

From: [Katherine Therrien Catholic Elementary School](#)
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Dear KT Families:

If you require a translation, please select your language, copy and paste this message into [Google Translate](#) or call the school for verbal clarification.

Today we had our first lockdown drill. This was just a practice. Like fire drills, we do these drills so that students remember what to do in case a real emergency happens. We are so very proud of our students today as they did an excellent job this morning!

Also this morning, our Grade 6 class presented the meaning of the sacred heart. The sacred heart is a Catholic symbol that symbolizes the love God has for all humanity. Our sixes encouraged us to care for others as God cares for us. Students have been challenged with secret missions to perform random acts of kindness towards others and fill their class secret mission challenge. We look forward to our secret kindness agents in action with their random acts of kindness!

A reminder that Monday 21 February 2022 is Family Day. There will be no classes this day. We hope that you can enjoy some time together this weekend.

Student Pick up - IMPORTANT

We wish to advise our families that going forward, we will require **written notification** of a change in your child's dismissal plans for legality reasons. This may be a note in your child's agenda or an email to the teacher and/or office (8043Web@ecsd.net). Please also indicate in your note if this is a one-time event or if this is valid for the entire school year.

Please note: the only people that we can release your child to without written permission are those people you have listed as emergency contacts in Power School.

We have also had several calls to our office right before our dismissal time. We cannot always get the message to the appropriate staff if parents/guardians are calling after 2:45 pm. Therefore, **we ask that if you need to change or update your child's dismissal plan, please call/email the office prior to 2:45 pm if possible.** We do understand that emergencies arise, but it just helps staff with dismissal of 150+ students if we have some warning. It is likely that your call is not the only call we are receiving.

New Staff

We want to take this opportunity to introduce another new staff to our KT family. David Kasingarirwi is a therapeutic assistant – speech/language. Mr. David will be working mainly in our kindergarten classroom supporting speech and language development.

We also are happy to welcome back Miss Reyes who will be joining us part-time team teaching with Madam Sarah in Grade 1. Our littles have missed much opportunity with the pandemic: it is our desire to have the two teachers for our 27 students to 'catch students up' in reading and mathematics. Miss Reyes will be with our grade 1 class Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

While we are nearly there, it has been an issue all year to have all the staff in the building. We

are continually working to ensure all positions at KT are filled as fast as we are able.

Covid News

With the change in masking for our students, we have seen many of our students continue to come to school masked. We have made it our practice to keep any student arriving at school wearing a mask masked throughout the day. Our students are still of an age that parents/guardians should be making this final decision with their child. If there is any need to clarify this, please contact your child's teacher so that we can consistently enforce parental/guardian wishes when it comes to masking.

We ask parents to please continue monitor your child's health. This supports keeping our other students and staff healthy. Please continue to use the [Alberta Health Services Daily Checklist](#). This will tell you whether your child is able to safely attend school.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be online on tonight at 7:00 pm. Please use this [link](#) to join.

Yelo'd Ice Cream Orders

Our ice cream is ready!

For those families that ordered Yelo'd Ice Cream, we will be handing out the ice cream at dismissal tomorrow - Thursday 17 February 2022 (11:34 am) - from the front entrance of the school. One of our parents will be here to help facilitate the handing out of ice cream from 11:30 to about 12:00.

If you wish to have your ice cream sent home with your child, please let your child's teacher know and we will have it sent on Friday.

Easter Purdy's Chocolates

We will be hosting a Purdy's Easter order for our families. Families can order online until Friday 4 March 2022. If you wish to order via paper, please use the order form attached below and have it returned to the school by Wednesday 2 March 2022 as the school will be closed March 3 and 4.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/838410-92754> Please select school name "**Katherine Therrien**" (customer ID # **19736**).

A copy of the catalogue and electronic paper order form have been attached to this email below. (Click the link at the bottom of the email.)

Grade 7 Junior High Open Houses

A reminder that our feeder school, St. Edmund, will be hosting their virtual open house on tonight. For some of our students who live in the Sir John Thompson catchment, their open house is tomorrow, Thursday 17 February.

St. Cecilia's open house is next Thursday 23 February 2022.

For the most up-to-date information, please check the junior high school website(s).

Please also check your email for grade specific information from your child's classroom teacher should there be any.

Take care, stay safe!

Sincerely,

Ms. J. Hertlein & Ms. C. Letwin,

Administration, Katherine Therrien



Rooted in faith, we are committed to student-centered learning and empowering children to use their minds, hearts and hands to serve others as disciples of Jesus.

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