

School Opening Newsletter for 2021-2022

August 7, 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians of our Grade 7 Students:

Welcome to Louis St. Laurent for the 2021-2022 school year. A warm welcome to our new grade 7 students and your families! We are excited to meet our students and to provide them with quality education and many opportunities to explore their passions, talents, and leadership in the years ahead.

As we navigate the year ahead with the current pandemic reality, both safety and quality education are the focus. As you are aware, there are many changing factors with the recent announcement from Dr. Hinshaw and our provincial government and so this letter is a **preliminary communication** with our parents and students that does not yet include how we will operate with safety protocols as a School Division in our schools. There will be more specific and detailed information distributed prior to the school startup.

Included with this newsletter are the following:

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Homeroom Classes:

Teachers worked collaboratively for many hours and days at the end of the year with our feeder schools to establish the homeroom class structures. This process balances educational needs, special programs, and balances many factors including any special circumstances we were made aware to create the best-balanced educational groupings so all students can thrive. To be clear, there will be **no class changes** made from parent requests for the 2021-2022 year.

How will my child know their homeroom class?

- When grade 7 students arrive at school during the staggered entry, there will be class lists posted at each entrance. As well, our teachers and junior high student leaders will be present to help students find their homeroom class. Student schedules will be viewable on PowerSchool to both students and parents soon after the staggered entry.


Important School Contact Information:

School General Office	Mrs. Monica Palahniuk Mrs. Patricia Morrison	780-435-3964	Monica.palahniuk@ecsd.net
Reporting a student absence or appointment	Mrs. Patricia Morrison	780-435-3964	8409web@ecsd.net
Financial Department	TBA	780-435-3964 Ext 550	TBA
Principal	Mme Michelle Dupuis	780-435-3964 Ext 505	Michelle.dupuis@ecsd.net

Assistant Principal / Grade 7 Grade Coordinator	Mr. Michael Mauro	780-435-3964 Ext 508	Michael.mauro@ecsd.net
Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers will be communicating with parents via email at the start of the year. - In PowerSchool, parents have access to student schedules on the first regular day of school which provides a blue hyperlink with the name of your child's teacher for you to connect with them via email. 		

Bell Schedule:

*The schedule below indicates the staggered lunch times which will be in place. This information will be shared with parents and students at school start-up. Some homerooms will eat lunch and then have organized recreation time. Other homerooms will begin with organized recreation time followed by eating lunch.

Junior High School Timetable 2021-2022								
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday		
*	8:25 8:30	Block 1 for prayer/News	Block 1 for prayer/News	Block 1 for prayer/News	Block 1 for prayer/News	*	8:25 8:30	Block 1 for prayer/News
1	8:30 9:26					1	8:30 9:15	
2	9:28 10:24					2	9:17 10:02	
3	10:26 11:22					3	10:04 10:49	
L	11:22 12:00	<u>Staggered Lunch</u> (11 :22-11 :41 and 11 :41-12 :00 PM)				4	10:51 11:36	
4	12:04 1:00							
5	1:02 1:58							
6	2:00 2:56							

Student Arrival, Drop-offs, and Pick-ups:

- **Early Arrivals:** To accommodate parents and students needing to drop-off their children before their work, the school Main South Louis Entrance is open from 7:30 AM on with supervision. Any students that enter through this door prior to the opening of all school doors at 8:10 AM, will go directly to the Louis Main gymnasium until 8:10 AM when they can proceed to their classrooms. If an earlier arrival time before 7:30 AM is needed, please communicate with michelle.dupuis@ecsd.net
- **School Entrances:**
 - Students will have designated entrances depending on the location of their homeroom which is indicated in the school map and this will be in place starting on the first regular day of school.
 - All entrances will open at 8:10 AM except the Main Louis South Entrance which opens at 7:30 AM for early arrivers.
- **Student Drop-off and Pickups:** Last year, we were able to establish safe and efficient procedures to accommodate parents driving for drop-offs and pick-ups. As well, we were fortunate the City of Edmonton responded to change some of the signage to support these goals.
 - Parents made this work so well by demonstrating patience, following signage, and always remembering to 'move your vehicle up as far as possible' to allow other vehicles behind you. Sometimes this means that your child will stay in your vehicle so that you can move up before they get out.
 - The No Parking, 30 km Speed Limit, and No U-turn bylaws must be respected and followed as they are enforced and ticketed by the Edmonton Police Services.

PARKING and DROP-OFF and PICK-UP at Louis St. Laurent

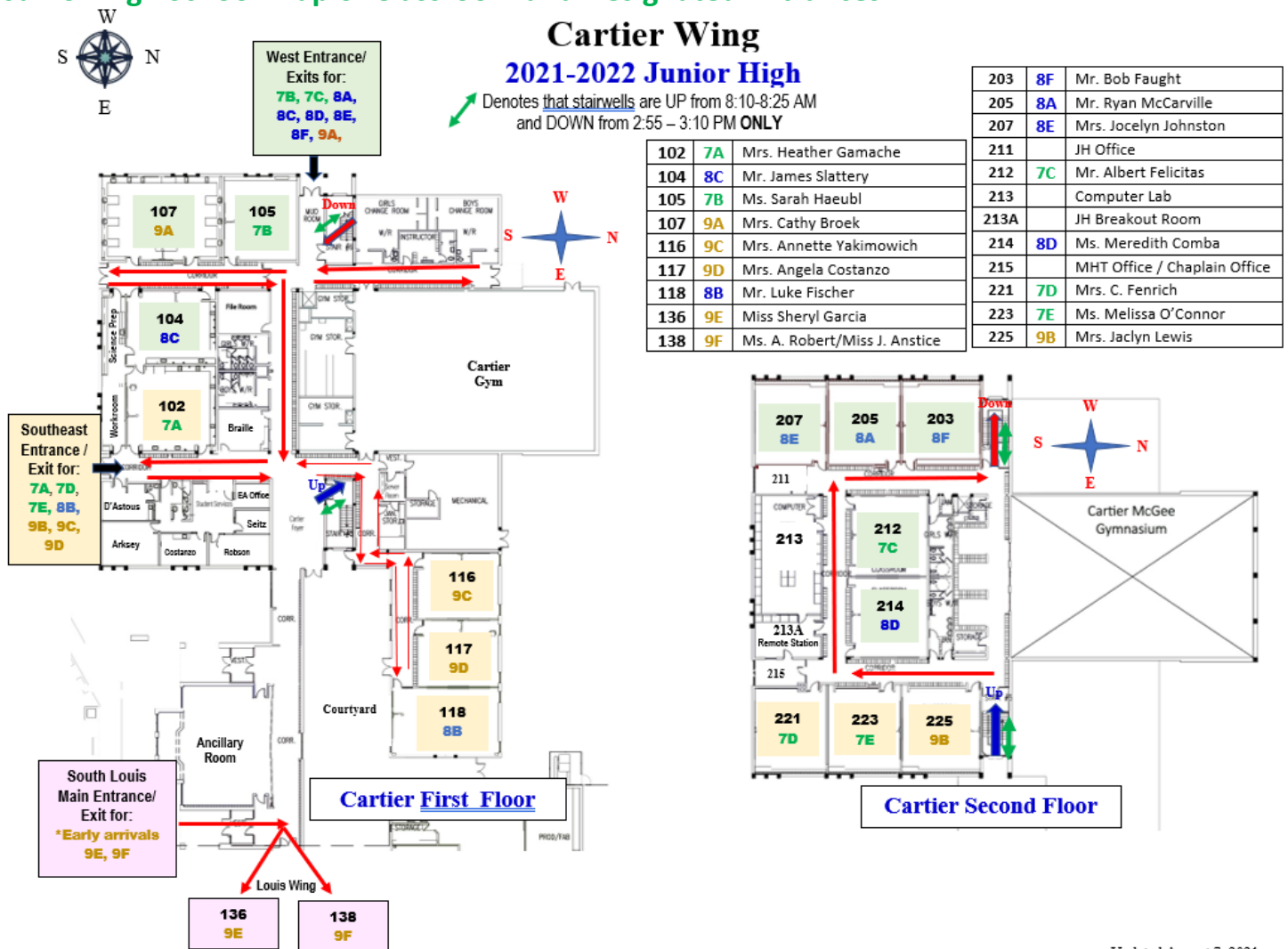


August and September Important Dates:

The Louis St. Laurent website is kept updated and the calendar is posted for the year. Any changes will be reflected in the website calendar. https://www.ecsd.net/8409 Calendar under "About" and "Calendar"	
Monday, August 30	Registration and Option Fee Payments are open and are due on Friday, Sept. 3 rd through your Parent PowerSchool Accounts.
Wednesday, September 1	Staggered Entry for Grade 8 and 9 students only. Gr 7 students <u>do not</u> come to school.
Thursday, September 2	<p>First day for grade 7 students with the staggered entry start. Grade 7 students begin at 8:30 AM and are dismissed at 11:30 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will find their homeroom classes posted at all the junior high entrances • Teachers and junior high leaders will be present to guide our grade 7 students • Students will receive their Life Touch individual photos, textbooks, lockers and combinations, from their homeroom teachers. • Students will receive an Inservice for student success where they will learn to be competent in navigating important education program access, links, navigations, and technological knowledge. • Students will receive information to get involved with school teams, leadership and clubs. • Students will meet all their teachers and participate in fun ice-breaker activities with their grade 7 peers.
Friday, September 3	First regular school day for grade 7, 8, and 9 students. First bell is at 8:20 AM, classes begin at 8:25 AM and dismissal is 2:56 PM.
Monday, September 6	Labour Day Holiday – No school
Friday, September 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Opening Liturgical Celebration for Junior High at 12:10 PM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed by JH Baron Blocks where students sign-up for sessions of interest
Friday, September 17	Grade 7 Fun Day (Signed Fieldtrip Forms are needed from parents)
Sat and Sun Sept 18 & 19	Junior High Volleyball Camp for interested students
Monday, September 20	Terry Fox Walk-Run
Wednesday, September 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Teacher Evening at 6:30 PM (more information forthcoming) Annual General Meeting for Parent Council at 7:30 PM where we encourage parents to sign up to share your voice, support the education and needs of our students, and be part of exciting initiatives and solutions to any challenges we face! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been blessed with outstanding teamwork from our parents who are part of either the executive, committees, or attending meetings! Please stay connected with our parents on our LSL school website under "About" and "SAC School Advisory Council". SAC School Advisory Council (ecsd.net) We are looking for a parent volunteer to fulfill the role of Treasurer with experience in accounting. Please email lsj.schoolcouncil@gmail.com for further information or express your interest. An email will be sent to all parents, and you can reply your interest in joining an amazing team of parents!
Thursday, September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School

Junior High School Map of Classroom and Designated Entrances



Junior High School Supply List

Backpack or book bag

Calculator:

- Students do not require expensive scientific calculators in junior high. Most junior high students use the **TI-30X** from Texas Instruments.

Binders (1 inch) 5

- One per core subject of Math, Science, Social and ELA
- One binder with dividers for student options, Health and Religion

Geometry Set 1

Students **only** bring to school what is essential but they should have access to the following supplies at home:

- Pencil Case 1
- HB Pencils..... 10
- Blue Fine Ball Point Pens..... 10
- Red Pens..... 5
- Eraser (half and half) 1
- Metric Ruler 1
- Glue Stick 1
- Scissors..... 1
- Pencil Crayons (12 per package)..... 1 pkg.
- Felt Pens 1 (12) pkg.

Lined Loose Leaf Paper 4 pkgs.

Plain Loose Leaf Paper 1 pkg.

Graph Paper (1cm x 1cm)..... 1 pkg.

Dividers 5 pkgs.

Duo Tangs 5

Runners 1 pair

Set Up Parent PowerSchool Accounts and Online PowerSchool Payments

It is absolutely critical that ALL our parents have and use their Parent PowerSchool Accounts. The Parent PowerSchool accounts have different functions than the student PowerSchool accounts. Your parent accounts are very important for two main functions:

A. **Connecting to your child(ren)'s progress in their learning by accessing:**

- a. timely reporting of both formative and summative assessments
- b. the course outlines and grading details
- c. daily and cumulative attendance and late records
- d. comments from teachers in how your child(ren) are mastering learning outcomes
- e. online report cards
- f. emails to communicate with your child's teachers
- g. news bulletins posted by the school

B. **Financial function gives parents access to:**

- a. make all payments online for all school fees, team or club fees, bus passes, field trips, etc.
- b. detailed records and statements of all payments you have made during the school year

We know our parents are important partners in the education of your children. Therefore, we are very willing to help you gain access to your Parent PowerSchool accounts. We need all our parents to be connected with

your Parent PowerSchool accounts by **August 31, 2021**. If you do not have access, forgot your password or have not been able to setup an account:

- Follow the step-by-step parent guide found in this link: <https://bit.ly/2Luc2Sk>
- Email Mrs. Monica Palahniuk in the General Office at monica.palahniuk@ecsd.net and she will be happy to help you. Please put "**Parent PowerSchool Account**" in subject of email.

Cell Phone Policy

At Louis St. Laurent we recognize that cell phones have become a big part of people's lives, and this makes life easier in many ways. At the same time, cell phones are a significant distraction to students while in class and disrupt the learning and the learning environment.

The policy is in place as we work to provide quality instruction and learning for your child(ren). We would also ask that parents refrain from phoning or texting your son/daughter during instructional time. If you need to get in touch with them for an important matter, please phone the main office. Students are allowed to use their phones in the morning before they enter their classes, at lunch, and at the end of the day when they leave their classes.

Policy

During instructional time cell phones must be powered off and stored in student lockers. They are **NOT** to be on a student body which includes clothing pockets. Having a phone in a pocket, on student body, or in view of a teacher is a violation of the policy.

Any student caught with a phone during instructional time will be issued a verbal warning and have their phone confiscated by the teacher which will also be logged as an infraction. When a student violates the policy and a teacher confiscates their device, the clear expectation is the student will cooperate in a respectful manner with the teacher request.

A second offence will result in the grade coordinator/administrator confiscating the phone and a phone call home to parents will be made with infraction recorded. The student can obtain their phone from the office at the end of that day.

For the third offence, students will lose the privilege of using their device at all in the school handing it in upon arrival and picking it up at the end of the day until the end of the quartermaster which would be either November 16, February 2, April 13, or June 29.

School Dress

Shopping for new school clothes is always an exciting venture and there are a few things we would like you to keep in mind while taking advantage of all the *Back-to-School* sales. Remember that Louis St. Laurent is a professional place of learning and students must dress appropriately. We want to promote a positive environment, so all slogans on shirts should be of a positive nature and keep in mind that revealing clothing is not appropriate to the school environment. In summary, we are a professional place of learning and not a beach.

The administration will give students t-shirt or sweatpants to wear when students are not appropriately dressed. The clothing will be returned before a student goes home so we can wash before the next use.

Fee Schedule

School fees which have been approved by the government and are available on the website <https://www.ecsd.net/8409> under “About” and “School and Transportation Fees”. All applicable fees for your child will be visible to you in your Parent PowerSchool Fee feature. School fees, bus passes, and optional item purchases are to be paid through your **Parent PowerSchool** accounts beginning Monday, August 30th and due Friday, September 3rd. We do not accept cheques as a payment method. If installments are needed due to financial challenges, please communicate with michelle.dupuis@ecsd.net

Student Buss Passes

ETS bus passes are available for purchase through the school Business Office for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Bus Passes	ETS/Yellow monthly	ETS/Yellow Family Plan Monthly
Grades K to 6	\$36.75	\$32.00
Grade 7 to 9	\$61.50	\$57.75
Grade 10 to 12	\$61.50	\$57.75

ETS Family Plan: Applies to families with **3 or more children** attending any Edmonton Catholic School requiring 3 or more bus passes

For ETS route information, you can visit the www.TakeETS.com website or call Edmonton Transit at (780) 496-1611.

Parents purchase the bus passes through your Parent PowerSchool Accounts. If you have questions or require further information, please email nancy-ann.trabysh@ecsd.net in our Business Office. Cheques will not be accepted as payment for bus passes.

We warmly welcome all our families to Louis St. Laurent for the 2021-2022 school year! We continue to plan for excellence in education and provide tremendous opportunities for your children to excel and develop their talents and gifts. We look forward to meeting our parents and celebrating the many events and accomplishments of our students in this next year. May God bless all our families and keep you safe as you enjoy the rest of the summer! We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Sincerely,

Mme Michelle Dupuis
Principal

Mr. Michael Mauro
Assistant Principal
Grade Coordinator 7 and 10

Ms. Patrice Teveniuk
Assistant Principal
Grade Coordinator 9 and 12

Mr. Bohdan Szewczuk
Assistant Principal
Grade Coordinator 8 and 11