Since the release of our Back to School Plan on August 16, there has been a significant upward trend of COVID-19 cases among school-aged children. Therefore, we are increasing our masking requirements.

Kindergarten – Grade 12 (updated) *ECSD Back to School Plan*

Masks are mandatory inside schools, the yellow school bus, and all Division provided transportation.

Students are not required to wear masks while eating or drinking, during music or physical education class, or outdoors.

Staff and Visitors (updated) ECSD Back to School Plan

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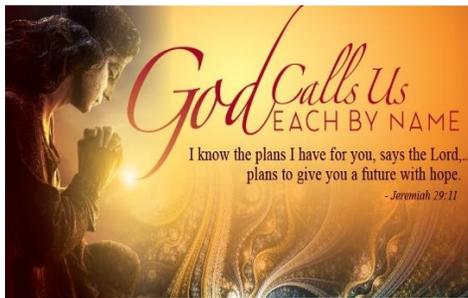
All visitors are required to make appointments, use the Daily Screening Questionnaire, and remain masked for the duration of their visit.

Student Absences

When a student is absent from school, his/her parents or guardian must call the school at 780-433-4251 and leave a message indicating the first and last name of the child, their homeroom class and the reason for the absence or email Mme Vicky at Vicky.Murray@ecsd.net

Students who are absent without a known reason will have their attendance marked as an unexcused absence "AU" and parents will receive an automated phone message.

Division Theme



Our Division theme for the year, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... plans to give you a future with hope." invites us to reflect upon Jeremiah 29:11. This scripture speaks of hope and reminds us that despite suffering we may experience in life, God has a plan for us to prosper and hope for our future. This is an appropriate message as we continue to work with students in the midst of a pandemic.

Social Justice at JHP

Sowing the Seeds of Hope: JHP staff groups deciding on donation of goods/money to the Mustard Seed

We are inspired by our adoptive patron saint, St. André Bessette, who demonstrated profound pastoral care by serving others with humility. JHP staff is continuing the work started last school year by students who explored the meaning of stewardship and humble service who planned social justice actions in support of the Mustard Seed with their classes. Our staff was divided into four groups and each group decided on a donation as follows: 1) Hygiene Products; 2) Financial Donation; 3) Menstrual Products; 4) Underwear - all of which will be delivered to the Mustard Seed in the near future.





dates to Remember

September 15	Gr. 7 Field Trip: Strathcona Wilderness Centre
September 16	Curriculum Information - Google Classroom Launch at 4:00 PM
September 17	School Picture Day
September 21	Gr. 10 Retreat Field Trip: Snow Valley Aerial Park
September 27	Terry Fox School Run
September 28	Gr. 12 Retreat- Pioneer Cabin
September 30	No School- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October 1 st	French Immersion Teaching Career Outdoor Scavenger Hunt Gr. 10, 11, 12
October 5	School Council Virtual Meeting at 6:00 PM

Office Hours



Our school office is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and 8:00 AM- 3:30 PM Thursday. Parents who call the school outside of these hours are asked to leave a clear message and we will return your call as soon as we are able to. Please remember that we will be happy to give your child a message at the end of the day or at breaks in instructional time, such as recess or lunch. We thank you for your understanding of our wanting to protect learning time for all students by not interrupting classes for messages.

2021-2022 Enrolment

We welcome all students and their families to the 2021-2022 school year! We are happy to count many new faces in Kindergarten through to Grade 12. Currently our total enrollment is 623 students grouped as follow:

Level	At School Learners
Elementary Kindergarten- Gr. 6	185
Junior High Gr. 7- Gr. 9	289
High School Gr. 10- Gr. 12	150
Total	624

School Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 17.
Please mark your calendars!

Curriculum Information

This year, our **Curriculum Information evening** will take place **online**, allowing for greater flexibility and safety. As of **September 16, at 4:00 pm**, teachers will post a word of welcome, curriculum information and a summary of classroom expectations and routines in their online classroom, be it a Google or a Microsoft Teams classroom. At the Junior and Senior High levels, you can expect an online classroom for each core subject or course. All families are invited to view the online classroom/s with their child and communicate directly with the teachers if you have any questions.

My Child's Learning



Alberta Education publishes [My Child's Learning](#) as a means of providing parents with an in-depth look at the subjects and programs available from kindergarten to

senior high school. Click on the "Customize My Printout" button to access information about Catholic education.

2021-2022 Staff

Teaching Staff

Kindergarten	Mme Aimee MacDougall
Grade One	Mme Beatrice Agnassoue
Grade Two	Mme Joelle Pressac
Grade Three	Mme Marylene Lamy-Rittammer
Grade Four	Mme Rita Tshiluba
Grade Five	Mme Jenice Fukushima
Grade Six	M. Geoffery Larochelle
Music Gr.1-6	M. Alexander Harvey

Grade Seven	7A- Mme Lisette Trottier 7B- Mme Catherine Bacinski 7C- Mme Cathy Mabopda 7D- M. Bebe Kambou
Grade Eight	8A- Mme Lise Hartzell 8B- M. Tai Eng 8C- Mme Danielle Groten
Grade Nine	9A- M. Roger Dery 9B- M. Philippe Chaylt 9C- M. Nzeugang/Mme Saad
Subject Teachers Gr. 7-9	Mme Joyce Smarya - FLA 8, 9, CTF 8, 9 M. Olivier Jolin-Roch - Education Physique 7, 9 Mme Megan Yakimets - CTF Foods & Fashion Mme Zofia Lee - Instrumental Music M. Alexander Harvy - Music Recording
Instructors Gr. 7-9	Mme Renelle Roy- Dance, Music Production Mme Annique Shields- Visual Art

Grades 10- 12	French Language Arts	Mme Julia Saad Mme Corinne Bergman
	English Language Arts	M. Jesse Crowley Mme Danielle Groten
	Religion	M. Jesse Crowley
	Mathematics	M. Jonathan Shields M. Gerald Beaudoin
	Sciences	Mme Jacqueline Landry M. Celestin Nzeugang M. Gerald Beaudoin M. Olivier Jolin-Roch
	Social Studies	M. Gilles Beaudoin
	Physical Education	M. Olivier Jolin-Roch Mme Jacqueline Landry
	CTS- Career and Technology Studies	Mme Megan Yakimets M. Gerald Beaudoin
	Fine Arts	Mme Zofia Lee- Music Mme Annique Shields- Visual Arts Mme Renelle Roy- Dance M. Jonathan Shields- Drama
	Learning Coach Graduation Coach Academic counsellor	Mme Colleen Dunkley

Learning Coaches K- 9	Mme Brigitte Levasseur Mme Julia Saad Mme Colleen Dunkley
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Classroom Support Staff

Educational Assistant	Mme Gaetane Levesque (K- Gr. 6)
Science Laboratory Technician	Mme Isabella Pierce (Gr. 10-12)

Multi-Disciplinary Team

Family School Liaison Social Worker	M. Greg Akuh
Psychologist	Mme Julie D'Astous

Clerical Support Staff

Administrative Assistants	Mme Emaelle St-Pierre-Danis Mme Vicky Murray Mrs Canh Phan- (Finances)
Media Resources	Mme Christianne Yarmuch

Custodial Staff

Head Custodian	Mr. Caetano Magalhaes
Senior Custodian	Mr Dariusz Ostrzygalo
Custodians	Mr. Edwin Regis Mr. Fernando Fajardo

School Administration

Principal	Mme Guitta Kodersshah
Assistant Principals	M. Mark Huculak Mme Brigitte Levasseur

Personal Property/Electronic Devices



Students are responsible for all personal property, including electronic devices. All personal items should be clearly marked with the student's name. This makes it much easier to return items to students if they are misplaced and reduces the number of items collected - and often not claimed - in our Lost and Found bins. Students should never leave money and valuables unattended.

The school cannot be responsible for damage or loss and we do not investigate in the event that these items go missing.

Tips for Parents

1. Show an interest.

2. Make every day an opportunity to learn.

3. Encourage your child to investigate, discover and imagine.

4. Work and play together.

5. Read with your child.

6. Help them find math everywhere.

Parents play a vital role in supporting their children's education. There are a number of ways that parents can help their children to succeed at school.

➤ Use PowerSchool to access your child's marks and assignments in a secure online environment. Elementary parents are urged to check the student agenda regularly.

➤ Read the monthly newsletter and check our website often. The newsletter includes information that can answer many questions you may have, and it will alert you to upcoming events. The newsletter is posted online on the Newsletter page of the website:

<https://www.ecsd.net/8410/page/3403/school-newsletter>

Report Cards



This year, we will once again concentrate on increased ongoing assessment as well as an emphasis on communicating and understanding key learner outcomes and the criteria for success to support next steps in learning.

There will be two report cards – the first in January and the second in June.

Student-led conferences will take place in November and March, and discussion will focus on student achievement with evidence of learning from work completed to that point. Teachers enter marks and comments for each assessment directly into the PowerSchool gradebook. For parents, this is like having access to a student report card at any point in time. Teachers will follow up via email with parents who do not attend student led conferences, as this communication is very important for student success.

Student-led conferences and report cards for this school year are scheduled for:

Student Led Conferences: November 25, 2021

First Report Card: January 28, 2022

Student Led Conferences: March 24, 2022

Final Report Card: June 29, 2022

Report cards are available online to parents/guardians via the PowerSchool parent portal. Parents/guardians who are new to ECSD will be provided with their own PowerSchool passcode which will allow them to view the report card online.

PowerSchool not only gives parents access to their child's report card, but also access to other school and classroom information. PowerSchool accounts remain in effect from year to year, so parents only need to create an account once.

Updating Registration Information

ECSD now uses digitized student records. Parents are able to view registration information and update it online. Parents are asked to check this information over carefully and make any necessary changes. We also ask that parents of students who are of First Nations, Metis or Inuit descent identify this on the registration forms. In some cases, this enables us to access additional support for students. It is extremely important that we have accurate information regarding our students in the event of an emergency.

Litterless Lunch



Did you know that over the course of one year, a typical student sends the equivalent of their own body weight in waste to a landfill just from conventionally packed school lunches? Students often throw items that they do not like away. As well, organic waste, such as apple cores and banana peels, can attract stinging insects which can pose a danger. Single use plastics are often not recyclable and end up in landfills.

We are committed to reducing waste in our school. In an effort to cut down on food and plastic waste, we are asking students to pack uneaten food items, recyclables and waste back in their lunch boxes to be disposed of at home. To facilitate this, students are asked to pack their lunches in sealed reusable containers so uneaten food can be sent home in the same container.

Students are required to bring a lunch from home that does not need to be heated.

Microwaves will not be available for use.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Safety Drills



In general, we will be practicing our fire drills in the Fall and Spring. We will practice lockdown and procedures in the winter months. These valuable exercises are required so that the staff and students are aware of what the procedures are should one of these events occur. For some of these practices, the students will be aware that they will occur. Other practices will be surprise events. In all cases, the office will make an announcement following the practice.

School Website



Our school website can be accessed by using either www.jhpicard.ecsd.net or www.ecsd.net/8410

Content on the website has been organized into four broad categories:
ABOUT- PROGRAMS -STUDENT LIFE NEWS

Menus and submenus can be found by clicking on these categories along the top menu bar. A great deal of information is posted on our school website. Please check the website frequently for updates about news and school events, calendar dates, activities, and district events.

School and Transportation Fees



School and Transportation fees are now due.

School fees are directed toward items such as software subscriptions and consumable items for students including supplies for junior high complementary courses such as foods, or art, and extracurricular activities such as sports teams or clubs.

Every effort has been made to keep school fees as reasonable as possible. We recognize that payment of fees in September can be difficult, especially for those parents who have more than one child attending school.

All fees may be paid online through PowerSchool. Parents who are unfamiliar with making payments through PowerSchool are invited to contact our school office for assistance.

School Fees have been posted on our website

<https://www.ecsd.net/8410/page/3336/school-and-transportation-fees>

Terry Fox Virtual Run- September 27



J. H. Picard is proud to take part in this year's Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on September 27, 2021. The Run's theme is "Inspiring the next generation."

At this time, large-scale school runs do not meet our re-entry guidelines; therefore, we have planned scheduled and staggered classroom runs. Please help show your support by donating online at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/EcoleJHPicard>

Thank you for your supporting our school in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy.